



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a wonderful first week back after a much deserved break at Easter. The children as always have come back to school ready to enjoy the many different activities that their Teachers have planned for them this half term. With restrictions beginning to ease, we have started to plan some further after school activities that I know the children have missed. We are hopeful that these will start in week 3 and we will send the details out soon. Teachers are also hopeful that their trips and visitors they have planned to enrich the curriculum will also go ahead this half term. In both situations we will continue to follow the safety measures we have in place and are working closely with the trip centers.

This week has seen the start for each class and their Teacher to engage in the Golden Mile. The children have had a really positive attitude towards completing this three times this week and will continue to do so over the half term. Through participating, this will support the children's wellbeing and benefit their health and fitness. I have to say their social skills too, as they tend to chat the whole distance!

It was wonderful today to see so many Cubs, Brownies and Scouts wearing their uniforms with great pride in support of St George's Day. The Cubs Scouts Leader at the 2nd Chandler's Ford (Ramalley) Cubs Pack contacted the school asking if this was possible due to the parade not being able to go ahead again this year. St George is a symbol of the inclusive citizenship, community and development of skills for life that Scouting stands for which is something as a school we also support.

We understand that many families have been effected in so many different ways as a result of COVID and some of these are ongoing despite an ease in government restrictions. Please do use the resources and links on our wellbeing hub on our school website for any support. There is also a link on there for Hampshire Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) that includes lots of videos covering a range of mental health topics. Please also do contact your child's Teacher or any member of staff through the school office as we may also be able to offer additional support. If your financial situation has changed, please use the following links as you may qualify for additional financial support. Please follow this link for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and for direct application: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

Thank you for all of your support in participating in the 'Big Pedal'. It was another successful week with the children supporting a whole school cycling/scootering initiative. On average 65% of children have cycled or scootered to school each day. Please do encourage your child to continue to keep this up as much as possible especially now as the weather is changing for the better.

In assembly today we said goodbye to Mrs Bailey who has been a Teaching Assistant at the school. Mrs Chambers led a fun activity quiz for all of the children to join in which was enjoyed by everyone. Mrs Bailey has supported so many children across the school and has been such a dedicated member of staff. We are very lucky though, as she has agreed to continue to support the school on a more temporary basis which we are all very pleased about.

As always we hope you enjoy the glorious weather this weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

We Care nominations:



Michael (5MR) - Michael has returned to school this week with a refreshed attitude to learning. He wrote a fantastic character description using ambitious vocabulary for effect and exploring varied sentence lengths. Well done Michael.



Ewan (5C) -Ewan could be given this certificate every week and for any one of our Hiltingbury Learner skills. In every lesson and situation, he is a role model: focused, ready to learn and always giving his very best effort! His working together skills have particularly shone this week. He is a patient and supportive partner, an asset to any table and is always ready to listen to the ideas of others to bring out the best in them too. Well done and thank you Ewan!



Jessie (6W) During D.T. this week, Jessie, designed and made a creative upcycled lamp. Showcasing all of her artistic talent, Jessie's lamp really stood out.

Albert (6C) Albert's ingenuity and engineering design skills were at the forefront in both the product design and making process accumulating in a desk lamp with a retractable mechanism.

Jaydon (6L) Jaydon's creativity has shone through this week when creating a desk lamp with a retractable mechanism. His innovative structure is ingenious - well done Jaydon

Reuben (5M) Reuben has set his sights high this week with his fantastic learning skills and positive attitude. He worked really hard on his character description, where he adopted a creative style using ambitious vocabulary and great word choices.



Oliver (3D) - Oliver has had an excellent attitude towards his learning this week. His learning behaviours in the classroom have been

Joel (3P) - Joel has returned to school with a super attitude and enthusiasm for learning across the curriculum. He is contributing fabulous ideas in every lesson and Mrs Pollock is very impressed with the quantity of his writing in English too.

Joshua (3DN) - What a fantastic start back to the term Josh has had! He has returned after Easter with a fantastic, focused attitude and is enthusiastic about getting involved in all areas of school life. His handwriting is improving too!

Poppy (4P) Poppy has made an excellent return to school after Easter, continuing with her customary enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the good work, Poppy!

Seb (4S) Seb was a wonderful role model during our first Listen2me lesson, exhibiting excellent position and use of the strings. He read the notes and played the correct string in rhythm with the music. He was able to demonstrate to the children the skills for the first lesson and support those around him. Well done Seb. :-)



Tamsin (4CO) - Whilst exploring how the stomach digests food, Tamsin was the first to suggest that we could use vinegar as our acid substance. She was initially slightly shy to share her idea but with gentle encouragement, Tamsin opened up and explained her idea with great conviction. Superb!



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 - Year 3 are getting nicely settled back into the routines of school and have had another fantastic week. Spring has sprung, the sun is shining and all the children have enjoyed getting into cricket! They have continued practising the skills of throwing and catching, batting and bowling and have impressed us all with their accuracy! We are looking forward to playing some mini-matches in the coming weeks.

Our Science topic this term is Plants. Please remember to bring in your labelled, cut-down 2L plastic bottles, ready for rotpot making during the week beginning 10th May. Refer to the letter dated 31st March for details. This week the children have enjoyed setting up experiments to see how the amount of water affects a growing plant. Next time your child asks you for something, tell them they need to use their most persuasive language! Year 3 have loved exploring persuasive techniques through the story of 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and will be using these skills to write letters from the perspective of a crayon next week.

Finally, thank you so much to all those of you who have supported your children with learning and practising telling the time, it has really paid off as the teachers have continued to be impressed with their knowledge and its application in class.

Year 5 - It has been lovely to welcome the children back to the Summer Term this week and see how fantastically they have settled to their learning! As ever, it has been an action-packed week in Year 5 with the start of many new topics. We have explored the concept of courage in RE and how we show that in our daily lives; worked on our research skills in computing and specifically the use of google docs; and started our lessons learning about plant and animal lifecycles in science. Excitingly, we have also started our new geography unit too and a huge thank you to all parents and guardians who supplied oranges to help us with this. We are ever so grateful! Hopefully the children have come home filled with lots of locational knowledge so do ask them how you go about drawing the world on an orange! In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering fractions greater and less than 1 and in English we have continued to explore the character of Alva from Riddle of the Runes. We have specifically studied how authors pepper their narrative with character description, before doing some paired writing to develop this ourselves. Our final, and perhaps most exciting, news of the week was receiving a reply from Sir David Attenborough about our plastic pollution campaign posters. What a surprise to know that he read all of our posters and took the time to send a signed reply! Well done Year 5 for a super week and now get plenty of rest over the weekend!



Year 4 - have sprung back into action after Easter, fuelled by the sunshine to give us a good burst of energy. Not only have creative juices flowed this week, but gastric juices have featured significantly too, thanks to our digestion topic across science and English. Year 4 has been preparing to write an explanation text on how the digestive system works by playing a card swap game to gather plenty of facts. They have even been practising using conjunctions to link processes together, clearly showing cause and effect. We even tried to recreate a stomach this week by comparing how a cracker dissolves in vinegar compared to how it dissolves in water, replicating the functions of stomach acid. It was suitably fascinating and grim all at once! What a remarkable thing the body is.

We have also started to delve into the fascinating past of the Ancient Egyptians, looking at their place in history and how long ago they lived. As the weeks go on, we will learn more about the discoveries that have been made, the importance of the river Nile, and will be presenting our learning in the form of a website. Fractions have also been a huge hit this week with the year group showing a superb understanding of parts and wholes.

Well done Year 4!



Year 6 -

Well what a great start to the Summer Term we have had in year 6. The children have returned to school with a brilliant attitude to learning, ready for their final term in Junior School. We have got lots of exciting things planned and started this off by making our upcycled lamps in DT. The creativity of the designs has been amazing, with all sorts of creations from animals to architecture based designs. Building circuits was another component to our lamps which all of the children enjoyed, particularly making the switches.



In English, we have finished reading our story of the Windrush Child. We read about the key character, Leonard, ending up being detained when he tried to travel back to Jamaica to visit his elderly mother. We are in the process of writing some powerful speeches to ensure that Leonard is set free and granted a British passport! Watch this space!

In maths, we have embarked upon our algebra unit – we will ask the children to test you with some questions so get your thinking hats on. We have also really enjoyed developing our team tactics in basketball and improving our fitness by regularly doing the golden mile. A great start to the Summer Term Year 6. Well done!



P.E and Sports Update

The Big Pedal: A deserved well done to all of the children (and parents) who have cycled, walked or scooted to school this week. The Big Pedal, a nationwide competition encouraging children to actively travel to school, will continue next week too so do continue to cycle, walk or scoot etc. I shall let you all know our league standings for active travel as soon as I know.



Extra-Curricular Sport: I'm really pleased to share that before and after-school sports clubs can soon resume. These will be starting in the wb 3rd May with letters to parents going out next week. Watch this space!



Let's Get Sporty.... in the library: Mrs Thomas, our amazing librarian and keen sports enthusiast, has a wide selection of sports-themed books in the library at the moment. Children do head down to the library (when you can) to look at the wide selection of books available for you to read from cycling skills to staying healthy to extreme outdoor adventures!



School photographs were sent home this week

Keep an eye out in your child's school bag, orders must be made online to Yellow Photography by 4th May 2021



Second hand uniform sale

Need some more summer shorts & dresses for the new term? If yes, then you can browse our selection of second-hand uniform on our online store now!

Just go to our website www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta click on **shop** and then select **Uniform & Merchandise** to check out our current stock. Free contactless delivery, straight to your door, is being offered on EVERY uniform purchase until further notice!

Please note that we are constantly updating the sizes available as new donations come in, so please check back in later if we don't currently have what you are looking for.

How much did our recent events raise?



Easter Trail

Our Easter Trail raised a massive £256.25! A huge thanks to our event lead Kim Palmer-Taylor, who planned and organised this fantastic trail from start to finish.

Break the Rules Day

We LOVED seeing all the excited children walking in to school on break the rules day and it raised an outstanding 958.86!



Virtual Family Quiz

Congratulations to our virtual family quiz winners, and a huge thank you to our event lead Liz Dodd for entertaining us all for an evening! This event raised a wonderful £83.83

HSPTA Easter Craft Packs

Our holiday craft packs, organised by event lead Kim Palmer-Taylor, are always very popular and receive great parent feedback every time. After deducting cost of materials, our Easter packs managed to raise a whopping £275.40!



Magical Virtual Family Escape Room Experience

Our virtual escape room offered families up to an hour of entertainment solving puzzles and raised £167.06

Silent Auction

Last but not least! We received some wonderful items, donated by generous local businesses, for our silent auction and managed to raise £320! Special thanks to Katie Lewis and Nicola Folland who both helped to organise and source donations.

