



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like we have managed to fit a lot in to a shorter four day week! Seeing the children enjoy and have great fun at all of our before and after school clubs this week has been a huge highlight. This morning in the glorious sunshine, Mrs Hartley, Mr Read and myself really loved have the children join their first running club session. We were very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship in encouraging each other when they got tired!

Yesterday afternoon, Year 3 came back to school with huge smiles on their faces, not only was it their first trip at the Junior school but the first trip for us all since last year. The year 3 team shared that the children showed exemplary behaviour and enjoyed continuing their learning and exploring about plants.

There are lots of exciting events coming up in the summer term that are posted on the calendar on our school website. With the ease of lockdown over the next few months, we are hoping that some of the whole school activities such as sports day will be able to happen, even if we have to modify them slightly. Mrs Longman and I met this week and shared the same goal in working towards being able to run these events. The HSPTA also have some creative ideas, as always, to continue their pursuit in supporting both schools.

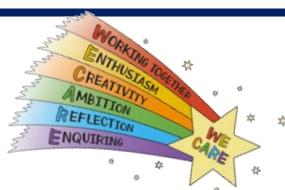
We hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

Best wishes.

Miss Loosemore



We Care nominations:



Amina T (4CO) This week, Amina's writing on the digestive system has shown how her skills have gone from strength to strength. She nailed using the present tense and causal conjunctions to say how and why different processes happen throughout the digestive system, giving a clear and interesting explanation into a vital process we all experience every day..

Harry M (3DN) Harry has worked super hard on his fractions this week, particularly when finding fractions of amounts. He has been able to draw on his division number facts to work out how to find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ of different quantities. It has been lovely seeing him make such great progress which is well deserved as Harry always maintains a positive attitude in maths.

Charlotte W (6C) Charlotte has been working super hard to improve her mathematical understanding of Algebra and other concepts. She is growing in confidence and asking questions to improve her learning and is now starting to see the benefits.

Olivia (6L) During our algebra unit in maths, Olivia has shown a great deal of ambition when applying her skills and knowledge to solving expression and formulae type questions. She is always eager to understand her misconceptions and progress her understanding of key concepts. Well done Olivia.



Henry (5MR) Henry has consistently worked hard and is a role model in the class. He is always sharing his ideas, which helps others in their learning. He works well in every group and paired situation. Well done Henry.

Freya S & James G (6W) Freya and James epitomise good working together skills on a daily basis in 6W but their help and support to their peers in computing this week particularly stood out. Their supportive nature and care for their peers makes them such assets to 6W.



Aadi (5C) Aadi has particularly impressed me this week with his enthusiasm to share learning he has completed outside of the classroom. His efforts over the year, particularly with our spelling homework, have been superb and he has even applied our Viking learning from during lockdown making a paper longship! More than this, Aadi is showing an increasing enthusiasm to learn in the classroom too, applying himself quickly to tasks and being keen to inspire this with the whole of his table too! This is a doubly special day for him as it is his birthday too!

Aisha P (5M) Aisha has had a great attitude to her learning this week. Her learning behaviours inside and outside the classroom are key for a HJS role model. She shows great engagement in all lessons and is always keen to put her hand up to share her ideas- well done!



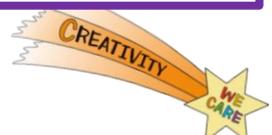
Rishi S (4S) has shown amazing progress in his ability to explain and reason his answers in maths. Initially, he struggled to explain what the denominator represented in fractions but now he is able to use the correct vocabulary and apply his knowledge to fractions of amounts and when comparing fractions. :-)

Henry C (4P) Henry worked particularly hard on his paragraph about the large intestine, paying very careful attention to his success criteria. In almost a page of writing, every sentence started with a capital letter and he was very careful to check his spellings.



Daniel S (3P) Over the past few weeks, Daniel has been more keen than ever to contribute his super answers and thoughts during class discussions. This week in particular, his ability to make links in our fractions lessons have helped all the learners in 3P.

Zak A (3D) In all lessons, Zak makes excellent contributions in class. He has made some brilliant links between his learning and everyone in 3D has benefitted from this. Well done Zak!



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 - We were so excited to be the first year group to go on a school trip this academic year! It was a real privilege to take the year 3s to Hillier gardens yesterday and take part in such a fabulous range of activities. Ask them to tell you about the journey of a seed, how a bee pollinates a plant and the function of leaves.

In maths, we are continuing with our fractions learning this week and developing our understanding of halves, quarters and thirds of quantities.

In English, we have started our unit on historical adventure stories inspired by Escape from Pompeii. The children have enjoyed reading about Livia and Tranio's escape from Mount Vesuvius.

A quick reminder that the children need to get back into the habit of completing their homework tasks each week:

- Reading four times a week to an adult (recorded in reading records)
- Times Tables practise 5 minutes daily
- Spellings (ready to share on Mondays)
- Weekly reading homework on Google Classroom.

Thank you very much for your support with this, it really does make a significant difference to your child's learning.

Year 5 - ...Step into the wonderful land of Year 5. Wander through the classrooms and explore the three extraordinary habitats and meet real-life children and teachers hard at work in their natural environments, where learning in all its variety abounds....

... You may have been mistaken there for thinking you were reading the opening lines of the beautiful book 'The Wonder Garden' by Jenny Broom - the new text we began in English this week! We have taken our own journey wandering through the amazing habitats of Earth's Wonder Garden and so far our explorations have taken us to the Amazon Rainforest, The Black Forest and the Himalayan Mountains. What incredible land and habitat will we be visiting next week? You'll have to wait and see!

In Maths, all of us are continuing to enjoy our daily Times Table Rockstars challenge! Over the summer term, we will be practising a mixed range of tables so please do continue to support you children practising these at home. It makes a huge difference to their confidence (and rockstar status!) in class! In our fractions learning, we have continued to work on adding fractions and we have been specifically looking at adding fractions over a whole. We have applied our skills of creativity to discuss and consider the most efficient strategies to do this. Why not ask your children which they preferred and why?

In other areas of the curriculum, we've enjoyed finding out more about courage in RE, using our internet research skills to discover all about the Amazon River in **computing** and working on the quality of our jumps and turns in indoor PE.

Have a lovely weekend Year 5 and don't forget to bring your library books for returning and renewing on Monday!

Year 4 – Written by 3 of our year 4 pupils!

In English this week, we have learnt about the digestive system and what happens to your food. Every stage of the process was split into different paragraphs starting with the mouth and then the esophagus and following on to the stomach and intestines. We learnt some very interesting facts like when your small intestine is stretched out it can be as long as a tennis court. In reading not only have we been to the library this week, we have answered questions about the Ancient Egyptians. In maths, we have been learning about fractions and now we are definitely understanding it a lot better.

This week in our Year 4 history lesson we investigated the Ancient Egyptians and looked at what time period it was around. We explored the different civilisations around that time, like the Sumer, Indus Valley and Ancient China. We discovered the fact that all these civilisations had things in common like they lived by rivers, were able to write and grew crops. We learnt the meaning of a civilisation and how civilisations had a central government or were organised with a social structure, had laws, wrote in a language, could build and built things for the benefit of the people like temples, market halls and houses. We really enjoyed the subject very much.

Harry, Abigail & Alexander

Year 6 - In year 6 this week, we have continued to learn about the Ancient Greeks and as we have explored the concept of democracy, it has been really interesting to learn how this was developed by the Ancient Greek civilisation and how it has influenced our democratic system of today. We have also really enjoyed continuing to read a range of Greek Myths, exploring the language used within these and understanding the cunning plots involved. It was fun listening to Perseus and Medusa as an audio play, comparing different versions of Theseus and the Minotaur and reading more of Odysseus's adventures. We have also planned our own myths with really creative plots and look forward to writing these next week.

Games has been a real highlight this week, we particularly enjoyed playing some competitive dodgeball on the playground and learning more about tactics to improve our game. We have also continued to run the golden mile regularly and can now really start to feel the benefits of this, with our fitness levels improving.

In maths we have continued with our algebra unit, creating formulae and forming expressions. And in computing we have been using the programme Python to explore coding. We have now come to the end of our classification unit in science and look forward to starting to learn about evolution next week. Another great week in year 6!

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