



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week in school this week and have an exciting announcement to make. You will know that Mrs Hartley has been the Acting Deputy Headteacher since I started last year and I am so pleased to be able to announce that Mrs Hartley is our new Deputy Headteacher. The staff have all been sharing kind words about how pleased they are. We shared this with all of the children this afternoon and they gave three very loud cheers in response!

Mrs Pollock we all know is a keen, avid reader who encourages all children to read regularly both in and out of school. She would like me to ask for your continued support at home with listening to your child read regularly at home as this really does make a difference in improving the children's fluency and comprehension skills. Our library is fully open with plenty of opportunity for the children to change their books and find new and exciting authors too. Mrs Thomas is always nearby to offer recommendations too.

Thank you to the Year 5 year team this week in planning an exciting trip to the New Forest to carry out their river study. The children came back yesterday really excited after a fun day where they developed their understanding of river formations. We hope 5MR has had as much enjoyment today as well!

Our mission to all keep active has continued this week with the children and staff running the golden mile. The children are brilliant at encouraging each other and offering support. We are so proud of them all.

Next week we have our Parent information evening linked to our Relationships and Sexual Health Education. We welcome as many parents as possible to join us to gain an understanding of the curriculum content for this subject.

As always, we hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend together.

Best wishes.

Miss Loosemore

The Year 5's were recently offered the exciting opportunity to become Pupil Librarians to work closely with Mrs Thomas, our school librarian. We were thrilled by the number of children that completed an application form for this role and it was hard to choose from so many good applications. Congratulations to these children for being successfully appointed:

*Aanya 5M, Adam 5MR, Charlotte 5MR, George 5M, Lucy 5C, Muaz 5MR,
Naomi 5C and William 5MR.*

Mrs Thomas is delighted to have such a passionate team of helpers to promote reading across the school, assist with running the library during lunchtimes and planning reading and book events.



We Care nominations:



Grace SM (4P) Grace has been working really hard across the curriculum and showing a great determination to meet all her targets. We are all very proud of you, Grace!

Daisy H (6L) Daisy has been working really hard in all subjects, particularly in maths. She recently scored full marks on an arithmetic paper and always demonstrates a positive attitude towards her learning in order to achieve her goals. Well done Daisy, I'm so proud of you!

Alex V (6W) Alex threw himself into our Greek pottery lesson earlier in the week where he sculpted his own Greek pot out of clay. He moulded the clay into the preferred shape and style which he understandably was very proud of.

Rebecca M (4S) Rebecca has been working on improving her handwriting and presentation of her work since the autumn term. Steadily her handwriting has been improving and every time she focuses and really concentrates her handwriting gets better and better. This has been a journey but Rebecca should now be really proud of the progress she is making. Well done Rebecca

Tom R (3DN) Tom was a joy to take on the Hilliers trip last week! He was engaging and engaged, he asked lots of questions and shared his own, substantial knowledge. It was lovely to see him 'come alive' when talking to Stefan, our group leader, and making the most of all the activities to develop and further his interests



Daisy M & Sienna S (4CO) Daisy and Sienna worked together superbly to play a piece to the class on their violins during Listen to Me. They even volunteered to show their bow technique as a good example for the rest of the class to aspire to.



Mia M(5MR) This week Mia has reflected on the language of the Wonder Garden and applied this when planning her landscape, wildlife and plants during the art day. Recently she has been really determined to achieve more in her learning and her engagement in lessons has been fantastic. Very proud of you Mia.

Jamie P (5M) This week Jamie has been working really hard on his reflection skills and responding to his marking and feedback in Maths and English. He has been pushing himself to achieve the WALT's and to complete the work independently, but also been seeking help when it has been needed. Well done!



Daisy (5C) - Daisy embraced our ART day this week and fully took on the role of an explorer, documenting the findings of her travels around Hunga-Tonga. She was consistently asking questions across the day, which not only showed her desire to give of her best but also the depth she was giving to her thinking. It was exciting to see her Island habitat emerging and I cannot wait to read her writing as a result!

Laurence (6C) Laurence's outcome from our pottery afternoon was fabulous. His creativity and coiling skills gave him the ability to craft a pot which reflected the greek style - which was not a simple task as many of the year six's found out

Jack T (3P) As the year has progressed, Jack has developed his enquiry skills. He is showing that he has an inquisitive mind and he is making super links in his learning and contributing his thought provoking ideas, questions and answers across the curriculum and on our trip to Hilliers last week.

Edward H (3D) - Edward showed superb enquiry skills on our Hilliers trip last week. He asked some thought provoking questions which made both his peers and adults think! Well done Edward, you should be very proud of yourself!



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 - It has been another busy week in Year 3 Land, with the children enjoying learning how to play rounders in the sunshine! We are transferring our catching and throwing skills from our cricket into becoming more effective fielders.

In music, we have used 'The Armed Man' by Karl Jenkins to explore military style marching music. We have linked this to our Roman history unit by composing rhythms based on Roman soldier themed mnemonics. The children then transferred their rhythms onto percussion instruments.

Continuing with our Roman theme, in English we have used drama to empathise with the citizens of Pompeii when Mount Vesuvius began to erupt. The children have worked with a partner to plan their own retelling of the adventure story 'Escape from Pompeii'.

In maths, we have continued to explore fractions - ask your child to tell you the difference between a unit fraction and a non-unit fraction!

Could we please put in a final call for your child to bring their cut-down 2 litre plastic bottle ready to make rot pots next week in science.

Year 4 – Life is as busy as ever in Year 4 Land. This week the children have been continuing their learning about fractions, which they are now extending into mixed numbers. We have been really impressed by how well the children have picked up the new concepts in this unit - fractions is known to be a tricky topic. In English, we are enjoying Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and debating whether or not Michael and his family should give up their normal life and spend a year sailing around the world. Ask your child what they think!

In other topics, we are learning in PDL about how alcohol affects the body and our online safety lessons have continued with a consideration of how we show respect to others online. In our PE lessons, we have been working cooperatively to create a range of symmetrical and asymmetrical balances based on letters of the alphabet. Working Together and Creativity skills were evident throughout. Finally, just a reminder that Year 4 children are expected to learn their times tables up to 12 x 12. Please ask your class teacher if you need a reminder of your child's Times Tables Rock Stars login.

Year 5 – have had such a fun-filled week this week that there are possibly too many highlights to mention! We started the week with our library visits, where the children were able to select new books and enjoy some time in the courtyard area escaping into these! On Wednesday, the whole of the cohort enjoyed a fantastic ART day linked to our English work on the Wonder Garden. Tasked to write our own non-fiction pages about a recently discovered Island in the Pacific, we spent the day investigating habitats and discovering the variety of flora, fauna and wildlife that might live there - all with a view to creating the Island habitat we each wish to have found there!

On Thursday and Friday this week, 5C and 5MR set off on their long-awaited Stream Study trip, with 5M to follow next week! We are so pleased that we have been able to make this trip happen, as it is a fantastic enrichment opportunity for our geography enquiry into whether all rivers are the same. Before we set off, we used Digimaps in class to explore Hartford Stream from source to mouth and produce our own sketch maps of the area and the key features of the river. On the day, we used OS maps to plot our location using 6 figure grid references and carried out some fantastic experiments to measure the depth and velocity of the river. Back in class next week, we will use these recordings to compare how a river changes as it moves downstream.

Now time for a restful weekend everyone!



Year 6 - This week in year 6, we have really enjoyed continuing our Ancient Greek topic in English and History. In particular we loved crafting our Greek coil pots, for which we shall be writing museum plaques, and not to forget our descriptive writing on our mythical creatures! We are all tremendously excited to see the finished product of our myths which we are busy writing at the moment. We are thinking carefully about how to use dialogue to move the story forward, whilst focusing on using vocabulary appropriate to a myth.

Maths this week has been a highlight as we continue our algebra unit. We've expanded our knowledge of expressions and now we are looking at more complex equations and trying to find the missing values (unknowns) in number sentences. As we move on from writing simple codes in computing, using Python, we now are looking at debugging and fixing input programs.

Our athletics skills were put to the test as we attempted to avoid a ball in a confined area. We tried to find spaces and dodge which was great for developing our agility. And of course, we have continued to run the golden mile regularly and our fitness levels continue to improve. We are excited about starting our swimming lessons next Tuesday and those of us who have joined a sporting club are absolutely loving the sessions. Another fun week in year 6!



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- 👉 You could win the extra items on offer, such as the £100 B&Q gift voucher up for grabs right now!
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- 👉 You'd be helping us and the schools massively by giving our fundraising a boost weekly. We've already raised over £1,620 since we started the lottery in April 2020 AND we've paid out over £1,230 in prizes to our winners!

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Hampshire CAMHS are running a boys' survey throughout this year; please see the rationale and outline below. The poster attached has a QR code, or you can access the survey via the link directly below;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BBN3XVR>

The Boys survey:

The plan is to carry out a Hampshire wide survey, and focus groups of boys between the ages of 11-18 years. This would encompass a lifestyle section, to include views around drugs, sex and relationships, education, hobbies, sleep, disability, LGBTQ+, friendships, crime, aspirations, and issues relating to BAME.

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BOYS' VIEWS SURVEY
— 2021

ARE YOU A BOY AGED 11-18 YEARS ?

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) would really like to hear from you. We are interested in hearing your views about mental health, masculinity, lifestyle, and attitudes to drugs, relationships and more.

THE SURVEY WILL BE RUNNING THROUGHOUT 2021, UNTIL 15TH DECEMBER

To take part go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BBN3XVR>

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