



Hiltingbury Highlights

Issue 66

1st October 2021

Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children started their new reading units, which we planned during our INSET day in September. Each year group has launched a new reading book and the children will be using a range of reading strategies to explore, infer and comprehend about characters and plots created by the author. We are already really pleased with the children's engagement with these new texts and are excited by the journey ahead for the rest of the half term. In our staff meeting this week, we were also planning a new unit of writing for each year group which focused on supporting the children to develop their writing skills of non-fictional texts. Please do look at our school website to see what new books your children will be reading across the year. We know it is tempting to then borrow or buy these books in advance but we do ask you not to so that we can explore and uncover the authors intent in school.

We have been so amazed at how many of our year 6 children have applied for the role of being a House Captain. In total we had 49 applicants! Over the last two afternoons, the children have been presenting their speeches to their peers and the new House Captains for this year will be announced in assembly on Monday morning. We know this role is of equal importance to all of the children who have applied and want to reassure every child who has applied that they should feel proud of their achievement.

Even though it is the start of a new academic year, year 6 and year 2 children and parents are having to think about transition for the following year. We are excited to welcome the year 2 children and parents next week and the week after to visit our school where they will be met by our new House Captains and taken on a tour of the school. We are looking forward to sharing an insight into what hopefully will be their new school in the future.

We have had a good initial response from parents and carers sending in their children's achievements from outside of school so we can celebrate in our assembly on a Friday. Please do continue to do so as we really value sharing in all of our children's talents and interests.

Thank you also to the whole school community for supporting Eastleigh Basics Bank and bringing in donations. They were overwhelmed with your response.

Next week I will be sending out our whole school events calendar. It has been really exciting being able to plan enrichment opportunities for both parents and children again. One of our first parent events will be parents evening and we will be reviewing your feedback today to inform our plans for the evenings of Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October.

The Infant school have had Ofsted visiting this week and we would like to wish them a relaxing weekend after such a busy week! Have a great weekend everyone!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

Free School Meals

If you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals

Please click this link below to find out more information and how to register

[Applying for Free School Meals](#)

Community Car Park News

We have been notified by the parish council that necessary works will be carried out for grounds investigations at the top public car park, outside of the school grounds. The work will commence Monday 4th October from 9.15am -2.45pm

The top car park will be closed for use between those hours

Many thanks for your understanding

We Care nominations:



Bailey P (3P) I have been really impressed with Bailey this week and his attitude to learning across the whole curriculum. He actively participates in class discussions as seen in Guided reading and PDL this week. His behaviour and willingness to help and support his peers make him an excellent role model for the rest of the class. Well done Bailey.

Abbie M (3DN) Since the day she arrived at the junior school, Abbie has consistently worked her hardest in every lesson. She always completes the work she is asked to do, to the best of her ability. She then strives to improve her work further or takes on extra challenges to really push her understanding on. Very impressive, Abbie!

Bradley (6B) Across the week I have been so impressed with Bradley's attitude to his learning. He has consistently worked hard to achieve brilliant work in all subjects. Bradley has really challenged himself to do more and he should be very proud of himself! Well done Bradley.

Ruby R (6W) Every single day Ruby oozes ambition. She consistently strives to achieve her absolute best in everything she does. With this can-do attitude, Ruby is going to have a fantastic year!

Sophia (6C) Sophia has really pushed herself this week and is going the extra mile at home to help improve her tables knowledge. Well done Sophia keep on learning.

George H (4S) George has begun his time in Year 4 bursting with enthusiasm and excitement for his learning. His hand is always up with thoughtful and insightful ideas which often he is not completely sure about, but he is prepared to take a risk with. Even when he is not completely correct he keeps trying until he succeeds. A fantastic role model to the class. Well done George :-)

Natasha K (5C) - Without fail, Natasha is ready to answer a question and keen to share her ideas with the class. She is always thinking and always enthusiastic and it is such an asset to the classroom. What a fabulous role model Natasha. A true superstar!

Jasmine (4P) Jasmine has thrown herself into all year 4 activities with a beaming smile on her face and an infectious enthusiasm.



Niamh (5MR) Using her knowledge of grammar, Niamh impressed us with her ability to see how determiners describe the exactness of a noun. She then made connections to this whilst writing sentences using expanded noun phrases.



Daisy M (5M) Daisy thoroughly deserves an award for all of the WE CARE skills, but this week I have been impressed by her reflective skills. In maths, she responded to feedback when counting in powers of 10 and crossing over boundaries. She also reflected and improved her core skills in PE circuit training.

Annie P (4CO) - During Tennis, Annie took the feedback on board from the coach and reflected on the advice to improve her technique. She was then able to demonstrate her skills for the rest of the class.



Joshua Ba (3D) - Joshua has thoroughly impressed Miss Downer with his retelling of the Hare and the Tortoise fable. Joshua carefully thought through each sentence he wrote whilst including as much detail as possible. His writing was read as a WAGOLL in class which was thoroughly deserved! Well done Joshua, keep it up!



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 This week in English we have finished off our retelling of The Hare and the Tortoise. We have been super impressed with the children's use of conjunctions and prepositions! We have also been pleased to see the children taking time and care over their handwriting and we've seen some effective editing too. We have also started our 'Local Flyers' unit where we have been exploring the facilities and landmarks around Hiltingbury and thinking about what might appeal to new children moving to the area.

Please can you make sure your children are logging on to Times Tables Rock Stars regularly at home? It makes such a difference to their progress when they are able to practise little and often. If you have any problems with logging in, class teachers can re-send the login details home. We have continued with our place value unit this week and the children have been comparing and ordering numbers by identifying the value of each digit in both 2 and 3 digit numbers.

Children have loved being musical this week as they have started the first music unit of the year - 'Fruit Raps'. They began by warming up with some singing together - a beautiful thing after the constraints of the last couple of years!

We are looking forward to our rec walk next week. 3DN on Tuesday 5th, 3P on Thursday 7th and 3D on Friday 8th. Please remember that this will take place whatever the weather and make sure you send your children to school with a waterproof coat and wellies if it is raining. Thank you :-)

Year 4 -As a parent myself I always wondered what a maths lesson in the classroom was like for my own children as things have changed a bit since I was at school. (Just a little!) I also wondered how the children viewed a lesson and if they could see the steps to success. So I asked Luca and Harry to write this week's Highlights all about their maths lesson today.

First of all we started the lessons by doing a session from Times Tables Rockstars which was the 2 x table and we listened to Mrs Spence's favourite song to help us. Then we did math fluency where we had to write out the twelve multiples of 4, with an extension task to write number sentences related to the four times table. Before we started the main lesson we had to edit our 'Learning Hint' from the previous lesson because we needed to look back and understand what we were learning and how to explain it. Next we looked at the last question from yesterday's task sheet, as some people didn't explain their thinking and needed some extra help. Then we started the main lesson where we recapped a bar chart and read the **scales**. Next we looked at a bar model and we had to think of as many number sentences that linked to the bar model. A bar model is a table that helps us to partition a number to show division, multiplication, adding and subtraction calculations. After that we counted in five hundreds to 12,000. Soon after that we looked at a set of scales and tried to find out the intervals or divisions. Finally we tried to find out what 1000 divided by 4 was and drew a bar model to represent this.

Wow, we achieved a lot this morning! A huge thank you to Luca and Harry for writing such a detailed recount of the morning. Other highlights in Year 4 this week continue to be the lively and exciting tennis lessons, our first lesson on Yosemite National Park and who would have thought the school photos could be so exciting too!

Year 5 - This week Year 5 has started some exciting new topics. To begin the week, the children were set to their places with an intense circuit training exercise in PE. There were ten stations where the children had one minute to complete each exercise, ranging from burpees to squat jumps. The children didn't give up easily and showed great stamina when completing the exercises.

In English, we have started to look and analyse the Listeners poem by Walter de La Mare, where the children have been diving into the rich vocabulary and finding the meaning behind the words. We have also been learning about determiners and expanded noun phrases, which the children are really getting to grips with. In maths, we have been learning to count in power of tens for numbers up to a million, where we have been looking at danger digits and crossing boundaries. The children have enjoyed using Gattegno and place value charts to help support their learning. In addition, the children have really impressed us with their maths fluency skills and are answering the questions in less than 6 minutes! In reading, we have started looking at our new unit where we have been focusing on reading out loud and inferring characters' thoughts and feelings. In one lesson, the children were asked to draw what they thought a 'normal grandma' looked like- it was very fascinating to see all their ideas!

Year 6 - This has been another 'Fantastic Beasts' week in year 6! We have thoroughly enjoyed creating our own beasts and building description ready to write our wanted posters for the escaped beast: the Ministry of Magic is not happy – the beasts on the loose must be caught soon before any further muggle chaos is caused! We look forward to sharing our outcomes with you.

A real highlight this week has been science in which we have continued to learn about light and how it travels. We were super creative as we made our own periscopes and explored reflection.

In PE, we are keeping ourselves fit with circuit training and each week we will be trying to improve our speed and stamina in a range of activities including burpees, shuttle runs and bench dips. Of course, in addition to this, we continue to run the golden mile on a regular basis.

In maths, we have been exploring worded problems and how to use bar modelling to represent and solve these problems involving addition and subtraction. And finally, in reading, we have started to look at our new whole class text led unit of Shaun Tann's, 'The Viewer'. We are excited to see what will be revealed as we continue to read the book next week.





Congratulations

Huge well done to the following children who will be part of our School Council and Wellbeing team for this academic year

School Council Representatives

*Catherine, Seth, Joshua, Beatrix,
Genevieve, YuNing, Louis, Niamh,
Natasha, Hera, Elena & Marc*

Wellbeing Ambassadors

*Aalia, Yasmin, Petra, Max, Kean,
Grace, Poppy, Gabby, Rebecca, Joanna,
Amelia & Aadi*



HSPTA

Spooks and Sparks Fireworks Spectacular will take place at Hiltingbury School on the 4th November 2021. Gates open at 6pm, Fireworks start at 7pm. Join us for an evening of fireworks, food and fun!

Tickets are on sale via our website www.pta-events.com/hspta

We still need volunteers to help us on the night. If you can spare some time, we'd be extremely grateful! We currently need people to help set up, assist pack away after. You can volunteer via our website or by emailing events.hspta@gmail.com



Please note that 2's and under are free, but must still show a pre-purchased ticket at the gate in order to gain entry on the night. Tickets for under 2's can be added to your basket on our website and are free at checkout.



LAST CHANCE TO BOOK – LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!

The **HSPTA Quiz & Pizza Night** will be taking place in Hiltingbury Junior School Hall on Friday 8th October 2021 and will start at 7:30pm.

Pre-order your teams' pizzas via our website or opt to bring your own food & drinks (alcohol is allowed) as long as you kindly tidy up after yourselves when you leave! Make a team of up to 8 people and buy a table at our quiz, priced at £40, for an exciting evening's entertainment.

For tickets, and to pre-order pizzas, go to our website www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta

The HSPTA have crafted a seasonal activity pack for children at our schools to enjoy over the October half term. Available to purchase now via our website for only £5!

These packs will include; a 3D Pumpkin craft, Monster hand puppets, Halloween Agamographs, themed puzzles and even more!! Packs will be delivered from our store to your door between 18th – 24th October, ready for the children to open over the half term break.

