



# Hiltingbury Highlights

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## Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearing to the end of the half term already and to us everyday seems to be going by so quickly.

Attached to the highlights this week is our whole school events calendar. We have mapped out events that we will cover across each term. Some details are still to be finalised but we wanted to share as much information as we knew at this time so that you have enough advanced notice. Each half term you will see that we are launching a focus on one of our school community values. As you will know this half term we have enjoyed learning and developing resilience and next half term we will be moving onto exploring equality.

As we continue to monitor and review our control measures in school we have decided that we will revert back to having our whole school assemblies remotely. Parents will still be sent the links to join us to celebrate their children's achievements. We thank you as a school community for working with us in being proactive in following government guidance and keeping us well informed.

Year 3 enjoyed their fieldwork trip this week to support their geography unit exploring the physical and human features in our local area. Trips like this really help bring the learning to life! Thank you to the whole team who accompanied and organised the trip for the children to enjoy.

This week we have had two open afternoons for our prospective year 2 parents. The House Captains shared an insight into our school through a presentation they had created and then Mrs Hartley and I led a tour around the school. Well done to the House Captains for their excellent delivery and the enthusiasm with which they shared everything about our school!

It has also been really lovely to have the opportunity to join classes across the school this week to see their learning in action. The developments across our reading, writing and maths curriculums are producing fantastic outcomes and it is wonderful to hear how positively the children talk about their learning.

The weather forecast is looking brighter for this weekend so I hope you are able to enjoy time together outside as a family.

Best wishes,

*Zoe Loosemore*

## WeCare nominations:



Ollie J (6B) This week Ollie has really impressed me with how much he has engaged and interacted within maths. He has been so willing to answer in class and far more ambitious in what he can achieve in the lesson. Well done Ollie!

Katie M (4CO) - Katie has been standing up and explaining her ideas so clearly, particularly in maths. Her explanations have not only carried her learning forward, but helped the rest of the class too.

Emilia W (4S) Emilia has inspired the class with her amazing descriptive vocabulary of the stranger who visits the children with beautiful dreams. She used wonderful expanded noun phrases which she combined to construct compound sentences. :-)

Philip (6C) This week Philip has been taking a step up with his learning. He has a more I can do attitude and is achieving so much more in the time given - Well done Philip keep it up!

Roxanna W (3D) - Roxanna has really impressed Miss Downer with her enthusiastic attitude towards her learning. She particularly shone in our Geography lessons about our local area. Roxanna is a true role model to her peers and always makes the right choice! Well done Roxanna!

Dylan S (5C) - What a fantastic example you set across the curriculum Dylan! Keen to learn and always throwing yourself into every activity with enthusiasm and a sense of fun. This week your effort with building high quality vocabulary has particularly impressed me, along with your determination to apply this in our group together too. I can't wait to see how you use this enthusiasm to write your final outcome.

Anya W (3P) Anya has had another fantastic week in school. She has fully participated in all the lessons across the curriculum, but has especially engaged in our Geography this week culminating in our walk around the local area. Spelling Test results have seen a huge improvement this week too. Well done Anya!

Amina T (5M) and Charlie C (5M) This week Amina and Charlie have made a great team and have shown what a supportive and caring partnership looks like. In reading, I was particularly impressed with their discussion about rafts and predicting what they thought was going to happen next. Both listened intently to what the other was saying and took each other's ideas onboard. Great job you two, Keep it up :

Matilda A (4P) This week the children have been challenged to go deeper in their maths and Matilda has risen to the challenge with some fantastic explanations. Not only that, her work has also been beautifully presented.

Petra B (3DN) Petra shows time and again how keen she is to push herself and achieve highly in her learning. She regularly takes her learning beyond what is asked of her, follows things up at home and brings extra work into class. She always has her hand up to share her considerable insights and listens well, building on her knowledge and skills at every opportunity. This was particularly evident in our geography learning this week. What a superstar!

Eden B (5MR) - Eden really impressed us this week when we used drama to help plan our descriptive recount. She was so keen to put herself in the shoes of the character and to use the dramatic ideas to enhance her plan further. We can not wait to read the final outcome of the recount!

Saran C (6W) Always eager to please and impress, Saran has a great attitude to her learning. This week, in particular, Saran deserves this certificate for her efforts and application of mental strategies in maths. She has really taken on board my feedback to improve her understanding and be successful. Well done Saran.



## Year Group Highlights

**Year 3** Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed our first trip this week! All classes visited the Rec and the local Hiltingbury area as part of our Geography 'Our Place' unit and our English 'Flyers' unit. Children used a variety of geographical skills to read maps and complete a range of fieldwork activities. The local information gathered will also be used for our annual Sparks Ellison competition! The winning 8 flyers from each class, welcoming new children to the area, will be displayed in the window of Sparks Ellison in the centre of Chandlers Ford, opposite Fryern Arcade. Watch this space!

We have started our addition and subtraction unit in maths this week too. We have been focusing on numbers bonds to 10 and 100 and using our number bonds to help us add single digit numbers more easily. Please continue to practise number bonds to 10, 20 or 100 at home with your child. Don't forget TTRS either - we continue with the 5 times table next week. The children have explored a range of information texts and identified the features of what makes an effective information text. They have also made some fabulous suggestions, prioritising what new children to the area might want to know. We are continuing our Mr Men artwork and the children are beginning to design their own characters - ask your child to tell you about their design!

Happy Friday everyone!  
The Year 3 Team! :-)

**Year 5** Did you know if you compare the size of planets to fruit and vegetables (in a scaled model of the solar system), Earth would be the size of a tomato and Jupiter would be the size of a watermelon? In Science this week the children have been learning to understand the size and scale of the planets and their position in relation to the sun! It was a lot of fun using toilet roll to map out the distances across the playground.

In maths we have ventured below zero into negative numbers. Year 5 have learnt the concept of a negative number, learnt to read scales and also to find the difference between positive and negative numbers. Also this week, Year 5 have been singing! With restrictions lifted, singing has returned to the classroom. As part of our Music unit on Holst planet suite, we discovered that in 1921 Holst adapted the main theme of the movement Jupiter to fit with a poem by Cecil Rose Spring. The now very popular hymn 'I vow to thee my country' is enjoyed every year on Remembrance Day. The children have learnt to sing the popular hymn and next week they will be learning to play the tune and harmony parts on tuned instruments. At the start of next week, the children who have lessons on tuned instruments, will be informed to which day they will need to bring them in.

**Year 4** - The fun never stops in year 4 land!

Following on from the BFG, we have written our police appeals, seeking help from the public to catch the suspicious, giant kidnapper and are now presenting these neatly in our best handwriting. We have been exploring the story of the Dream Giver, building upon our grammar skills from last week. We have really noticed how one's precise choice of noun or adjective can really change the reader's perception; some described the Dream Giver as a 'slender, delicate fairy' whereas others opted for 'the peculiar, goblin-like stranger'. The buzz in the classroom has been electric as the power of words has begun to sink in.

In reading, the children have loved delving into a story from another culture, exploring the lives of Tamil Sri Lankan tea pickers in *Cloud Tea Monkeys*. The discussion around characters has been rich and insightful, particularly when we thought about what the ladies might possibly be saying to each other during their early morning walk.

Science has seen us getting in sticky messes whilst investigating changes in state! Not only have we discovered that temperature drives the change from solids to liquids (with chocolate buttons melting in our hands!), we found that temperature can affect the thickness and viscosity of liquids too. We raced a room temperature blob of syrup and a heated blob of syrup down a whiteboard to see which travelled the fastest! Which one do you think won? Either way, the race was over before we could say 'we need a lot of paper towels...'

We can't wait to see what is in store next week!

**Year 6** - Undoubtedly, this week in Year 6 has been very exciting because of the big announcement on Monday: the new House Captains were announced! We have also had an amazing week due to the fact that we completed our wanted posters in English. When doing them, we used the skills we developed over the last couple of days such as alternative nouns and pronouns; we also just started planning an information text on our fantastic beast. In maths, we have expanded our mental strategies for addition and subtraction as well as operations with decimals.

In reading, we paired read the viewer -which is a picture book we have been studying- and created inferences about the characters. We also did a mock SATs reading paper to test our knowledge so far. Our games lesson this week was tag rugby and we had a tournament so that we could test the techniques we had learnt in the previous lessons. What we really enjoyed was the practical experiment in science when we had to build a device to look round corners much like a periscope.

However, our highlight has been our spelling lesson, when we wrote our spellings in playdoh and got a little bit messy! We are now looking forward to writing our fact files and the delights of what next week brings.

*By Muaz T & George F*

# HSPTA

## Introducing the HSPTA 2021/2022 Committee:



*Pictured left to right:* **Chair** – Louise Hilton, **Vice-Chair** – Rebecca Hall, **Secretary** – Jacqui Cunningham, **Treasurer** – Julia Whatley, **Year 6 Rep** – Rob Gair, **Year 5 Rep** – Erin Newcombe **Year 4 Reps** – Liz Dodd & Kim-Palmer Taylor, **Year 3 Reps** – Claire Montague & Mohan Chantada **Year 2 Rep** – Balli Bains and **Year R Rep** – Smruthi Prasad (not pictured: **Year 1 Rep** Anna Lewis, **Infant Teacher Rep** – Laura Flood & **Junior Teacher Rep** – Charlotte Hartley)

### HSPTA Holiday Packs

The HSPTA have crafted a seasonal activity pack for the children at our schools to enjoy over the October half term. These packs will include; a 3D Pumpkin craft, Monster hand puppets, Halloween Agamographs, themed puzzles and much more! You can purchase a pack, for only £5, via our website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

Once ordered, we will be delivering straight to your doorstep between the 18<sup>th</sup> October – 24th October, just in time for the half term break.



**COMING SOON:-** Your children have been busy recently creating their beautiful Christmas designs in school. These designs will soon be uploaded to a school portal and items will be available to purchase with your children's artwork on including cards, mugs, tea-towels, jigsaws, keyrings, wrapping paper, magnets and many, many more! A letter will be sent out soon with more information.