



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have just really enjoyed our celebration assembly with so many achievements from children across the school. I always feel incredibly proud reading the comments the Teachers have written about the children in their class. Mrs Hartley and I were also enormously proud of our new House Captains again this week for their role in welcoming year 2 parents and children to the school. Thank you all and well done again!

This week we have increased our control measures across the school as in some year groups we met the threshold set by the government for educational settings:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period
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- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Thank you to everyone for supporting us in identifying and being well informed of test outcomes and providing additional information to help us make decisions. The children adapted very quickly to the changes and we will continually offer the children the opportunity to talk through and share any anxieties. Our class assemblies across this term have also focused on the theme of anxiety and the children have developed strategies to support them. I would also like to say thank you to the staff team who you can understand have also had to change their practices again throughout the school day and have gone above and beyond in their duties this week.

We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to the final week in school before half term.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

Help is at hand for families struggling with the utility bills

If you are having difficulties with the cost of energy bills, you may be eligible for a FREE fuel voucher from Citizens Advice to help pay for your utilities.

For more details and to find local branch contact details visit the Citizens Advice website: <https://www.citahants.org/need-advice/local%2520ca%2520offices.html>

Reminder of how to contact our school office

To report your child's absence

Please use the online google form found on our school website, link below –

[Link to report absences](#)

Please continue to advise our team of any CO-VID 19 results by emailing our office team-

adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk

Changes to home time arrangements

To advise us of any changes to home time arrangements up until 3pm please phone 02380 261808 press option 1 and leave a message for the team

To make advance bookings for Before & After School Club

Please do so via our school website –

[Link to book Before & After School Club](#)

If you have a last minute/on the day club booking please phone the school office on 02380 261808 option 1 and leave a message for the team

We Care nominations:



Ben C (3D) - Ben has really impressed me this week with his ambitious attitude towards his learning. He has been super engaged with his hand up in every lesson. Ben, you should be really proud of yourself! Well done!

Luca C (5M) Luca has worked incredibly hard on his writing this week and wrote a fabulous recount in our Listeners unit. He successfully included vocabulary for effect and pushed himself to meet his target of starting sentences with subordinate clauses. Additionally, his confidence is growing and he is starting to put his hand up more and get involved in class discussions.

Layla B (5C) Across the week, all adults have been thoroughly impressed with the ambition Layla has shown writing her descriptive recount based on the Listeners poem. She has worked hard to include the success criteria in her writing and has also been a supportive asset to the class.

Isabel H (4S) Isabel has stood out this week for her determination and perseverance to achieve her best. Instead of saying that will do or giving up when the learning becomes challenging she has returned to her desk and given her very best efforts. She maintains her positive attitude and approaches her learning with a 'can do' approach.

Zak A-D (4CO) We all know that remote learning is a tough gig, but we have been so impressed by Zak's unwavering enthusiasm all week. No matter what the lesson has been, Zak has always got involved in the learning as much as possible despite the challenges of learning online. A huge well done!

Ben R (6W) Consistently enthusiastic, Ben is a role model to his classmates. Each and every lesson, Ben will have his hand up ready to share his ideas, contribute to the discussion and answer any question. Well done Ben, your enthusiasm is as admirable as it is infectious.

Anton W (4P) Anton's enthusiasm for learning has absolutely shone this week. On our trip to Hocombe Mead, he was continually coming up with expanded noun phrases to describe the scenery and in science he has been really keen to share his knowledge (Plus he has a great joke about atoms!)

William F (3DN) William has been a fantastic asset in the writing groups he has been working in this week. He has offered a range of brilliant ideas for others to magpie from and has then carefully checked and edited his own work, setting a wonderful example to his peers!

Taya H and Lilygrace R (6B) Taya and Lilygrace have been a fantastic partnership this week. They've shown brilliant teamwork skills and been supportive of each other in all subjects. I have been so impressed with both of them. Well done girls!

Freddie B (3P) Freddie has been very attentive in class this week. He has worked hard, especially on his English writing, taking on board the comments in my marking. This has been applied to his information flyer writing and he has made valuable suggestions in our Guided Writing group this week.. Spelling test results and 5x tables have improved too. Well done Freddie, keep it up!

Joe (6C) Joe has shown great reflection during maths lessons when he has reflected on his previous learning and used this as a platform to explain his understanding and reasoning of why something happens. Well done Joe, keep applying your knowledge.

Theo H (5MR) During English this week we have been writing a recount of the Listeners poem from the viewpoint of the traveller. Theo has embraced the challenges of the writing and chosen creative and effective word choices to produce an amazing piece of writing. Well done!



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 In Year 3-land this week, we have been starting to write our informative flyers about the local area, drawing on our knowledge from the trip last week and our Geography unit. The children have been able to come up with lots of exciting things that children moving into the area need to know. They have been beginning to use a variety of adjectives and descriptions.

In maths we have been continuing to learn and practice a range of strategies for mental addition including 'make 10 first' and applying our doubling knowledge. Please continue to support your child in learning **rapid recall** of their 5 times table facts (division facts too if they're already confident!) as we would like them to complete at least 40/60 in our daily 3 minute practice sessions. We have visited our library this week! The children love being able to borrow books from the library to read at home and in class. Year 3s go every other Thursday afternoon so remember to bring your books in, ready to renew or return!

In music we have been composers this week! In groups, children have been using the notated rhythms that they know and combining them to make their own 'fruit raps'. Ask your child about peach, pear, orange and pomegranate!

Year 4 - The highlight of this week has undoubtedly been our first school trip of the year in the shape of a walk to Hocombe Mead. The children were challenged to collect wonderful vocabulary that they could then apply to a leaflet that they will be writing for the Friends of Hocombe Mead. They were certainly inspired and came up with some wonderful phrases such as 'dancing, emerald ferns waving in the sunshine' and 'cheerful, red berries happily hanging among the leaves' Thankfully, nobody fell into the thick, squelchy mud! The children were impeccably behaved and represented our school community values brilliantly. Well done Year 4! We can't wait to read your final writing. In other subjects, we have started to learn about negative numbers. You might want to chat to your child about everyday contexts in which these can be found e.g. lifts for underground car parks. In science, we have extended our understanding of states of matter to include gases and had fun with lots of mini experiments to investigate their properties. 4P thought it was hysterically funny when Mrs Preston's demonstration bottle of lemonade exploded dramatically all over the classroom (but mostly over Mrs Preston!) Another new area of learning is in geography. We are now finding out about the New Forest National Park as a contrast to our learning about Yosemite National Park. There are certainly many budding geographers in Year 4 as they loved the opportunity to pore over the Ordnance Survey maps and locate different places using 4 figure grid references. Finally, in PDL we have looked at how the body can react to different feelings. We also shared the wonderful story 'The Huge Bag of Worries' by Virginia Ironside which has some important messages about how to deal with things that might be worrying us. Readings of this are available on Youtube if any parents would like to check it out.

Year 5- have impressed us to no end this week with their resilience and we are very proud of each and every one of our cohort.

In English, we have continued exploring new depths within the Listeners poem by Walter de La Mare and have begun to produce our chilling, eerie descriptive recounts. There's a particular emphasis on self-assessment too, to check we are weaving together all of those wonderful techniques we've been learning.

This week has also seen us into our new addition and subtraction focus in Maths. Year 5 have been learning the meaning of Latin mastery terms (such as addends, minuends and subtrahends!) and using this tricky terminology to test their knowledge and think outside the box with their methods. Despite the challenge, they are really getting to grips with this.

We are especially excited to be starting our Art unit this week where we will be finding out about award-winning artist, Kim Poor. His work with bold, brash colours can be seen worldwide, and using his masterpieces for inspiration, we will be striving to design our own unknown planets...We cannot wait to see the outcome of their efforts!

Year 6 - This week has been jam-packed in year six, from colour spectrums in science to exploring 'curiosity' in reading. The children have once again shown enthusiasm for their learning across the curriculum. In history, they used their enquiry skills to investigate why the Spitfire plane gave Britain an advantage in their fight against the invading German Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain. "I could believe the links that the Spitfire had to the local area!" one child stated. Next week we will explore how radar gave Britain another key advantage during the battle. Furthermore, the children's skills in this half-term's invasion game - tag-rugby - have continued to develop. This was put to the test in a series of matches in this week's games lesson. Their awareness of space and passing has really developed during this unit along with their sportsmanship skills. "I'm so thrilled with myself as I scored my first ever try!"

On the topic of sport, we've got our first year six football matches over the next few days with the Y6 boys playing against Western Primary School on Friday (away) and the girls playing against St Peter's on Monday after school. We are coming towards the end of The Viewer book, in our guided reading lessons, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. It has elicited some fantastic discussions.

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 on stalls and help 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 2's & under can be added to your basket on our website and are free at checkout.

LAST CHANCE TO BUY – LIMITED PACKS AVAILABLE!



HSPTA Holiday Craft Packs

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.

PRE-ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE NOW!

Locally sourced in Hampshire, high quality, non-drop Nordman fir trees delivered netted and ready for collection at the school at **AMAZING** prices! Orders placed on our website www.pta-events.com/hspta from now until 7th November will get a fantastic early-bird discounted price! Collection date options will be presented at checkout for you to choose from.

