

Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been fantastic seeing all of the children dressed up in their brightest and most colourful clothes. We are proud to support charity events across the year and would like to thank you kindly for your donations. The theme 'Together we can change lives' is something we strongly believe in.

We have recently begun to review our COVID contingency plan in response to a reduction in the number of positive cases in school and we will be sharing this with the school community next week. In the meantime, to support the effectiveness of the start of our school day and supporting families with morning routines, the gates will be open a few minutes earlier each day at 8.40am in preparation for our 8.45am activities to start. We hope this helps you in ensuring your children have enough time to get into school and be settled.

Year 5 children have also been told today that they no longer need to line up and wait on the playground at the start of the day but that they will walk straight into their classrooms as of Monday 22nd November.

Our school library is such a great resource we offer at school to be able to engage the children with their reading. Mrs Thomas works alongside all staff. See our Library news below.

Reading records – checked each Thursday

Please read regularly at least three to four times a week

One of our first curriculum evenings of the year is being held next Wednesday; our Maths Parents Evening. Teachers from across the school will share our Maths Mastery Pedagogy including how we use concrete and pictorial representations to support and challenge the children's understanding of different concepts but particularly in multiplication and division. A letter has been sent today that we would be grateful if you could complete if you are planning on attending.

As always we wish you a very happy weekend.

Best wishes.

Zoe Loosemore



Thanks to your generosity we have raised a staggering **£1543.00** for Children In Need! It is not too late to donate Please go to our JustGiving page-

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hiltingbury-schools-community2>

Library news-During each class's fortnightly library session, there is an excited buzz as the children select their new books. Book recommendations are provided by Mrs Thomas and indeed the children. Displays in the library entice the children to try a range of books and try something new. With the dark evenings now here, it is the perfect time for children to snuggle up and enjoy reading their library books at home, both independently and regularly to an adult.

With Christmas approaching, you may consider giving books as a gift. Books feel extra-special when they're wrapped up as a present and given with love.



Bookfinder

Does your child need help choosing a book?

The Book trust website can help find the right book for your child. Simply choose an age range and select themes of interest and it will help you discover great children's books your child might like to read.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

We Care nominations:

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Rebecca M (4CO) Rebecca has had an astounding week! She has pushed herself out of her comfort zone in so many ways. Not only did she ask a question to Steve Brine in front of everyone, she has been super resilient in maths. She has even been linking her science and geography learning and sharing this with the class!

Elouise L (5C) has been an incredibly ambitious learner throughout this week. Elouise as always has been participating in all lessons, is always keen to share her ideas and excel her learning to the next level. Well done Elouise, we could not be more proud!

Daisy W (4P) I have been really impressed by Daisy's attitude to maths this week. When something has been tricky she has persevered and independently used a range of strategies such as looking at previous work and using concrete resources. Super learning skills!



Freddie H (3DN) Freddie has shown incredible enthusiasm across the board since the start of Year 3. He has a fabulous attitude in all of his lessons, and has particularly impressed us with his work in writing, phonics and maths this week. His wonderful approach to learning has helped him to make great progress since he started year 3. Well done, Freddie!

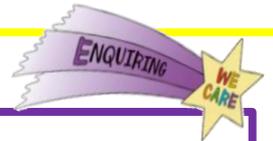
Seth C (3P) Seth has been a tricky enthusiastic student whilst joining in on online learning from home. He has participated well in all aspects of the curriculum and is always prepared to have a go even if he is unsure. You've been a total star Seth and we look forward to seeing you back in the classroom very soon!

Ben P (6C) Ben you are a joy to have in class: your engagement with learning is now fantastic. Keep it up as you are making great progress.



Eddy A (3D) - Eddy has shown outstanding working together skills this week, especially through his new sports leader role - he was very helpful getting all of the sports equipment out during our Games lesson this week. Eddy has always made sure that his peers are included, both in the classroom and on the playground. Well done Eddy, you're an absolute superstar!

Katie (6B) Katie has been a tremendous learning partner and member of her table group; supporting her peers and working together to tackle the learning. I'm always so impressed by her positive attitude and inclusivity to others in and out of the classroom. Well done Katie!



Dominik V (6W) Dominik is the embodiment of an enquiring learner. On a daily basis, he asks insightful and mature questions to not only deepen his understanding but to also enhance the learning of others in the classroom.



Oscar S (4S) Oscar has been loving creating his own fairy tale parody replacing the cow for a slippery snake. However, he has made some great progress reflecting on advice on how to punctuate the dialogue between his characters. Keep listening and improving Oscar :-)



Elisabeth N (5M) This term, Elizabeth has shown great creativity across the curriculum from her fantastic space artwork to her amazing writing. This week, her astronaut recount was full of creative ideas and a super range of vocabulary. I really enjoyed reading it, thank you :-).



Year 3 - Year 3 this week has enjoyed starting class Rock music lessons! We have all had 2 lessons so far and in this unit we are going to be learning all about texture, timbre, pitch and dynamics. This will build up to a rock performance! Once children knew our music rules, we started off using a selection of untuned percussion instruments ranging from triangles and gogo bells to guiro, bongo drums and claves. Children were shown how to use these instruments and were given the opportunity to try them all and explore rhythm and tempo techniques. Next week we will be introducing tuned percussion instruments, chime bars, xylophones and glockenspiels.

Thank you to all parents and carers who are supporting children with their spelling quizzes and times table rock stars. We are noticing the pleasing results! This week we have been looking at 2x tables and in our phonics sessions the long o vowel sound.

This week in English we have started looking at how to write speech and using inverted commas in preparation for our adventure story writing from our Stone Age Boy unit. In maths we have been building on our addition and subtraction mental strategies, it's been a busy week!

Year 4 - Another busy week in Year 4!

Excitingly, this week has seen the start of our fairy tale parody writing. The children are full of enthusiasm and their creativity has blown us away. The beanstalk is variously transformed into a tall, stone tower, a colossal oak tree or a rickety, wooden ladder and at the top you might find the Grinch, a wizard or even Santa Claus! For this unit, our grammar focus is speech punctuation and fronted adverbials. (I hope Year 4 readers have spotted some already!)

In maths, we have been learning how to add 4 digit numbers using column addition. We are showing our understanding by modelling the process using our concrete resources and developing our ability to reason by, for example, spotting and explaining errors. We have also learned the correct mathematical language to use: addend + addend = sum. Year 4 parents will be receiving information soon about Multiplication Check and we would urge you to continue to support your child with Times Tables Rock Stars to help them feel as prepared as possible for this.

Year 5 - This week in Year 5 we were blown away by the fantastic landscapes produced during our Space art unit. After being inspired by the artist Kim Poor, the children used cardboard relief, pastels and scratch art to make their final picture. The results were astounding.

At the start of the week, the children completed their journal as an astronaut exploring the wonders of the moon Pandora. We have been impressed with the increased use of powerful vocabulary and starting sentences with front preposition phrases. Our next step in our journey, is to explore non-chronological reports in preparation of writing a fact sheet about our own newly discovered planet! In Maths we began our statistics unit first recapping different types of data handling charts and tables. We have also begun to look at line graphs and solve problems linked to them. In PDL this week, we learnt to protect ourselves and others in regards to burns and scalds. Hopefully you will not need to put this into practice. Have a wonderful weekend. Year 5!

Year 6 - As usual, this week in Year 6 has been a wonderful one. During maths we have been exploring factors, multiples and prime numbers, which has been very interesting and informative. Plus, earlier this week, we practised and revised long division: we got there in the end!

In our English lessons we carried on reading the Windrush child and wrote a poem in the style of John Agard (who wrote checking out my history). During our reading of the Windrush Child, we were all surprised at how coloured people were treated by others in the 1950's and 60's. Explosive and destructive, we have started to learn about volcanoes in Geography. The volcano we have been studying (Eyjafjallajokull) brought panic among the inhabitants of the surrounding regions.

Our PDL lessons have informed us of our rights as children and humans; one of our rights is to breathe clean air. Throughout our science lessons we have been exploring circuits and electricity. It really was electrifying! We are also looking forward to making some ourselves.

Our highlight of the week was definitely basketball in games, as we continued to develop our dribbling skills with lots of fun practise games. We are now looking forward to learning more about volcanoes, the history of Caribbean people in England and continuing our wonderful term in year 6!

George & Muaz

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