



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed a busy first week back! The launch of our school community value 'Honesty' was really successful with the children exploring this value and its meaning, not only in relation to their actions, but also being honest about their feelings and talking to a trusted adult for support. In our assembly we were joined by Abby, who works for the charity Solent Mind, and she shared a range of coping skills such as breathing strategies that the children can use at home or in school if they feel anxious or overwhelmed in situations. Abby then met with our Wellbeing Ambassadors and gave them the confidence to be able to use these strategies to help other children in their year groups. During this half term the children will have the opportunity to continue to explore this value across the curriculum and through our whole school assemblies.

Year groups have updated their curriculum topics for this year on their webpages so please do have a look at our school website to see what the children will be learning during this half term.

Can I please say a huge thank you to our parent helpers; Mrs Walker and Mrs Olestsenko who gave up their time to attend to our school garden with the support of Mrs Bailey. You did an incredible job and we really appreciate your help. If we have any other parents or carers who are willing to help in the future please do email our school office.

The year 3 children enjoyed a day out on their bikes today, taking part in their Bikeability Level 1 award. There were children of all abilities who took part and we were very proud of their resilience and positive attitude towards developing their cycling skills!

We hope you enjoy a relaxing weekend together and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



Office News

Don't forget to look at our school website calendar for information of up-coming dates and events

[Link to our School Calendar](#)

After school extra-curricular clubs start next week, WC 10.1.22

Monday – Tennis Y3

Tuesday Athletics Y4 & Netball Y5

Wednesday – Street Dance Y3 & Y4 / Absolute Tennis Y4

Thursday – Athletics Y5 & Football Y6

Friday – Before school Running – All Years / Cycling Y3 & Y4 / Tag Rugby Y6

We Care nominations:



Matilda F (3DN) Matilda constantly shows ambition in all areas of the curriculum. She is a delight to teach all day every day and always applies herself fully to every task given. She shows great attention to detail and completes all her work to a very high standard -well done Matilda!

Lucas B (5M) I have been really impressed with Lucas' positive and can-do attitude this week in his learning. He has been trying to put his hand up more and be more involved in class discussions. In maths, he has worked hard on his times tables and this has really helped him with his squared and cubed numbers. Keep up the positivity :)

Louis C (4S) Louis has shown this week how he can write great sentences with his capital letters correctly placed. This has been a hard target for Louis so it is wonderful that he has now achieved this. Well done Louis :-)

Jack T (4CO) We were so impressed with Jack who stepped out of his comfort zone to share with the whole class what he learnt on Honesty Day. Jack passionately shared the tips and strategies from Solent Mind that we can all use to help us to manage our big feelings.

Sulaf E (5MR)- throughout the week Sulaf has really impressed me with her engagement and grown confidence to answer questions. She has undertaken extra work during the holidays and is showing much determination to achieve new targets and goals. Well done Sulaf!

Toby S (3D) - Toby applies his enthusiastic attitude towards every lesson across the curriculum, especially when making his honesty critter this week. Toby always has his hand up and provides super answers. He is a true role model to his peers! Well done Toby, you are an absolute superstar!

Harriet M (4P) Harriet set about making her pompom critter with great enthusiasm and was one of the first to finish. She then willingly helped support her peers, who were not all as skilled. Keep it up, Harriet!

Matty S (6C) - Well done Matty. You have come back this term with such enthusiasm for learning with lots of positive contributions to class discussions.



Max A (5C) - Max was full of passion for science this week, with his hand always up! He demonstrated a strong understanding of concepts he had learnt in year 3 and 4 and worked hard with his group to share this thinking and apply it to our new learning too. Well done Max.

Seth (6B) During DT this week, Seth has really thought about the design element of the camping torches we have been making. He has demonstrated an understanding of the design brief and worked hard to consider the elements needed to make it a success. Well done Seth!



Naomi CW (6W) - This week in particular, Naomi has been an effective team player, helping and supporting her peers with across a range of our DT tasks from critter making to torch designing. Naomi was quick to lend to others to ensure they too were successful. Well done Naomi.

Ralfie B (3P) Ralfie has shown his creativity skills this week during our Honesty Day. He thoroughly enjoyed making his woollen pom pom critter reflecting his inner voice and made feet and a hat to enhance its character. In English he is using his creative mind to plan and write the ingredients for his George's Marvellous Medicine Potion. Well done!



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 - Children were welcomed back into school on Tuesday and spent the day exploring our community value Honesty. This included children coming up with a class definition of honesty, exploring being honest with themselves and making a woollen pom pom critter as their inner voice. Some New Year resolutions were also made so you may want to check some of those with your children!

Friday was a first with the year 3 cohort enjoying their bikeability Level 1 session. Children had the opportunity to develop basic cycling skills including balance, control, breaking, turning, signalling and observations through practice and games.

At the end of the training the children will be given a certificate confirming they have completed the course bicycle maintenance, how to ride safely and then practising these skills in the playground.

In English we have written instructions to make a potion having been inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine and in maths we have started multiplication and learning the 3x tables.

Year 4 What a start to the new year! We don't do things by halves in year 4. On Tuesday, the whole school enjoyed a day of exploring our community value of honesty. We all loved making our little pom pom critters which we can use to help us if we need a moment to reflect and be honest with ourselves. We also heard about strategies we can use to help ourselves and be honest about how we are feeling, such as grounding techniques for if we feel stressed or upset.

In English, we have started exploring a new book, 'The Village that Vanished'. Each class was gripped by the story and wondered whether Abikanile and her tribe would manage to escape to safety. We were in awe of the elder Chimwala and her bravery in choosing to remain behind in the village alone. As you read this, we will have started exploring vocabulary to describe the river and are preparing to write some poems based on this setting.

We are exploring length in maths, living things in science and are very much looking forward to exploring hindu worship in preparation for our trip to the mandir.

Year 5 Happy new year from Year 5! The new term has brought a whole host of 'firsts' for us this week, which began on Tuesday with a whole day focused on our Community value of Honesty. We thought about what honesty means to us and shared the story of 'The Truth according to Arthur' where we discussed the times when sometimes it can be trickier to show honesty and how we manage that. Perhaps the highlight of the day was making our honesty critters - a moment to reflect on the voice we have inside of ourselves and how important it is to be honest with ourselves!

In other firsts, we started our new geography unit all about rivers and very much enjoyed mapping the world on an orange. This allowed us to explore important positional vocabulary, including lines of latitude and longitude, the equator and the Tropics. Why not ask your children to describe the position of the UK in the world and challenge them to use the correct terminology to explain? All an important part of building our locational knowledge! Science was a first too this week as we began our new unit all about the properties and changes of materials. We kicked the new unit off in style by conducting a series of investigations to test different materials' hardness, thermal conductivity, electrical conductivity and magnetism. This tested both the children's recall of their year 3 and 4 science learning, on magnetism and electricity, as well as widening their scientific vocabulary further with a series of terms we will be exploring across the coming weeks. If you fancy keeping the scientific theme going over the weekend, why not look for materials in your home which also share these properties? Perhaps you might like to take some photos and send these in as we would love to share them in class. Have a lovely weekend



Year 6 - Across the school this week, we have enjoyed our honesty day. We started off with an assembly and a visitor came in to talk about our feelings and our mental health. She gave us good advice about calming down (like breathing in your favourite colour and breathing out your least favourite colour). After that, we read a book called 'The truth according to Arthur'. The moral of the story was that small lies can lead to bigger ones and it is better just to tell the truth. In the afternoon, we made an honesty critter who we can talk to when we are feeling low. In year 6, we wrote down our new year resolutions on a ribbon and stuck them on the back. In English, Year 6 have been studying a range of tenses (e.g. simple present and present progressive). We have been practising this in the context of a book we are doing in guided reading called 'The giants necklace'. In DT, we have been designing and making torches. We have brought in a few resources (like pringle tubes and cardboard) to get the spherical shape. We will make circuits to go inside to make the torch shine.

By Adam P



At Christmas the PTA always look forward to our tradition of giving each class £50 to purchase some resources for their classroom. The PTA then wrap these gifts and hand them in to school, where they are unwrapped in front of our very excited children!

This year the junior school requested the following:



The Infant school requested the following:



Thank you so much for supporting the PTA this year. We are only able to provide the children with all of these amazing items and experiences, with your help and support.

See you all in the New Year!

