



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week two of the spring term has gone incredibly fast for us all in school. The week started with a visit from some local Headteachers and our Lead Learning Partner, working together to review our curriculum with a focus on geography. The children in years 5 and 6 were really excited and engaged with their lessons and year 6 children also shared an insight into their Autumn term topic on volcanoes and earthquakes. As always, the children gave great feedback to support us with our ongoing curriculum developments.

It is a great feeling having trips and events back up and running this term. Over the next few weeks each year group has a planned trip or visitor coming into school to enrich their curriculum topics. Our first one being year 4's trip next week to the Hindu temple in Southampton.

In our whole school assembly this week we reflected on our school community value in focus 'Honesty' through thinking about different people's perspective. We shared a book called 'They All Saw a Cat' by Brendan Wenzel. This book shares the important message of how we all see things differently because of who we are and how we feel. It highlighted the importance to us all that we should try and empathise with others, as everyone has their own unique way of seeing the world and situations.

Well done to 5M who enjoyed their non-uniform day today after earning the most raffle tickets during lunchtimes for demonstrating our school community values. The lunch team were very impressed with their behaviours last half term, especially in showing respect towards each other.

Yesterday our Governors shared a Parent survey with you all, please do support us in our continued strategic development by completing the form. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

We hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine – long may it continue!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



GARDENER CLUB LEADER REQUIRED

Are you a keen gardener? Do you have a gift of green fingers? We need your help?

We are searching for a new leader for the lunchtime gardening club beginning in the second half of the Spring term. Could this exciting opportunity be for you? This person needs to have a passion for gardening, have confidence to lead a small group of children and be available to run a weekly club. They will also need to have the necessary DBS checks to work with children. As part of the role this person, alongside the children and team of parent volunteers, they would manage the shrubbery areas of the school and wildlife garden. If you are interested in the role of leading the gardening club or want more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us through the office – adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk

Mrs Richardson

Outdoor learning lead

Link to our school website calendar for dates and events

[Website Calendar Link](#)

New guidance starting from Monday about self-isolating

[Link for latest government guidance](#)

We Care nominations:



Ethan V (6W) Ethan has shown an incredibly ambitious attitude across the week. He has really tried in his English to improve on his language choices and as a result wrote a brilliant first-person recount which was shown to Mrs Hartley. In maths too, Ethan has worked hard to identify, measure and draw a range of different angles. Well done Ethan, your ambition has really shone this week.

Lily R (5MR) Lily has returned from the holidays with increased ambitious attitude and confidence. She really applied herself during the maths this week to first multiply 10s and 100s and 100s and then use this knowledge to multiply multiples of 10. Well done Lily.

Jax H (6B) Jax has worked incredibly hard this week, setting himself ambitious targets for his writing. This week he wrote as the sea and did a fantastic job with his impressive vocabulary. Well done Jax!



Georgina S (3P) Georgina has been a complete star this week and her enthusiasm for learning has shone through in all subjects. Her hand is always up ready to participate and share her ideas. Well done!

Tamsin A (5C) What a fantastic role model Tamsin is showing herself to be in all areas of the curriculum. Always ready to learn, focused on the task at hand and keen to give of her best. Whether this is discussing the learning effectively with her partner or staying in at break to ensure she has understood the maths learning, she is shining in 5C right now and I am very proud of her.

Niamh P (4S) Niamh consistently takes risks and contributes her ideas and thoughts to all lessons, modelling excellent learning behavior. She listens carefully before sharing her answers and always has good ideas ready, or her own work to share. She is an inspiration and super role to others. Well done :-)

Jayda-Rose SC (3DN) Jayda has begun this new term with a fantastic attitude to her learning. She is offering more responses in class discussions, she is becoming more independent in her classwork and she has really shown that she is ready and willing to give things a go. Keep it up Jayda because positivity = progress!

Sam R (4P) Sam was absolutely on fire with cinquins this week! His hand was up for every question, sharing thoughtful, imaginative ideas.

Rosie P (5M) Rosie's enthusiasm and energy for learning has absolutely shone this week. I have been blown away by the effort she has put into her music and maths lessons. Her resilience and hard work has definitely paid on when dividing and multiplying by multiples of 10,100 and 1,000- you should be very proud of yourself!

Sachin K (6C) Your enthusiasm for Geography this week was infectious. You demonstrated a wealth of knowledge about the world and showed a real insight into the diversity in Nepal. I am looking forward to the contributions you make to our next lesson.



Mia C (3D) - Mia has really impressed me this week with her reflective attitude towards her learning. Mia has taken all of the feedback given to her and has applied it to her new learning. She has shown her reflective skills in maths whilst developing her knowledge on multiplication. Well done Mia!



Jackson B (4CO) We have been so pleased with the quality of our poetry this week but Jackson's really stood out. His vocabulary choices in his Haiku, inspired by the story 'The Village that Vanished', were rich, deep and thoughtful.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3

This week in Year 3 has had a French theme! We started a new music unit on the French composer Saint Saens and an Art unit called French Facades. During the course of this art unit, children will use different paper effects to create the facade of a french building. Our second Geography unit La Plagne started with the children using atlases to revise the continents and learn locational directions. Firstly we practised these around the playground by finding North then hopping to East etc. Atlases were then used to locate the countries in Europe. We then had to record 2 countries North, South, East and West of Austria.,

In English we have started exploring a new book The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. As we learn more about this character we will then write an information page about him to include his diet,skills,habits and personality .In Maths we have learnt more about groups and multiplication applying our knowledge of the 3x and 5x tables. Next week we will start looking at division.

Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy week this week. We have enjoyed continuing our English unit all about the disaster of Apollo 13, moving towards our final outcome of writing a newspaper report. We have explored the features of newspaper reports, planned the content for our own articles and even begun to think about balancing fact and opinion in our reports to make them engaging for our readers. In maths, we have enjoyed starting our new unit on Area and Perimeter.

Thank you for all of your support helping your child to read our text Warrior Boy over the Christmas holidays and last weekend. It makes all the difference in class when the children have pre-read the part of the text we will explore and we hope you are enjoying reading it with them at home too. It is a brilliant way of supporting their growing comprehension skills too by asking questions as you share the text and getting them to summarise the key details of a paragraph.

In other areas of the curriculum, we have begun to explore the physical and human characteristics surrounding the River Tees using digimaps. This is a great resource for letting us look at OS and aerial maps and we have been able to follow the journey of the river from source to sea. In science, we have revised what it means to carry out a fair test and are excited to plan a test to explore the most effective materials for providing thermal insulation. Why not ask your children what test they are carrying out and what they hope to discover?

Have a lovely weekend. The Year 5 Team

Year 4

A real highlight for us this week has been the amazing progress the children have made in writing poems. The week began by looking at the structure of a Tanka, a Japanese form of poetry that paints a natural moment in time. The children took inspiration from the book 'The Village that vanished' and then wrote their own Tankas. On day 2 we looked at Haikus and the children moved away from looking at the river and focused on the forest and wrote some wonderful Haikus copying the format of just 3 lines and the syllable pattern. Next the children wrote a Cinquain which were just wonderful. Here are some examples: Chuimwala, hard, durable, hardworking, unbeatable, Tough as stone. Spirits, magicalm mystical. Slavers, cunning, heartless, watching, capturing, devils men and evil brothers. Demons.

Next week sees 4S taking their turn of having a term with Listen2me, and this time we are very excited as we are going to be using the ukulele. We have an especially hard act to follow after 4P performed their concert to the parents playing the viola and the cello with some amazing confident children playing some great tunes at the end of term.

We would also to thank everyone at home for the support with our reading unit on Harklights. The children appear to have really enjoyed this unit and have definitely been challenged. The children have said how much they have enjoyed sharing their reading and learning with their families at home.

Next week is the Y4 trip to the Hindu temple in Southampton on Wednesday. It is school uniform as usual and we will be back to school for lunch.

Best wishes for a sunny weekend.

Year 6 -

This week in year six, it has been filled with amazing lessons and subjects such as finishing our reading topic ' The Giant's Necklace'. We really enjoyed it because it was different from others we have done this year. Also it gave us brilliant vocabulary to use in our writing. Linking to that, in English we have written a recount from the viewpoint of the sea, using figurative language and different present tenses. In maths, we have been studying angles and constructing triangles which has been loved by the pupils. Furthermore, we have started netball in our games lessons where we have learned all of the passes (bounce, chest, overhead and shoulder pass)! In our first lesson of French this half term we learnt numbers to 60 and how to tell the time in French, which was fun. Nepal is interesting as we found in our Geography lesson, it is known as the country of diversity and has the highest mountain in the world which is called Mount Everest. The new reading topic is a book called 'Everest' which is based on Edmand Hillary and Tenzing Norgay who were the first people to reach the highest summit in the world! Finally, we finished off our torches we made in DT. Almost all of them work and do not look like pringle cans!

By Eliza

Come along to our HSPTA Committee Meeting

Zoom details available on request.



Every parent with children at the schools are automatically a member of the PTA and are welcome to join us at committee meetings. Come along to find out what we are planning and have a chance to offer your suggestions. To join us at our next committee meeting, on the 20th January at 7:30pm, email committee.hspta@gmail.com to request a zoom invite.



HSPTA CHRISTMAS EVENTS RAISED....

Over £5,700!!

- 🌀 Christmas Tree sale - £2,118
- 🌀 Elfridges - £1,965
- 🌀 Dine with Santa - £1,102
- 🌀 Christmas Card Fundraiser - £603



Thank you so much to everyone for your support and to all the volunteers that contributed to raising this amazing amount of money! A very special thank you to Liz Dodd (aka Mrs Christmas) who dedicated a large amount of time and effort in to organising our Christmas events and Erin Newcombe for organising our Christmas Card fundraiser.