



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe I am writing the Highlights already. This week has gone by so quickly and it has been a busy first week back. Again, the children settled back into school life really well after their break last week.

This time of year parents of year 2 children have to start thinking ahead to the following September and their child's year 3 school place. We would have usually been giving tours and open evenings to share an insight into life at Hiltingbury but instead this year we led three virtual events with Mrs Hartley, Mrs Batten, Mrs Rutherford, Mrs Pollock and myself in attendance. To give parents the closest opportunity to see the school in action we created a school video which we shared with everyone. We are very proud of our video. My favourite part is listening to the children's responses as to what makes Hiltingbury Junior School special to everyone. A thank you to all the children who played a part in creating it too!

Working as a whole school community is very important to us as we know that from working in partnership we can best support every child who comes to Hiltingbury. We were very pleased to have such a great response to voting for our new school community values which we aim to embed across the ethos and culture of our school community. Steve Brine, MP for Winchester and Chandlers Ford, joined us for an assembly on Tuesday afternoon from London where he gave an insight into his role as an MP and the children were able to ask about his life in Parliament too. We really do enjoy having visitors be able to join us for our assemblies so please if you know anybody who would like to support our whole school values or themed weeks then please get in contact.

We are very, very excited to announce that our new school values, as voted by everyone are:

- Respectfulness
- Kindness
- Honesty
- Equality
- Resilience

Over the coming weeks we will be talking to the children and sharing the meaning behind each of these values. At the end of each half term the Teachers will also nominate someone in their class who has been a role model or worked hard towards developing each value across the half term.

Thank you to our brilliant Wellbeing Ambassadors and all of their hard work behind leading the launch of our new school community values.

Next week is our remembrance week which is another very special and important event for us to reflect upon. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their photos.

Our school video is now on our school website so please follow this link and enjoy. We hope you feel as proud as we do when watching it!

Zoe Loosemore

Year group highlights

ENQUIRING

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Year 3 -Having a week off was much needed for all the staff and the children, but it's wonderful to be back together again, rested, ready for the build up to Christmas in Year 3.

The children have settled back in quickly and we continue to be incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and behaviour for learning.

The highlights in the classrooms this week have been the firework poems in English. Although many of us will be unable to go to firework displays this year, this has not dampened the children's enthusiasm. Whilst watching video clips of the London, Sydney and Spook and Sparks firework displays, 'oohs' and 'aahs' echoed around the classrooms. These have inspired some super expanded noun phrases and figurative language (ask your son/daughter about onomatopoeia, alliteration, personification, similes and metaphors).

In addition, our science hook lesson is always a firm favourite with children and staff alike. The children are set the challenge of building a replica Stonehenge from a variety of materials (jelly, sponges, pasta, lolly sticks, marshmallows, newspaper) to see if theirs can withstand rain and wind (as Stonehenge has for 5000 years!). Watering cans of water and hairdryers provide the 'virtual' weather conditions needed! Ask your child which building materials were the most resistant to the extreme weather conditions!

ENTHUSIASM

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Year 6 -What a brilliant first week of Autumn 2. It has been great to welcome our year 6's back, seeing their enthusiasm and excitement. We have loved getting stuck into our Macbeth unit where the children have currently been engaged as detectives to gather evidence around the death of King Duncan!

Abigail J: " I have really loved being a detective and finding evidence for the for the murder."

This evidence will then be passed to the barristers (the children) of Macbeth, Lady Macbeth and the witches to argue who is to blame for the murder!

In science this week, year 6 have loved investigating the components of an electrical circuit. We have also explored how power is generated and learnt about different type of generators.

Another highlight has been starting our orienteering unit in games in which we will develop our mapping and orienteering skills over the next few weeks.

A great start to Autumn 2 year 6 - well done.

REFLECTION

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Year 4 -It has been another action packed week in Year 4 with a host of exciting creative activities across the curriculum. As always, their Hiltingbury Learner skills have been clearly evident. We have been particularly impressed by the children's ambition in tackling some challenging maths problems and their enthusiasm for coming up with their own version of Alice in Wonderland. We are so proud of you, year 4!

Ilya: I enjoyed the science this week. I learnt that solids and liquids can't be compressed but a gas can. We did an experiment where paper inside a cup magically stays dry when you put the cup in water because of the gas trapped in the cup.

Ben: My favourite lesson this week has been games. We spent the whole lesson running around, practising our football dribbling skills. It was fantastic exercise!

Thomas A: I've enjoyed reading Alice in Wonderland, which is a great children's book. It made me laugh when Alice tried to play croquet with a hedgehog and flamingo!

AMBITION

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Year 5 - have had their heads in the clouds this week, but all for entirely good reasons! We've been creating fantasy planets and their landscapes using pastel techniques and cardboard relief - so there has been much time spent being inspired by the work of Kim Poir and exploring the features of our Solar System. In English, we've been generating high level vocabulary as expert astronomers, looking for the scientific knowledge we need to write non-chronological reports about our own fictional planets. From diamond rain, to temporary atmospheres and the calculations of orbital periods and speed of rotation, we've been discussing it all!

In Maths, we've been back down on earth exploring our new statistics unit and interpreting pictograms, bar charts, two way tables and line graphs. Probably the highlight of the week was on Thursday, which should have been our Mayan workshop day. Instead of being sad about what we might have missed out on, pupils and staff had a fantastic afternoon foraging together to create shelters for mini people - using our knowledge of the Mayans as expert builders and sculptors! From Mayan cities and villages to all manner of creative shelters, the outcomes and laughter across the afternoon was a joy to see! Definitely an example that, while there may sometimes be black clouds, the blue sky above never leaves (ask your children about this quote

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Come to school in non-uniform, in exchange for a small donation, we would like to ask for a minimum of £2.

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