

Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Lead Learning Partner, Mrs Barber, visited us in school to support the review of the progress we have made towards developing our new reading curriculum. Mrs Barber met with staff, who have led the developments of our phonics intervention, and she was really impressed with how they have worked hard to develop this and the impact it was having in developing children's fluency. We also met with some year 6 children who shared their positivity about the new texts they have been reading this year and how the lessons have been really engaging. We are very pleased as a school with the progress towards this priority and have clear sight towards our goals for the following academic year too.

Whilst in my office this week I could hear the blaring of songs, cheering and laughter coming from the hall and I knew without looking, this was the start of our year 6 production! We are all very excited of the return of this opportunity for the children and know soon our year 6 parents will be singing along at home too!

Each Year 6 class enjoyed a special story session in the library this week, with Mrs Thomas our librarian. The children listened attentively and enjoyed a humorous story from David Walliams' new book 'The World's Worst Pets'. Mrs Thomas would like to share her top tips for reading aloud to engage and immerse your child in the story.

- vary the volume, pitch and tempo of your voice (enunciate clearly and exaggerate expression)
- use your face, body and gestures (let your body speak)
- use different, exaggerated character voices
- use silence and pauses to add dramatic effect

Did you know? We have a selection of audio books in our school library available to borrow, for an interesting and lively experience of a story.

On Monday our new Site Manager, Mr Gardiner, joins our staff team. Please do welcome him to the school community if you see him on site and stop to say hello.

Next week we are very excited about our Jubilee Celebrations and we hope as many Parents and Carers can join us as possible. All we can say is you won't be disappointed with the entertainment!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



Link to our school website calendar for dates and events

Website Calendar Link

We Care nominations:



WORKING TOGE

ENQUIRING

Henry V (5MR) - Wrote an inspiring starter to his descriptive recount that made the whole class applaud. He included details of our history lesson and wove in elements of figurative language from our poetry unit! We cannot wait to read the rest of the recount.

Ruby C (5M) Ruby has really pushed herself this week in class and she is working independently on trickier tasks. Her confidence has grown and she believes in herself much more! This has been particularly evident in her writing and fraction work. Well done!

Laila S (6W) Laila consistently shows exemplary working together skills whether that is in sports teams, in her table group or as a partner. This week she has particularly stood out for helping our newest member of 6W settle in with her kind and caring nature.

Aanya (6B) Aanya has been amazing this week particularly with her partner and table. I have really noticed Aanya's fantastic communication skills and she has been so eloquent when explaining or sharing things to the class. It must be added that she has been super when working within the library setting too, supporting children and teachers alike. Well done Aanya!



MEITION

Charlotte L (4CO) - Creativity is an aspect of learning that Charlotte truly thrives in and loves to show her understanding in creative ways. We were especially impressed with her representation of her tabbouleh dish in DT, choosing a spice to enhance the flavour. Lola R (3D) - Lola has thoroughly impressed me this week with her enthusiastic attitude! She contributed some excellent vocabulary choices during our English lessons and also applied her knowledge of fractions in maths! What a super week you've had Lola! Well done!

Aimee B (3DN) - Aimee has consistently shown enthusiasm in her learning throughout year 3 and across the curriculum. This week in particular, she has really impressed us with her descriptive vocabulary and use of fronted adverbials in her Escape from Pompeii writing work. We are so proud of you, Aimee!

Dulcie (5C) What an amazing start back to 5C! Although always quietly enthusiastic, it has been so lovely to see her hand up more sharing her fantastic ideas - do keep this up Dulcie as it really enriches our class discussions.

Betty (4P) Betty always tackles any characteristic enthusiasm but this week I have be impressed by her English work. Not will she come up with some fantastic ideas and sentences of her own, she also made a really helpful list of ideas she had 'magpied' from listening to others' contributions. This will be really helpful for your final writing.

Phoebe B (4S) In every lesson, Phoebe engages with the learning and contributes her thoughtful ideas. She consistently gives her very best effort in everything she does and is motivated to achieve her very best. Well done Phoebe for your super effort. :-)

Woody L-B (6C) Your smile and commitment to the production auditions was infectious and fabulous to watch.

EFLECTION

Dennis (3P) Dennis has particularly impressed us with his reflective attitude to learning across the curriculum this week. In maths he has applied his knowledge of unit fractions to solve problems and in English he has responded to the importance of using precise vocabulary in his writing. Well done!





Highlight Wellbeing



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Being around green and growing things is good for you!

It has been lovely to see Mrs Bailey and team, and some keen year 6 children, planting and pottering and making HJS come further to life, in the school garden and grounds.

Did you know that there is a natural antidepressant in soil? Digging in the dirt releases a microbe which is proven to lift your serotonin levels and make you feel more relaxed and happy.

This week maybe get in the garden, or plant a pot with some seeds on a windowsill, for a truly grounding activity with your child! Along with a plant nurture your own wellbeing at the same time.



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