Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

When we were planning our trips for this half term we thought back to when our year 5 children last went on a trip out of the local area and we could not believe it was when they were in year 3 and visited Paultons Park! The feedback from all staff who went on the trip was that the cohort were a real credit to the school. The children all said they really enjoyed themselves at the Science Centre and they have expanded their knowledge about their Space topic.

Over the last few weeks I have had a few children from year 6 come to see me who are passionate about engaging other children across the school in environmental education and action. They led a meeting this week where all children who attended were able to share their ideas too. This is a new pupil voice group which is forming and we are really excited to support them. Thank you to Harper, Emily and Thea for bringing this initiative to me.

On Wednesday afternoon as a school we shared in a Remembrance assembly. Thank you to everyone who sent in photos and to Miss Chambers for organising this. Thank you too to Mrs Liddell for coming into school to play the bugle which added to the atmosphere and importance of the occasion.

Next week was planned as our Anti-bullying week but we have decided to postpone this as Steve Brine, MP for Winchester and Chandler's Ford, has rearranged his schedule to be able to lead our whole school assembly and talk to the children about Parliament and his role. Our Anti-bullying week will now take place during the week commencing on the 29th November.- Odd sock day is now on Monday, 29th November

Well done to all of our Learning Value winners this week – you really have all impressed your Teachers and should feel very proud of yourselves.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Best wishes.

Zoe Loosemore

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Ambition

Jamie E (6B) Well done Jamie for such a fantastic week, challenging yourself across all subjects. I have been particularly impressed by your determination to do long division and improve the amount of work you do when writing. Super job Jamie!

Theo K (4CO) - Theo has had a superb week, trying super hard with his times tables and his writing. His independent writing (Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk's diary) blew us away.

Ellie C (5C) has made excellent progress on her ability to use column subtraction and apply this understanding to her work independently. Ellie has continued this ambitious attitude towards all subjects in the week! Well done Ellie!

Enthusiasm

Daisy O (3D) - Daisy has shown a super enthusiastic attitude towards all her learning this week but especially in her phonics group. Daisy has been really focused and engaged in all lessons. I have been really impressed by how hardworking Daisy has been! Well done Daisy!

Ben W (5M) I have been really impressed with Ben this week, but in particular his fantastic attitude and learning behaviour on our school trip. All adults commented on his engagement and eagerness when exploring the space expeditions and creating his space rocket. Well done Ben- you should be very proud of yourself!

Daniel S (4S) Daniel has always been hardworking, however he has shone especially brightly over the last couple of weeks with his enthusiasm to put his hand up and contribute ideas and answers, even when he is not completely sure he is right. He is showing a real eagerness for learning. Well done Daniel.

Enquiring

Matthew H (5MR) During our science visit and in fact all of our science lessons, Matthew displays excellent Hiltingbury enquiry skills. He was in his element at the Winchester INTECH Science centre this week exploring lots of different aspects of science and thrilling us with his facts! Well done Matthew.

Matthew R (3DN) Matthew participated in our Stone Age Experience day with huge enthusiasm and enquiry. He offered brilliant responses and was really able to 'go deeper' into his understanding of Stone Age Life by embracing every activity to the full.

Working together

Logan H (3P) After a tricky start to our school trip to Hilliers, I was so pleased to be able to award Logan this certificate. In our afternoon sessions of our school trip, where we learned skills from the Stone Age, Logan was the first child in his group to produce a spark from rubbing the flints together. He listened well and then worked closely with the other 7 children in his group showing them how to hold and strike the flint so they could achieve success. Well done Logan for helping others and turning around your day. Keep it up!

Creativity

Noomi V (4P) Noomi shows great creativity across the curriculum from her fantastic artwork to her amazing writing. This week I thoroughly enjoyed reading her diary of Jack, which was so entertainingly written.

Reflection

Isabella S (6W) Well done Isabella for making great progress on your long division work this week. You have used all of the feedback you've been given and followed closely the steps to success. You are now, as a result of your hard work, very confident at it!

Mia M (6C) keep reflecting on your learning and you will continue to make the progress that you have made this week - your progress with arithmetic is making both of us smile.

Year Group Highlights

Year 3 - Year 3 have impressed us with their scientific engineering skills. Our new science topic is on rocks and we asked the children to replicate StoneHenge. Their choice of materials were newspaper, jelly, lolly sticks, pasta, sponges or marshmallows! Putting their Working Together skills to good use, each group was given one material and 15 minutes to produce a structure similar to StoneHenge that could withstand rain (10 squirts of water) and wind (hairdryer attack for 30 seconds) . All teachers were very impressed with what they produced.

In English we are continuing our work on Stone Age Boy and the children wrote a letter home this week choosing whether to stay in the Stone age or return home. They had to explain their choice. In Maths we are looking at solving missing numbers in addition and subtraction calculations. Children were learning how to draw a bar model / part whole model and apply their knowledge of number lines to calculate the missing number. New vocabulary was introduced too.
Addend + addend = sum. Minuend- subtrahend = difference.

Year 4 -Yet another busy but exciting week. The Year 4 children continue to show enormous enthusiasm for their learning which makes the planning and preparation of activities so much more rewarding. The Fairy Tale parodies have created lots of laughter with ideas of the three little pigs building houses of chocolate cakes, doughnuts and spaghetti. (I noticed a food theme here!) Today they looked at punctuating speech ready to include humorous dialogue in their own stories. We began exploring our new reading book earlier in the week by spotting features from the cover and drawing the evil Ma Bogey. The Tuesday trip to the library was filled with a buzz as the children shared their favourite books with friends while selecting their new choices. Maths this week has progressed to our new unit on adding and subtraction with the children becoming familiar with a range of mental strategies whilst investigating the most efficient. Next week we look at formal written methods. In science we watched a glass kettle boil (not for a nice cup of tea sadly) but to explore when a liquid is heated to boiling point it evaporates to a gas. We used a thermometer to link the process of the bubbling water to the point where steam appeared. Next week the children will use their knowledge of evaporation to plan their own experiments. Please note the changes to the organisation of the class spellings on Google Classroom. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 5 – Planetarium report special!

When we went to the Winchester Science Centre, I really enjoyed the planetarium the most. I loved it when we saw the constellations on the ceiling and saw all the planets in detail. Another thing I loved was when we got to make our rockets and race them. **(Cat C 5M)**
Today we went to Winchester Science Centre, in particular I really enjoyed building our own rockets and exploring the expeditions. We looked at a space area with lots of activities, we also built our own rockets and raced them, which was fun. **(Alexander W 5M)**
During our visit to the Science centre we went into the planetarium. We learnt that Pluto is not a planet because it crosses Neptune's orbit. We also learnt that Venus is the hottest planet which was surprising as mercury is closer to sun. Venus is hotter because Mercury is a rocky planet that does not retain the heat from the sun. I found the whole day really exciting and discovering that Science is really fun to explore – **Grace M (5MR).**
The Science centre is place where you can learn all about different aspects of Science, including: sound, space, the human body and many more topics. Today I learnt that you not hear sound in space because there is no oxygen or other gases. It was a really great place to learn new things about science and the world. – **Ram R (5MR)**
Today we visited Winchester science museum and we saw lots of amazing things. First we visited the space centre, where we learnt a lot of about stars, space rocks and solar system. Afterwards, we explored the other exhibits where we learnt about sound, bacteria and aspects of physics. Did you know sound travels in sound waves? Overall the day was brilliant as we learnt a lot about Science. – **Zheng Zeng (5MR)**
Today we learnt about how sound travels using airwave through air and water. However, in space sound cannot travel. During our planetarium show, we learnt that if you look at the big dipper constellation, and follow a line upwards, you can find the North Star (Polaris). In our workshop we created our own rockets using plastic bottles and we watched our rockets launch using lighter fluid. We discovered that in order for it to travel further, we needed to make the fluid spread around as a vapour and make the rocket light and aerodynamic. It was a really fun day. We learnt so much! **Sara (5MR)**

Year 6 - Another fantastic week in year 6 has been had by all. We started the week with an introduction to our new writing text of the Windrush child through which we explored the history surrounding the windrush movement linking to our community value of equality. We have really enjoyed getting to know the main character in the book, Leonard, writing a couple of diary entries and a postcard to his dad in England. Our PDL lessons also link to this so it has been great to explore equality further during these sessions.

In geography, we started to learn about tectonic plate boundaries and explored this in a brilliant practical way! Who knew that oreo cookies could be so versatile! However, all we were interested in was eating them!

In our science unit of electricity, we reflected on our previous work to create a mind map – what is electricity - before moving on to develop our knowledge further.

We have now finished our tag rugby unit and moved onto playing basketball. We started by practicing and refining our dribbling skills: learning to dribble without looking at the ball so that we can see where we are going.

The real highlight however, has been long division in maths! Ask your children to show you!

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Come and join us at our Dine with Santa event on 4th December at Hiltingbury Infant School. Where family and friends can book a table, and join in the fun and festivities with Santa and his Elves! Breakfast with Santa is available at 9am-10:30am and 11am-12:30pm, adult tickets are priced at £10 and child tickets are priced at £12.95. Afternoon Tea with Santa is available at 1pm-2:30pm and 3pm-4:30pm, adult tickets are priced at £12.95 and child tickets are priced at £14.95. Each ticket purchased includes food & drinks and a meeting with Santa. In addition, the children will be given 2 craft activities, an opportunity to write a wish list for Santa, colouring fun and a gift from Santa's grotto! Under 2's can attend free of charge, however, food will not be provided (you may share your own food as you wish, but if you would like us to provide food please purchase a child's ticket). If you would like your under 2 to select a gift from Santa's grotto, you will need to purchase this add-on separately for £3 via our website. Tables will hold 8 guests, so if you wish to sit with other family groups / friends please book tickets in one booking name so we can ensure we seat you together.

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