



# Hiltingbury Highlights

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## Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports competitions have been a much missed part of school life for far too long and I am so pleased to be able to say that our boys and girls football teams were given the opportunity to play against another school. The boys team shared their insight into their match in our assembly on Monday and reflected that it was a team effort with a lot of resilience and determination shown, alongside a great team spirit. The boys team won 9-1 and the girls team took on their first ever match against a well-established team with a final score of 6-0. It was clear to see the pride and enjoyment that the children have missed so badly. Thank you to both teams for representing the school and for your achievements!

It has been an unbelievably busy half term for everyone with so many highlights and positive experiences that remind us why our school has a special place in the local community. The children have made great progress with their learning and are especially enjoying their new reading curriculum where they have all delved into a new text supporting the development of their comprehension skills. The staff have worked incredibly hard to provide exciting and engaging opportunities for the children to enjoy across the curriculum, ensuring that the learning journeys are personalised and responsive to the needs of their class. We hope that you have all enjoyed Parents Evenings this week too with your child's new Teachers. It is always an event we enjoy as we are able to share your children's success and highlights within the school year.

Sadly COVID has had an impact on us all this half term and our commitment in implementing our control measures and providing a safe environment for the children has continued. In every communication we share we do thank parents and carers for their support and appreciate that everyone's experiences and the impact of COVID differs greatly but that we put every effort into ensuring the safety and well-being of the children and staff remains at the forefront of every decision we make.

Each term new challenges arise for us all but each time we respond with such positivity, determination and a willingness to succeed. Autumn term 2 will be no different and we look forward to the new half term with the same outlook which will definitely start with a bang at the HSPTA Spooks and Sparks event!

We hope that you continue to stay safe over half term and look forward to returning to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

*Zoe Loosemore*



## Reporting a positive COVID-19 case over the half term holidays

1. Continue to inform NHS Test and Trace of all of your close contacts – please click the link for guidance from PHE <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>
2. Please make contact via our school admin office email address – [adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk)

*Thank you for your continued support*

# *School Community Value Awards*



**Congratulations to the following children who are  
being awarded for being a role model in demonstrating  
our school community values**

**Year 3 – Gursimer, AaroHi & Florence**

**Year 4 – Phoebe, Harry F & Owen**

**Year 5 – Ruby C, Thomas A, Ellie C**

**Year 6 – Daisy, Jake W & Woody**



## Year Group Highlights

**Year 3** - This week, we had Chris Cheal in school who is English Teaching and Learning Adviser. He came and observed our reading lessons about 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan which was our focus for one of our September INSET days. Chris was really impressed by the children's enthusiasm and excitement surrounding the book. They have enjoyed being immersed into the book and can't wait to get to the end to find out what happens! Ask your child about 'The Lost Thing' and the adventure it has gone on!

Thank you for all of the support you have given your child in helping them learn their 5 times table. We have noticed a big improvement in their confidence and speed. After half term, we will move on to a mixture of 5 and 10 times table questions. After this, we will be revisiting the 2 times table so please continue to encourage your child to spend time on Times Table Rock Stars.

The adults in year 3 have been really impressed by the huge improvements we have seen in the children's sentence construction and vocabulary. Their flyers about Hiltingbury are really informative and engaging. This week, they have been writing their top copies using their fabulous presentation skills.

Have a restful and well-deserved break!

The Year 3 team

**Year 5** - Our superstar Year 5s have been working exceptionally well in the final stretch before half term!

We finished delving into the Listeners poem by Walter de La Mare with an assessed write. For this tricky task, we needed to gather together all of the techniques we've been working on like expanded noun phrases, subordinate clauses and vocabulary that sets the mood. We are already looking forward to keeping hold of these techniques and carrying them into our writing after half term and beyond...

In Reading we have continued to develop our inference skills through looking at 'The Raft' by Jim LaMarche: a beautiful picture book that teaches us the value of appreciating new places, people and things. We even had a go at drawing otters in our storyboards - we have some budding artists among our classes, that's for sure!

The cricket that took place in Games this week was also a sight to behold. We have been focusing on developing our knowledge of the rules and safety in cricket (as well as our over-arm throws!) and have loved seeing the enthusiasm for sport shining through.

Our Year 5 team thank you for your patience and wish you all a happy, restful half term

**Year 4** We made it! I say this in light of lots of children joining us online from home but still giving their very best efforts. It has been yet another very busy week with lots of changes and adaptations, as we respond to the government guidelines. However, we still managed with the brilliant help of Mrs Thomas to have access to a huge selection of library books ready for lots of reading over half term and the children are rather enjoying eating in the classroom with the Bee Movie.



Today saw the children competing in mini tennis matches as they demonstrated all the skills they have learnt in games set up on the playground. The coach was really impressed by how quickly the children had mastered the basic skills and could deliver some super shots to their opponents.



The children have especially enjoyed learning their Roman Numerals to 100 and the game of bingo this morning was won twice by children online, so well done to them. Perhaps children, you could challenge your parents to writing 99 in Roman Numerals? In English, we are just concluding our grammar phase of our unit on Hocombe Mead and tomorrow the children begin writing their leaflets. Judging by some of the descriptive phrases and sentences they have practiced this week, they should be amazing and definitely something for Year 4 to be very proud of. As part of our geography lesson, the children enjoyed using grid references to find locations and in reading, we enjoyed reading the next pages of Cloud Monkeys and giving Tashi advice as she shows great resilience while facing adversity. The real excitement this week will of course be meeting all of our Year 4 parents and children together over the next couple of evenings. This is something we definitely look forward to as we get to talk about our favourite topic, the children, and we get to meet their families. This is also your opportunity to share any concerns or questions too and we look forward to working together and making Year 4 a fabulous year. As always thank you for all your support and we wish you a happy and relaxing half term.



**Year 6** - Once again, this week has been filled with lots of fun and interesting lessons. In history we reflected on the purpose of radar and plotted where we thought radar towers should go across England which helped us win the battle of Britain. Also, we wrote a descriptive recount in the position of a British pilot. Harry Potter is coming to an end with writing Harry Potter poems that use rhythm and rhyming. We will be making them into brilliant real potions as well, using special ingredients to make them look magic!

We have also published our fact files on our own fantastic beast that we made up, using our ambition. Furthermore, in our Games lesson we have continued to work on our tag rugby skills and have really got the hang of it and we played a match against other year six classes. Also in reading we have thought about what the main character was feeling at different points in the book (The Viewer). In maths we have covered long multiplication and short division which we have all worked hard at.

This week we put our creativity to the test, planning our paintings of world war two, using paint wash for our background! Overall, this has been a great week, across all the subjects from world war to magic poems!

Eliza M 6C



After school Club have had Spooktacular fun this week!



We are thrilled to be able to share the children's amazing creations with you!





# HSPTA

## **SOLD OUT!!**

Thank you to everyone who has supported us by purchasing a ticket for our Spooks and Sparks event. Unfortunately, we have now reached our max capacity and sold out! It was brought to our attention this week that fraudulent tickets were being offered for sale via social media, we must therefore warn you not to purchase tickets from people you do not know! The only tickets that will be accepted on the night are the HSPTA e-ticket from our website and the paper ones that were sold at Anderson's and Sparks Ellison.



**We still need volunteers to help us on the night. If you can spare some time, we'd be extremely grateful! We currently need people to help set up, assist on stalls and help pack away after. We also need people to volunteer to be put on our 'stand by' list this year. You can volunteer via our website or by emailing [events.hspta@gmail.com](mailto:events.hspta@gmail.com) - We can't wait to see you all there!**

## **PRE-ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE NOW!**

Locally sourced in Hampshire, high quality, non-drop Nordman fir trees delivered netted and ready for collection at the school at **AMAZING** prices! Orders placed on our website [www.pta-events.com/hspta](http://www.pta-events.com/hspta) from now until 7<sup>th</sup> November will get a fantastic early-bird discounted price! Collection date options will be presented at checkout for you to choose from.



## **PERFECT ACTIVITY TO COMPLETE OVER THE HALF TERM:**



Your child can participate in our HSPTA logo competition for **FREE** over the half term break, by drawing a new logo for the PTA. You can then submit their design by emailing it to [events.hspta@gmail.com](mailto:events.hspta@gmail.com) before the entry deadline\* - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. A vote will take place by committee in the new year meeting and a winner will be announced! We will then start using your child's design as our new official logo.

\*Please include your child's name in the email, so that we can properly announce the winner.