



# Hiltingbury Highlights

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## Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term really does seem to be going very fast for us in school and we continue to be proud of all of the children's achievements both in and out of school. We value celebrating every child's unique talents and interests and we ask that if you would like us to share your child's out of school achievements in school we ask you to email them into: [adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk) and we will award these in our assembly.

This week our curriculum has continued to offer all children exciting opportunities for them to engage in their learning. This was especially true for year 6 who visited Harry Potter World. The children all represented the school brilliantly and were respectful throughout each day of visiting. Exploring the behind the scenes of the movies and participating in a workshop learning about special effects really inspired and sparked so much curiosity from the children. It truly was a fantastic trip. The children will now use their experience to support with their new writing unit. Thank you to all of the staff and governors who accompanied the children and enabled this opportunity to go ahead. Each trip does take a lot of organising but the outcomes are always worthwhile!

On Monday in our whole school assembly, we announced our new Wellbeing Ambassadors and School Council members. I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children who put themselves forward and for those children who were nominated. They had their first meeting this week and we can't wait to work with you all across the whole year.

The change to our start and finish time of the day is going well. In the mornings the children are coming straight into their classes and are settling very quickly to their first activity. Can I please remind all parents that there is no staggered time for drop off in the morning and that we hope for all children to be dropped off as close as possible to 8.45am when the gates open. From 8.45am-9.00am we are using this new additional time for the children to carry out a learning activity and some children are having targeted interventions to support them with spelling and reading. Thank you for your support.

Next week we are celebrating Harvest festival with our first church assembly on Monday morning. We have shared the details today regarding supporting 'Eastleigh Basics Bank' who are a charity that provides short term support to families through the provision of food. We very much value the opportunity to be able to help others and we hope you are able to contribute.

We have certainly enjoyed the last few weeks being an extension to receiving some summer sun. We hope you continue to enjoy this together over the weekend too.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

## Medical Special Diet Registration Deadline

For parents with children who need a medical special diet in school the deadline for applying for a medical special diet menu is **30 September**. *Even if your child already receives a medical special diet in school you must register by this date for them to continue to receive this.*

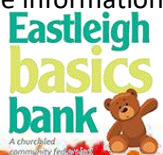
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/specialdiets>

## Harvest Festival Collection

We are collecting for our local charity Eastleigh Basics Bank

Please bring your donations into school from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Please refer to the letter emailed for more information



## Free School Meals

If you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals

Please click this link below to find out more information and how to register

[Applying for Free School Meals](#)

## We Care nominations:



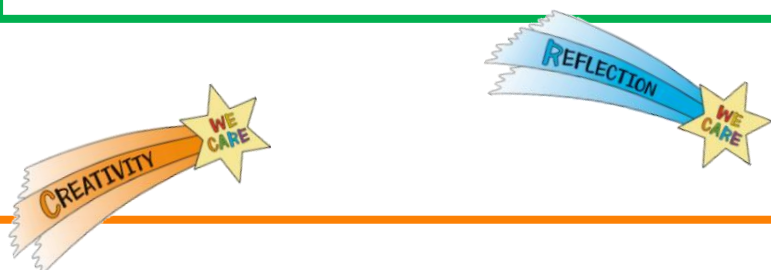
Thea W (3D) - Thea has worked incredibly hard this week across all subjects but especially in maths. She has applied all of the new skills she has learned to her work and has made excellent progress! Well done Thea!

Barney D (5M) Barney thoroughly deserves this award for his hard work, determination and positivity. Despite having an unlucky start to year 5, he has continued to challenge himself and complete every task to the best of his ability. This week in particular, I have been really impressed with his writing, mathematical and DT skills

Vaishnav K (3DN) - Vaishnav has shown outstanding enthusiasm since the start of year three across all subjects. He is always ready to learn, listening attentively and with the correct equipment to hand. He also demonstrates this fabulous attitude to learning in his independent work. Well done!

Josh L (5C) Josh has shown super enthusiasm in so many ways over the last week, but he especially impressed me in the making of our Mayan Dolls. He was focused and listened carefully which really showed when he was the first to complete his paper and pasting and to a high quality standard too. It was great to see him working independently and the pride he got from his efforts.

Thalia (6B) Thalia has shown such enthusiasm across the week, particularly in English. As a year group we have started our Fantastic Beasts unit and Thalia has engaged with everything we have done in our writing. She was then very engaged on our trip as well, asking lots of questions, wanting to know more. Well done Thalia!



Omar J (3P) - All week Omar has impressed me with his enthusiasm and ambition for learning. However, his creativity in our PE dance lesson and his ideas for our Fable writing have been particularly impressive. Well done Omar! Keep it up!

Blu B (4P - from 10.9.21) Blu has made a fantastic start to year 4 and this week's activities have really enabled his creativity to shine through. His clay dragon was so carefully sculpted with real personality, and his resilience painting is wonderfully bright and cheerful.

Ewan A (6W) Throughout the week, Ewan has shown an inquisitive approach to his learning from thoughtful questioning on the trip to Harry Potter World to insightful contributions in our science investigation on light.

George (6C) This week George has been asking a plethora of questions about our learning and has amazed me, and the class, with his depth of knowledge about WW2



Anthony H (4p) Several times this week I have witnessed Anthony showing a really kind, caring side to his personality as he looks after someone who has been upset. This is lovely to see, Anthony. Well done!

Amelie C and Kean Z (4S) Both Amelie and Kean have demonstrated a supportive and inspiring attitude when working with each other and within their groups. They both offer positive feedback while helping others to succeed. These are two amazing role models for the Working Together skills.

Enzo P & Jack D (4CO) these two boys continue to work together in a fantastic partnership on their table but we were most impressed with their dragon poem paired writing. Together, they crafted powerful statements of advice to the dragons, such as 'Stop ruining our world, please. Stop wrecking the world with your disease.' Wow!

Elise E (5MR) - This week Elise has demonstrated on many occasions her strengths of working with others and encouraging others in their learning. Whilst paper and pasting our Mayan dolls, Elise set the example of assisting multiple people with their pasting. She consistently works well with her table group and talk partners. Well done Elise.



## Year Group Highlights

**Year 3** This week, we have started writing our fable, The Hare and the Tortoise. Children are being encouraged to add some imaginative detail - without deviating from the original version. The main foci are writing in sentences that make sense, with correct full stops and capital letter and using compound sentences (please do ask your child to tell you what a compound sentence is).

Linked to our English, we have started our Sun and the Wind dance unit in our PE lessons. This week, we have explored how to express different types of weather through movement.

In Maths, we have progressed onto 3 digit numbers in our Place Value unit. Across the year group, the teachers have been impressed with the children's knowledge of the 10 x table. Next week, we will progress on to the 5x table. This has been set on Times Table Rock Stars for your child to continue to practise at home.

A gentle reminder to listen to your child read at least 4 x a week and record this in their reading record. Please remind your child to bring their record in to be checked every Thursday. For those children who have been allocated a resource library by our teaching assistants, please could they read even more regularly at home.

Spelling homework in Year 3 begins this Friday. Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine.

**Year 5** - It has been another fun-filled week in Year 5 this week. We kicked off our week with online safety and a discussion about social media apps and the reason for their age limits. This proved a really insightful conversation and it was great to get the children discussing the right steps to follow, alongside developing their understanding of what the age limits actually are for the different apps they might have heard of. Our DT project continues and our Mayan Dolls are now really taking shape. This week we have enjoyed paper and pasting and painting them so they are ready for their clothing fitting! This was truly a great opportunity to witness the children's teamwork and to see everyone working together to ensure all the dolls were finished on time. May we add that the children also showed themselves to be brilliant at tidying up too!!! In other areas of the curriculum, we have continued our English unit all about the Unsung Hero, specifically writing a letter as the little girl in the clip to thank the man for the impact he had on her life. The children have been working hard to use the present perfect tense and to start their sentences with subordinate clauses - we have needed plenty of ambition to help us! As well as this, we have been enjoying rocking out to music as we complete our times tables and we have continued to develop our understanding of place value with numbers up to 1 million.

A final message from us - Thank you so much for supporting your children's reading at home. We ask that you please sign their reading record ready for checking on a Thursday, as this really helps us to develop a full picture of your child's reading habits. Thank you and have a great weekend!

**Year 4** - This week has seen some exciting new topics start in Year 4 land. Firstly, the launch of our BFG unit in English, based on the book by Roald Dahl. This has long been a favourite of Year 4 teaching staff and past generations of Year 4, but for this year the learning journey has been refreshed and revitalised in the light of our ongoing development of the writing curriculum. We have been impressed by the work the children have produced so far in response. Another first came in maths when we began our exploration of 4 digit numbers. We start by ensuring the children have a really solid understanding of one thousand and how it can be composed of ones, tens and hundreds. We will now be going on to examine 4 digit numbers more generally in order to understand their place value. We also had our first tennis lesson led by a real tennis coaching professional. After a fun warm up, tennis balls were soon flying all over the playground. Watch out Emma Raducanu!

Finally, just a reminder that it is so important that the children practise their tables each week. Times Tables Rock Stars is a great way to do this as it closely mimics the set-up of the government Multiplication Check the children will be doing in the summer term. Please do ask if your child has lost their login.

**Year 6** - Without question, our absolute highlight of the week, term and probably year so far has been our trip to Warner Bros Studios which has kick started our Fantastic Beasts and Harry Potter writing unit. A big thank you to all of our adult helpers who made the trip possible but above everything, an enormous thank you to our year 6's who were impeccably behaved throughout the whole trip, representing Hiltingbury so brilliantly. Here are some specific highlights from each class.

6B had a wonderful day at the Harry Potter studios and were really inspired by what they saw and heard. Here are some comments from the children: 'I have loved learning about the behind the scenes for the films, it was great to see the process of creating the amazing films and the actual props used by the actors.' 'It was incredible to walk down Diagon Alley.' 'Hearing about the time, effort and cost put into creating each individual prop was fascinating.' 'I enjoyed finding out how the subtle and simplistic details could tell us so much about the character. For example there are buttons going down the sleeves of Snape's cloak to suggest he was concealing something.'

One of the children stated that his favourite part was looking at all of the different wands and which character they belonged to. Meanwhile, another child said he loved seeing all of the different props in the workshop, particularly as they were the genuine props used in the films. "To be able to see and look closely at these props was incredible - I felt like I wanted to be in the movie myself!"

We are now looking forward to seeing the writing outcomes throughout this 'magical' unit!



## Congratulations

Huge well done to the following children who will be part of our School Council and Wellbeing team for this academic year

### **School Council Representatives**

*Seth, Joshua, Beatrix, Genevieve,  
YuNing, Louis, Niamh, Natasha, Hera,  
Elena & Marc*

### **Wellbeing Ambassadors**

*Aalia, Yasmin, Petra, Max, Kean,  
Grace, Poppy, Gabby, Rebecca, Joanna,  
Amelia & Aadi*





## Extreme Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who took part in Mrs Pollock's and Mrs Thomas' extreme reading challenge over the summer holidays. Wow! It was impressive to see how imaginative the children could be in finding places to read. A photo display will be coming soon, so please pop along on a Friday after school till 4pm to see some of the amazing photos, including the winning shots in the library.

### Winners

*Dillion G (3DN) who managed to read whilst in a swimming pool.*

*Harper D (6B) who sat inside a parrot's cage to read with a parrot on her knee!*

**These children have been highly commended for their extreme reading**

*Thea W (3D), Max U (3P) Abbie T (4CO)*

*Luca G (4S) Barney D (5M)*





HSPTA



**Spooks and Sparks Fireworks Spectacular** will take place at Hiltingbury School on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Gates open at 6pm, Fireworks start at 7pm. Join us for an evening of fireworks, food and fun! Tuck in to our BBQ and have a drink at the bar or a hot beverage from our café whilst you wait for the fireworks to start. There is plenty for the children to enjoy, dress in your scariest costume, buy a spooky glow stick, get your face painted with glow in the dark paint and have a dance with our Halloween DJ! Tickets are on sale via our website [www.pta-events.com/hspta](http://www.pta-events.com/hspta) purchase now at our early bird discount of £5 or pay £6 after 1<sup>st</sup> November.

***Please note that under 2's are free, but must still show a pre-purchased ticket at the gate in order to gain entry on the night. Tickets for under 2's can be added to your basket on our website and are free at checkout.***

**Limited tables available - book soon to avoid disappointment!!**



**The HSPTA Quiz & Pizza Night** will be taking place in Hiltingbury Junior School Hall on Friday 8th October 2021 and will start at 7:30pm

Pre-order your teams' pizzas via our website or opt to bring your own food & drinks (alcohol is allowed) as long as you kindly tidy up after yourselves when you leave! Make a team of up to 8 people and buy a table at our quiz, priced at £40, for an exciting evening's entertainment. For tickets, and to pre-order pizzas, go to our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta)

**VOTE FOR US!!**



Please vote for us by following this link: [Vote Here!](#) Voting ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September, so every vote counts! It takes a couple of seconds to do and we could win £500 for our schools!