



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

A busy third week in school indeed! With the restrictions easing, we are able to return to all of our much missed curriculum and enrichment opportunities. This started with an assembly led by Francis Benali on Monday afternoon. The children and staff all really enjoyed listening to Francis share about his own life challenges and how he has used resilience to overcome barriers. Today, was our Sports Inclusion Day, we have all had such a fantastic time focusing on supporting the children to develop their own resilience through a number of physical challenges. A firm favourite, surprisingly, seemed to be Nerf guns and the water mania challenges!

Last night we had a meeting with our HSPTA. They have so many events that they have already been busy planning for the whole school community. We thank them very much already for giving up their time to support the schools.

We had another important visitor join us this week, our new Lead Learning Partner, Mrs Barber. Mrs Barber's role is to work in partnership to support us in driving our whole school priorities. This started with a learning walk exploring writing, which has been a focus for the school over the past year. The children were able to confidently talk about what they were learning and this reflected the staff's work on developing our writing curriculum.

This year, as a school, we have identified the need to develop our Reading curriculum. We know the majority of our children have a real love of this subject and our focus is on developing children's comprehension skills through planning lots of rich, text led units. These will provide the children opportunities to deepen their reading strategies and skills and then apply these to other exciting books. We will continue to update you in our progress towards our school priorities.

This morning was the first session of our popular running club. It was great to see so many children enjoying some fresh air whilst running around and playing games. Such a brilliant way to start the day. We hope you enjoy lots of continued fun over the weekend too!

Zoe Loosemore

RESILIENCE

Bookings for 4th – 22nd October 2021 After School Club are now open!

Please go to our school website - 'Before and After School Club'

Click the link provided or scan the QR code

[Link for Before and After School Clubs](#)



RESILIENCE

Sports Inclusion Day Awards



Congratulations to the following children who are being awarded for showing excellent resilience during our special Sports Resilience Day

Year 3 – Banksi, Xander & Sienna

Year 4 – Charlotte, Harry M & Olivia

Year 5 – Nadia, Lily R & Noah W

Year 6 – Grace, Megan & Eliza



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 - This week began with a touring drama company acting out a variety of Aesop's Fables for the children. This is to support our work on Fables in English. The children will be re-telling the fable of The Hare and the Tortoise. Much fun has been had this week, listening to and exploring the features of fables and freeze framing the tale. Next week the writing will begin!

In Maths, we have continued to consolidate the place value learning from Year 2. Concrete resources have been used effectively to represent numbers. We have also started practising times tables 4x weekly in class (in booklets). Please encourage your child to practise their tables at home using Times Table Rock Stars (4 times a week, for up to 15 minutes).

In other curriculum subjects, we have started to learn about light in science, what geography is, mental wellbeing in PDL, which has been supplemented by our class assemblies (written by our ELSA, Mrs Clarke) focusing on anxiety and how to manage it.

Thank you to Mr Wright for organising a fun and wet Inclusion day today to support the children in learning about and enhancing their resilience skills.

You may notice that your child is even more tired this week, as junior school lessons are now in full flight!

Year 4 What a week we have had in year 4. We have continued with our dragon theme, using the book 'The Trouble with Dragons' to explore the theme of environmental sustainability. The images of the dragons destroying the world around them really resonated with the children as they realised that the dragons were a metaphor for what humans are doing to the planet. They generated lots of advice for the dragons in order to help them to change their ways and then presented this in the form of a poem.

In maths, we have been building on our place value skills and practising round to the nearest 10 and 100. We have continued to explore trees in RE, creating our own natural symbols in the style of sculptor Andy Goldsworthy and delving deeper into the significance of the symbolism of trees in Christianity. All this comes before we even manage to mention our music, computing, french and spelling! Phew!

At the time of writing, we are gearing up for our resilience and inclusion day and can't wait to try out a plethora of new sports. We're not sure how well we will do, but either way, we will be resilient, pick ourselves up and have a jolly good laugh! As an archer, Mrs O is already working on her resilience should she totally forget how to do archery this afternoon!

Year 5 - Year 5 have had a brilliant second week in school and the children continue to make us proud in the way they are approaching their learning. In English, we have begun a new unit looking at a Thai television advert called 'Unsung Hero', which depicts the acts of kindness a man carries out in his community. We have enjoyed making personal responses to the clip and interpreting the actions of the central character from different viewpoints. Alongside this, we have revised our understanding of main and subordinate clauses and will be working hard over the next few weeks to develop our sentence structure by starting sentences with subordinate clauses. Maybe you could ask your children all about their understanding of this and even get them to show you a bit of Kung Fu punctuation.... more on this to follow! It was a week of several firsts too as we made our first trip to the library to choose new books, had our first science lesson asking enquiry questions about all things Earth and Space and even had our first music lesson listening to Holst's Planet Suite and considering the context in which it was written. However, the highlight of the week has to be Friday's Inclusion day where we took part in several physical activities as a class and saw how trying something new can help us develop our resilience, as well as being fun and challenging too!

Year 6 What another great week we have had! Our year 6's have now really settled into their learning, continuing to demonstrate their amazing ambition and enthusiasm. A real highlight came from the stimulus of Helen Creswell's 'Moondial' when we had to guess the setting as we listened to each other's writing. We then went on to write our own first chapter of the book, with a focus on figurative language and varied sentence structure.

We have also really enjoyed the beginning of our history unit, 'The Battle of Britain' as we explored historical periods through pictures, spotting the odd one out, as well as looking at the differences between WW1 and WW2. We have also started our new Science unit with the exploration of different light sources.

However, without question, and the highlight of the term so far has been our inclusion day: as we took part in this incredibly fun day, consisting of a range of sporting activities, we continued to think about and develop our community value of resilience, taking part in archery, parachute games, airtrack, waveboarding and more. We are also very excited about our school trip to Warner Bros Studios next week with 6W going on Monday, 6C on Tuesday and 6B on Wednesday. A letter has been emailed out with details but just a reminder that the children need to arrive at school at 7.45am on the day that they are going (and don't forget your packed lunches)!

After School Club News!

We are happy to welcome our children back to Hiltingbury Junior After School Club !

We are super lucky to welcome our amazing brand new Year 3 pupils to be a part of our lively club!

They have settled down very well and have been creating some wonderful artistic creations which we are going to share with you today.

For our newcomer parents I thought it would be helpful to share some top tips on how we operate at Junior ASC.

Where do I collect my child?

Whilst we are still having nice sunny days we are based on the school field. To collect your child go to the main field gate, gate 4.

If we are in the Hall, collection will be from the side hall gate, gate 2. Please ring the bell to alert one of our staff members.

Whether we are in the Hall or on the field we will display a sign at the main school entrance gates with that day's collection point.

Alternatively you can dial our mobile number and we will be able to help with your request. If you are collecting a child on someone else's behalf that child's parents must contact the school office.

The club runs from 3:20 pm until 6:00 pm each day. If you are running late because of an emergency please let us know otherwise you might be charged for overtime. If you have any other questions please visit the [ASC school web page](#) or call the School Office for more information.

Bookings are now open for 4th – 22nd October

Click here to go to our [bookings page](#)



HSPTA

We are very excited to announce that the Spooks and Sparks Fireworks Spectacular has been approved to go ahead and will take place at Hiltingbury School on the 4th 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 purchase now at our early bird discount of £5 or pay £6 after 1st November 2021.

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.

Dates for Your Diary

- ✓ Halloween themed craft packs – on sale 1st October 2021
- ✓ HSPTA AGM – 7th October 2021 @ 7pm
- ✓ Quiz Night – 8th October 2021
- ✓ Spooks & Sparks Firework Spectacular – 4th November 2021
- ✓ HSPTA Christmas Fair – 4th December 2021
- ✓ Elfridges – Date TBC
- ✓ Christmas Tree Collections – 27th November, 4th December & 11th December

