



# Hiltingbury Highlights

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## Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! This first week has been such a brilliant return in so many ways. We are incredibly proud of how all children, especially our new year 3's, have taken on so many new responsibilities and settled into their new classes. It has been a real delight to see and hear the children playing together, engaging in their learning and sharing stories about their summer holidays. A huge well done to everyone!

As a school we have been exploring 'Resilience', one of our school community values. We want to support the children in understanding and developing how resilience is an important value that can help everyone in so many ways. Across the half term the children will be learning about resilience through different subjects within the curriculum. This started with Mrs Carroll, our Art Leader, using the medium of art to share how building resilience can help us all deal with difficulties that we face in our daily lives. To continue this theme, Mr Wright has arranged for Francis Benali to share his experiences of how resilience has played a huge part in his life, enabling him to be as successful as he has been. The children will share an assembly with Francis on Monday afternoon and then as a whole school we will be participating in some physical activities that may challenge us but I know we will all persevere and be resilient.

This afternoon we had our first celebration assembly sharing the children's many achievements. We are continuing to invite parents to be able to log in and share in their child's proud moment virtually. If your child has been nominated by their Teacher you will be sent a link to be able to join in for the awarding of the 'WECARE' certificates at 3pm on a Friday afternoon.

Reading is a very popular subject in school and we are very excited to be able to return to the full opening of our library both during and after school. As from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September parents will be able to come in between 3.20pm and 4.00pm to change their child's book. Mrs Thomas will be in the library during this time to help and recommend books too. We really look forward to seeing our library full again. If you wish to visit please come in through the school office where you will be asked to sign in.

We hope you all have a great weekend and rest, after such a busy week everyone is already feeling tired!

Best wishes,

*Zoe Loosemore*

I wanted to let you know that as a school community we had some difficult news over the summer holidays. We would like to extend our thoughts and love to Shirley Harrison at the infant school and her family from our whole school community at this very difficult time.



## Extra Curricular Sports Clubs & Music Lessons

If your child has a place, you will have been informed by email. If you have not already submitted a request and wish your child to be added to the waitlist for a sports club or music lessons, please email the school office.

For both extra curricular sports clubs and music tuition, if you haven't already done so, please make payment in full via your child's Scopay account so they are able to attend the first session/lesson.

## Extra Curricular Sports Clubs

Monday – Y3 Football

Tuesday – Y4 Football & Y6 Netball

Wednesday – Y3 & Y4 Street Dance

Thursday – Y5 Basketball & Y6 Rugby

Friday – 8am Running Club & Y6 Basketball

## Music Tuition

Instruments at the ready! Please remind your child to bring their instrument and music book to school on the day of their lesson and your child will be advised of their lesson time in class.

Tuesday – Mr Kellett

Wednesday – Mrs Butler

Thursday – Mrs Nurdin

Friday – Mrs O'Driscoll

## Parking reminder

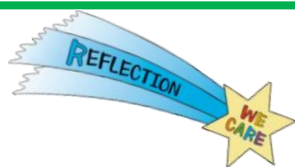
We have been informed by the local parish council that parking enforcement officers have returned to normal duties. Please ensure you adhere to the parking regulations, including proper use of the disabled bays and leaving the taxi area free when using the Hiltingbury public car park.

*Thank you for your co-operation*

## We Care nominations:



Rohan Amin Edwards (6W) Rohan has shown a fantastic attitude to school life this week. He has been really keen to please and showcase his best work from his art work on Resilience Day to his maths. At the end of his first week of year six, he should be incredibly proud of himself.



Ruby (4CO) - Ruby has dazzled us this week with her artistic work. Her enthusiasm, careful colour choices and attention to detail has seen her produce a stunning dragon piece and tree artwork. What a start to year 4!

Blu B (4P) 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.

Alex O (4S) Alex has shown already to have wonderful, imaginative ideas and as part of our dragon work to describe images his thoughts were amazing, creative and very descriptive. His thoughts were so exciting he inspired the rest of the class. :-)

Summer D (5C) Summer has made a super start in so many ways, but what has impressed me most this week is the creativity she showed in her artwork inspired by Sally Trace. She followed her own unique idea to add shading and depth with the pastels and it produced a brilliant finish. Well done Summer!

Poppy P (5M) Poppy has had a fantastic start to year 5 and has already really impressed me with her creativity skills in her writing. She worked really hard on adding powerful vocabulary and rhyme to her Hopes and Dreams poem and it was a pleasure to read. You should be really proud of yourself :)

Mia W (3D) - Mia has worked incredibly hard this week. She has thoroughly impressed Miss Downer with her enthusiasm towards her learning. Mia has contributed some excellent ideas in class and has shown a fantastic attitude across the curriculum. Well done Mia!

Naya Y (3P) - Naya has settled incredibly well into her new school. From day 1, she has been confident and keen to contribute her ideas in every lesson. She has set a high standard for all with her positive attitude towards school.

Finn McD (6C) Finn has shown great enthusiasm for learning this week, with a positive 'can do' attitude and a desire to achieve. A brilliant start to the new year.

Josh P (6B) - Josh has started Year 6 incredibly well, showing enthusiasm in every lesson. He has engaged in discussions and wanted to give everything a go. I'm so impressed with his start to the year! Well done!



James S (5MR) James' deep thinking has really impressed us this week. He has made fantastic contributions in every subject and has drawn upon his own knowledge to solve problems. Well done James, a fantastic start!



Primrose R (3DN) Primrose has shown fantastic working together skills this week as she has set a superb example to the class in terms of being Junior School ready. She is always the first to listen and follow instructions, she has shown that she can use her initiative and has impressed us with her fabulous attitude every day! :-)



## Year Group Highlights

**Year 3** have impressed us all with their enthusiasm in beginning at the Junior school. The children are picking up all the class and school routines that can be a little overwhelming, but, so far, they have taken all this into their stride.

Monday was an induction day and on Tuesday, we enjoyed a day of art - creating abstract trees in the style of the Russian artist Kandinsky, whilst focusing on the school value of resilience. From Wednesday, we have started our curriculum lessons: maths (Place Value), English (writing a letter, inspired by the book 'Dear Teacher') and science (Light). Today, we have started our Games units - hockey = 3D, netball = 3P, team games = 3DN.

Have a lovely weekend. Your child may be rather tired – just as we are after an exciting week!

**Year 5** It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and they should be very proud of themselves for making such a super start. We are certainly proud of them! Our week began with the challenge to create a memory with chalk and we enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon working in teams to create large scale designs on the playground. The children's creativity and teamwork was a joy to witness! We have included some photos of the impressive designs they created. This artistic focus continued on Tuesday with a day exploring our community value Resilience through the story of 'The Hugging Tree'. In Year 5, we focused on the American contemporary artist Sally Trace and produced our own tree-inspired art work using her bright, bold colours and line detail. The finished outcomes were beautiful! Hands on learning has been a theme throughout the week, with the children also starting the wonderful process of turning plastic bottles into Mayan dolls. Thank you to everyone at home for your support in helping your children be ready for this project. We could not have done it without you! In amongst all of this excitement, we have also started our new Maths and English units too - more on these next week! We wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to another exciting week next week. It includes our first trip to the library as Year 5s and there is much anticipation that we can even look at the older reader section!

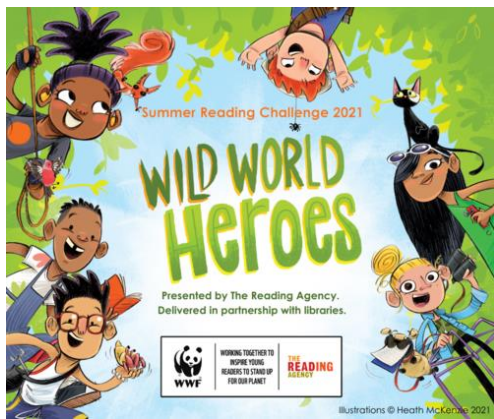


**Year 4** -Dragons have kicked off our new term with some wonderful art and writing activities which the children have loved. Monday saw an extremely busy day as the children in response to the story 'The Dragon Machine' made their own clay dragons with a little help from some instructions and a step by step guide. Once the clay had dried a little, the children painted them with their own range of magical colours before adding a background and a label giving instructions for care and where to return if found! Tuesday was just as exciting as the children were inspired to create their own tree art using cotton wool buds and contributed some thoughtful ideas on their own resilience after reading 'The Hugging Tree'. Wednesday, continuing our theme of dragons, saw the introduction of our poetry unit inspired by the book, 'The Trouble with Dragons' and so far the children have written some sentences reflecting on the views of the troublesome dragons but not without recognising the key message of the importance of our special planet. Hopefully the children will be able to tell you about ways we can protect our planet. We have begun our Place Value work in maths, looking at email in computing and states of matter in science. Google Classroom has been set up, so please do check for this week's spellings homework. Year 4 have also been to the library this week so hopefully they will be keen to share their books and do lots of reading this weekend.

**Year 6** -Well, what can we say? - What an absolutely incredible start our brilliant year 6's have had! We have simply been blown away by their enthusiasm for each and every task they have completed, along with their impeccable manners and consideration for each other. On Monday, we launched year 6 by introducing the children to the overview of the curriculum, and creating our own Fantastic Beast masks ahead of our next writing unit and trip to Warner Bros Studios. We saw lots of creativity with this activity, as the children used a range of techniques including splatting, dotting, smudging, blending and shading. The creativity continued for a second day when we explored our community value of resilience, creating our own tree paintings inspired by Jill Neimark's story, 'The Hugging Tree' and the artists in focus: Nick Blosser and Gustav Klimt. The children have of course really enjoyed meeting their new teachers, generally just starting year 6, and being back with their friends after the holidays. As we have got in to the swing of the full curriculum, we have enjoyed reading and exploring the prologue to Helen Creswell's 'Moondial' and we are looking forward to imitating the author as we write our own setting descriptions next week. We were even able to go on a virtual walk around the grounds of Belton House in which the TV series of Moondial was filmed. Tag rugby has been a real highlight and the children have also been highly engaged in maths as they practised reading and writing numbers, in digits and words, up to ten million. Well done Year 6 – what a brilliant start to the year!







## Wild World Heroes Reading Challenge Certificates

Congratulations to the children that have completed the 'Wild World Heroes' summer reading challenge at the local library. We would love to celebrate this reading achievement with the children in school, so please can your child bring their certificate into school on Friday the 24th September to share in our school assembly. Please don't bring in your medals as these will be safer at home.

If you are still reading books towards this challenge you have until the 18th September.

## Summer Holiday Extreme Reading Challenge

We hope your child has taken part in Hiltingbury Junior School's very own 'Extreme Reading Summer Challenge 2021'.

Please can your child hand in their photo of themselves reading in the strangest of places to their class teacher by Friday 17th September. Please make sure your child's name and class is clearly written on the back of the photo. One entry per child.

There will be a fabulous school display in the library and an opportunity to win a prize! We can't wait to see where the children have been reading this year.

Mrs Pollock and Mrs Thomas



*Don't forget to vote for our amazing HSPTA!!*



# PTA LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

**DRAWING THEME: MY SCHOOL & PTA**

## **TAKE PART FOR FREE!!**

This competition is free, just email us your finished design before the deadline. A vote will take place by committee in the new year meeting and a winner will be announced!

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**  
17TH DECEMBER 2021

**DRAWING CONTEST CRITERIA:**  
All participants must be a child that currently attends Hiltingbury Infant or Junior School.

**send your design to: [events.hspta@gmail.com](mailto:events.hspta@gmail.com)**

**SUBMIT YOUR HSPTA LOGO  
DESIGN BETWEEN 6th  
SEPTEMBER - 17th DECEMBER,  
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE  
COMPETITION AND GET YOUR  
DESIGN USED AS THE NEW  
PTA LOGO!**