



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed our new gallery of children's learning that we shared with you on our website last Friday. The photos the teachers have uploaded really do reflect how hard everyone is working across all curriculum subjects and their enthusiasm and creativity. They will soon be released for this week's learning as well, so please do take another look.

Thank you to all of our Parents and Carers who have been able to attend our Reading Open Afternoon so far. I think there were some nerves from parents as to what they were going to be asked to do but these quickly disappeared when they knew they would be able to work with their children! We are really proud as a school of the developments we have made in Reading and hope it gave you the chance to see this first-hand. We hope our year 5 and 3 parents enjoy their reading lessons over the next few weeks too.

Thank you to our Parent Representatives who came into school this week. Mrs Hartley and I enjoyed the meeting and really valued the feedback. Thank you to our year 3 Parent representative, Rebecca, who has shared the summary of the meeting below and to our Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Our amazing Sports Leaders have continued to provide opportunities for children to play with their friends at lunchtime with our new lunchtime equipment. Daisy, one of our year 6 sports leaders, shared that she has been impressed with how all children have made up some creative games to play and how everyone is playing well with each other to share the equipment. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors launched our Wellbeing Hub this week as well and were pleased with the high number of children who wanted to join in this new opportunity.

Please can we remind the whole school community that we are a nut free school and therefore no food containing nuts should be brought into school. This includes peanut butter and Nutella. It really is important that we work together to keep all children safe in school.

We wish you a warm and sunny weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel Event

Thank you to all of you who have joined us in cycling, walking and scooting to school this week.

This is a national event with schools up and down the country taking part, each encouraging as many children as possible to actively travel to and from school. We will be ranked against all of the other schools, based upon our percentage of children who walk, scoot or cycle each day

Don't forget this is continuing into next week!

For more information go to:

<https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support!

Link to our school website calendar for dates and events

[Website Calendar Link](#)

Parent Representative meeting feedback

On the 22nd March, parent representatives were invited in to school for a meeting which focused on giving us insight into the pastoral support that the school offers to pupils. As a parent of a child who, for some reason, never seems to be able to remember anything that happens during the day, it was very comforting to learn of all the support that the school already provides. We were shown the [well-being hub](#) on their website and discussed their ELSA and Thrive provision. We also had a wonderful opportunity to meet the children well-being ambassadors, who spoke passionately and proudly about their plans, and the ideas they had already implemented, to help children who may need someone to talk to, or need additional emotional support. It was clear from the children's small presentation that they are all very aware of the impact of bullying and negative emotions and the benefits of supporting each other to improve well-being.

I feel the way in which the children are being taught about well-being and included in the solution, is very rewarding and I left impressed with how hard everyone is working to positively shape the schools' culture for the benefit of our children and their health.



We Care nominations:



Judy S (5M) Judy thoroughly deserves this award all day, every day. You can always count on her for her constant positivity, drive and ambition for learning. No matter the subject or lesson, she will always put her hand up and give it her all! :)

Grace S-M (5MR) - Grace has impressed all of us in 5MR this week with her ambitious attitude towards all subjects, but particularly in Maths. She has embraced short division and is always keen to apply her knowledge in problem solving to go the extra mile. Keep it up, Grace!

William T (6C) - You are working so hard, aiming so high, and achieving so much. Well Done!



Leo T (3D) - Leo has thoroughly impressed me with his constant enthusiastic attitude towards his learning. He has his hand up regularly in class and is keen to contribute his ideas! Leo has worked particularly hard in English recently with his sentence structure! Well done, Leo! Keep it up!

Charlie P (3P) - Charlie has been showing great enthusiasm for his learning recently, particularly during Science when investigating different forces using magnets. Mrs Howell and Mrs Robinson are really pleased to see his dedication to his learning and how he has been showing a keen interest in all his lessons. Well done Charlie, we are proud of you.

Declan T (6B) - Wow Declan - you have simply blown me away this week. Your enthusiasm for learning has been incredible - and as Mrs T has kept saying, "You are on fire!" Keep up this brilliant attitude - great work.



Marcus S (4S) After reflecting on advice and practising his writing skills, Marcus has made wonderful progress with his writing and should be especially proud of his recent diary and descriptive writing which included some super vocabulary choices. Well done Marcus and keep challenging yourself.

Dylan S and Harvey E (3DN): Dylan and Harvey have been fabulous supportive partners in their English work this week. We have been planning and writing newspaper recounts and they have collaborated efficiently and productively to select and order the information they need for a well organised report.



Rebecca (5C) has shown super enthusiasm in our RE unit this week. She has asked great questions, reflected on the feelings of characters involved in the story and had her hand up regularly to share ideas with everyone in the class. Well done Rebecca and keep it up!

Satvik (4P) During our recent visit to the Church, Satvik impressed everybody with his knowledge of the Easter story and his understanding of sacrifice. He both asked and answered lots of questions showing a great desire to learn more.

Tapan M (4CO) Tapan has impressed us yet again with his questions and discussion following our visit to the church. He has made insightful links between our RE theme of sacrifice and our previous reading text, Malala's Magic Pencil, saying that Malala was sacrificing her pencil to give others the items they dreamed of.



Charlie Q (6W) Charlie has impressed me all week with his boundless creativity from writing his own poem for the performance poetry competition to his creative writing in our Highwayman-themed balanced argument to his Cubist artwork. Well done Charlie, you have really stood out this week (even more so than usual)!

Year Group Highlights

Year 3

[Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

Year 4

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Year 5

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Year 6

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We hope you enjoy sharing this week's Highlights!



Highlight Wellbeing

This week has been particularly special as we start to welcome in parents and carers, to share in reading activities with the children in class.

Of course not all parents and carers are able to attend, but it would be lovely if this week you could spend some time reading with your child at home. Not listening to them read, but read TO then or WITH them.

This can be a calming and cosy activity to share together. Maybe talk to your child about their favourite books, and share with them your memories of your favourite stories you enjoyed as a child.

To extend the relaxation we have sent an attachment with some 'mindful minute' bookmarks to print out and colour in together.



Come and join us for this year's Easter Egg Hunt on 1st April 2022 - Only £3.50 per ticket!

The hunt will take place on the school field after school on Friday 1st April. Closing date for advance ticket sales - **23:55 on Wednesday 30th March 2022**

A café will be located on the playground where you will be able to purchase various cakes, snacks and beverages after school, whether you are taking part in the hunt or not



Only children with a pre-paid ticket purchased via our website will be eligible to take part in the Easter egg hunt on the school field. **There will be no tickets available on the day!! So don't miss out! For more information, or to purchase your tickets go to – www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta**

Calling all bakers!



Would you be able to help us raise money by baking a cake, cupcakes, biscuits or other baked goodies to sell on our café at the Easter egg hunt? These can be normal or Easter themed, if you really wanted to get in to the spirit of the event! Donations can be dropped off to either of the school offices on either the afternoon of 31st March or the morning of 1st April. Please can you include an ingredients list with your donation so that we can be as transparent as possible for those who have allergies.

HOWEVER, **NUTS MUST NOT BE INCLUDED.** Thank you



EVENT RESCHEDULED!!



BREAK THE RULES DAY – Rescheduled to 8th April

The HSPTA are glad to confirm that a new date has been agreed for break the rules day at both schools. This will now be taking place on **8th April**. Suggested donation of £1 per rule break, this can be paid prior to the day via our website www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta or alternatively you can bring cash in on the day and drop it in to one of our donation buckets that will be located with a volunteer outside the school's gates. For those of you who already paid via our website last time, there is no need to donate again.

Reminder of the 7 rules that can be broken: wear school uniform only, have neat hair, no temporary tattoos, no nail varnish, no make-up or face-paint, wear school shoes only, no squash in water bottles.