



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to spring term 2. We have had a great first week back with so many exciting class, year group and whole school events! We launched our new School Community Value of 'Respect' through our outdoor learning day. The children were all very reflective on this important value and how they can model this towards themselves, each other and the community. Thank you to Mrs Richardson for making such an impact on everyone through the planned activities. Some children have told me that they were inspired to clean up and litter pick in areas close to where they live after school!

On Monday while our parents and children were preparing for their return to school and enjoying the last of the half term holiday, our subject leaders were working hard to develop our curriculum. Miss Chambers led the training day with everyone reviewing the key skills and knowledge for their curriculum areas and ensuring effective progression and sequencing across the whole school. We were really pleased with the progress we have made towards this and it will continue to be a key school priority across the remainder of the year. To gain an insight into your child's curriculum for this half term please do visit our [year group webpages](#) on our school website. We are hoping for high attendance as well at our open afternoon next Tuesday 8th March where you will have the opportunity to see your child's curriculum work.

Today we had our annual World Book day and as ever Mrs Thomas along with her fantastic team of librarians inspired us all with the key message 'You are a reader'. The genre for us focused on poetry and each year group class was given the opportunity to perform their poem against each other in the first round and then the tricky decision for Mrs Thomas and her team was to decide who progressed into the finals. The performances were thrilling to watch with each class putting their own flair and creativity in to support their performances. I am very pleased to share that the winning classes were 6C and 3DN. Well done!

We hope you enjoy a fantastic family, fun packed weekend.

Zoe Loosemore

PUZZLES AND BOARD GAME DONATIONS

Thank you for all of your kind donations of board games for our after school club. Following discussions and feedback from our wellbeing ambassadors, during this half term we will be setting up a lunchtime 'wellbeing hub' for which any further donations of puzzles or board games would be much appreciated. We kindly ask that only complete set games that are intact are donated that can be sent into school with your child and dropped in at the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Community Value Awards



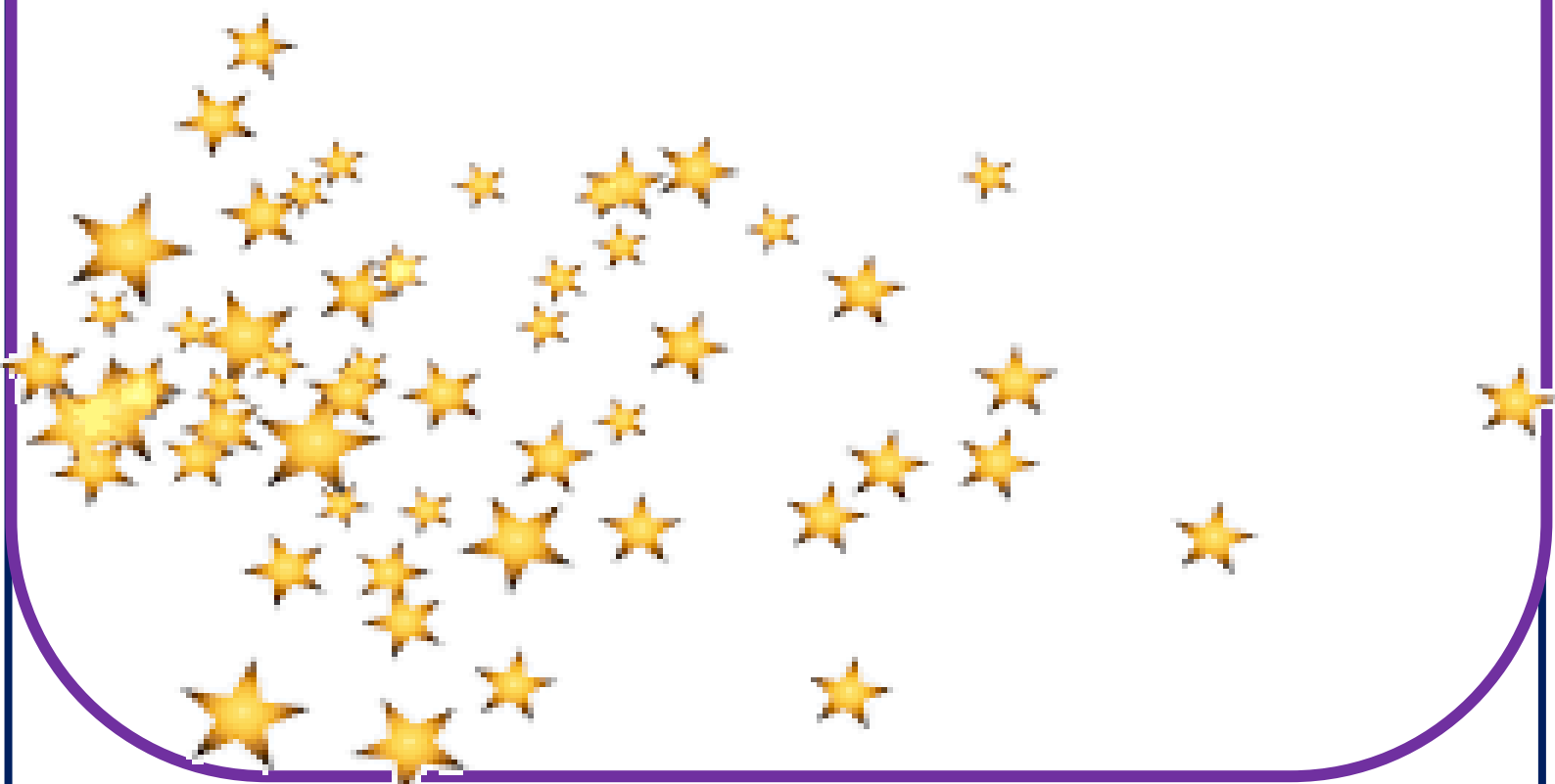
**Congratulations to the following children who are
being awarded for being a role model in demonstrating
our school community values**

Year 3 –Sophie, Bethany & Mia C

Year 4 – Olivia, Kean & Meredith

Year 5 – Yasmina, Niamh & Neil

Year 6 – Lily-grace, Chester & Ewan



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 - Welcome back from the Year 3 team, we hope you had a lovely half term break. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school by exploring our community value Respectfulness. We started the day with classroom discussions about what this could mean both to ourselves, others and the environment. The children then had the opportunity to practise their knot skills (simple knot, reef knot and lanyard knot). These were then used in their Respect keyring making.

The afternoon activities involved 'caving' through obstacles and netting laid out in the Hall whilst blindfolded, working closely with a partner who gave them clear instructions on how to proceed. This was followed by our respect to the environment activity where the children were taken to the school's outdoor Pond area where Matthew from the RSPB showed us how to make fat balls for birds. It was an amazing day put together by Mrs Richardson in Year 5 and the children loved it!

Next week we are continuing writing our diaries in English and learning all about Money in Maths. Please continue to help your children learn the 4x tables.

We look forward to seeing you after school on Tuesday March 8th where you can enjoy looking at the children's work.

Paultons Park Trip is Friday 11th, fingers crossed for lovely weather!

The Year 3 Team

Year 5 started back from half term with an amazing day all about respectfulness. It was filled with lots of fun and exciting activities to help us understand how you can respect everything around you.

We learnt how to respect the environment by going out to the Hiltingbury Rec and litter picking.

Thomas G said, "Surprisingly there was a lot of litter on the Rec but we picked up most of it."

Amelia Beesley said, "There were all sorts of surprising things on the Rec there were even parts of a firework."

In the afternoon, we learnt how to respect ourselves by going out for a golden mile in the field." Ritvik said, "Running is a good way to respect yourself because it can make you strong and make you feel good." Niamh A-D said, "To respect yourself physically and mentally we need to exercise and make sure we eat well."

As well as all of this, we did a blind walk in pairs to recognise that you need to respect and trust the person that you are guiding so they don't fall over. Oliver H said, "When I guided someone, I found it hard because there was a lot going on outside and I was scared that I would tell them the wrong instruction which might make them fall." Orla O said, "When we did the blind walk, we had to trust our partners and let them direct us through the different courses."

Finally, we did an obstacle course with the lights off which was called indoor caving. Nathan R said "I really enjoyed it when I climbed through the tunnel." Sulaf E said "It was really fun because we had to trust each other on where we were going."

Josh J said "It was very fun especially because we were blindfolded!"

A huge thanks to Elise who was our roving reporter for the day! Have a great weekend. *The Year 5 Team*

Year 4 The highlight this week so far has been the wonderful activities the children enjoyed on Monday as part of the themed games for embedding Respect at school. After discussing how, where and when Respect would fit into our lives, the children spent some time respecting themselves and their mental wellbeing. However the best activity was the caving, where the children had to rely on their partner to navigate inside the hall which was set up as an assault course with nets and camouflage and outside with hidden tripping hazards. The children were incredible with their care, kindness and brilliant directions as they supported their blindfolded partner to move around the two areas. There was a genuine gentle approach by the children as they ensured their partner did not succumb to the dangers that lay ahead. More of a challenge was the blind folded partner listening carefully to the instructions, which initially was challenging however they quickly learnt how they needed to depend on their partner and the importance of listening carefully. Knot tying in the afternoon was slightly more tricky although everyone managed to tie their keyrings together with a suitable knot before sitting cross legged ready for the yoga session. Mrs Dodd shared a wonderful session and taught the children some great techniques to address tension and help redirect thoughts when worries and frustrations were beginning to dominate the mind.

Year 6 - The start of this half term has been brilliant from respect day to finishing our topic on Nepal. By far, respectfulness day has been our highlight of the week because we had lots of fun doing: caving and monitoring the traffic on Hiltingbury and Ashdown Road. We found out that there are many cars but not as many lorries or people. In year six, we sadly finished our intriguing topic on Nepal and it being a country of diversity. To finish it off, we will be writing a fact file which will be assessed. We have carried on our topic of fractions: comparing and converting them. Although, we still have a long way to go! In our guided reading lessons, we have been learning about a true story: Everest! We are quickly getting through this book and learning more about Tenzing and Edmund and their adventure to conquer the tallest mountain in the world. We are looking forward to more fun next week

By Aisha & Eliza

Highlight Wellbeing

Currently many children are feeling worried, scared or unsafe when they hear others talking about the events in Europe. Here is some advice to help at home if your child is expressing these concerns, or if you would like to have a conversation to support your child.

1. Find out what they know and correct any misconceptions

Children do hear things on the news, or on the playground and they may not fully understand what has happened. Find out what they know, and then you are able to explain gently and in an age appropriate way so they can have some understanding of the situation. Encourage questions and answer as honestly as you can without causing distress. Think of the age of the child and their potential level of understanding.

2. Express feelings

Feelings are important. There may be a whole range of feelings around a frightening event from sadness to anxiety to anger. Encourage your child to express how they feel about an event and don't be scared of expressing your feelings too. Don't hold back the tears if you feel sad, children need to see that it's ok to let your feelings out. Use drawing or puppets if this helps.

3. Shield children from disturbing images on the TV

There is absolutely no need for children to see frightening images on TV. They will not understand and it could cause a lot of fear and anxiety. Shielding images and news is not shielding them from what happened. You can explain that to them in a truthful and age appropriate way.

4 .Risk Assessment

Children are often scared that this might happen to them. Look at risks in life and how likely or unlikely things are to happen. We just hear about them more on the news so it seems like a more real threat than it is.

5 .Routines, routines, routines

Keep to your child's normal routines and don't change them. Children feel safer when things carry on as normal. - Maybe with a few extra hugs!

Watch this newsround clip together - this clip does not explain what is happening currently (there are other Newsround clips which do that), it offers reassurance and advice.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

Please let us know in school if your child is expressing a lot of anxiety or fear about current events.



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

The egg hunt is strictly for children only and will take place on the school field at the following times:

Infant school aged children at 3:20pm & Junior school aged children at 3:40pm

Each participating child will be challenged with finding 3 different coloured wooden egg shapes that have been hidden around the field, whilst their parents wait on the adjoining playground. Once they have collected 3 different colours, they will make their way over to our prize table, also located on the field, and hand over the egg shapes in exchange for a chocolate egg* prize!

Whilst waiting for your children to come back from their egg hunt, feel free to browse our food & drinks stall and take part in our Easter game, which will all be located on the playground. Please note that egg baskets will not be provided as the items being found are small enough to hold.

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 and purchase your tickets** on our website now – www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta

Closing date for advance ticket sales - **23:55 on Wednesday 30th March 2022**



We will do our absolute best to cater for allergies and offer alternative prizes if necessary. When checking out on our website, you will be asked if your child(ren) have any allergies, please use the box provided to list **ONLY allergies that would affect them receiving a chocolate egg as a prize. If you are happy for them to eat a chocolate egg, please leave this box blank. Although we will not purchase any chocolate eggs made with nuts, there is a standard warning on most chocolate eggs stating - **May Contain Nuts** so we cannot 100% guarantee nut-free.*

This week, on World Book Day, 3DN had a Zoom visit from across the globe from Dillon's auntie, Helen Griffiths. She is an author who has written a book called *Treasure Beyond Measure* - she's received rave reviews in New Zealand, with generous praise from Sir David Attenborough, New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern, and Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, for its environmental message.

She zoomed in from NZ, which meant she had to stay up until 3am to be able to deliver the workshop to us! It was fun and inspiring, the children came away with lots of positive conservation messages. If any child is interested in ordering their own copy of the book, it is just £8 and can be ordered from www.ceratopiabooks.co.uk.



Bookings from 1st March and 8th April 2022

Are now open for Before and After school club please click the link below:

[Link to book Before and After School Club](#)

