

Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed the first week back after the Easter holidays. This week has been the launch of our School Community Value 'Kindness' and in our assembly on Monday we discussed if we all do something kind for someone else and they do the same, this will create a chain reaction of kindness. Some of our year 6 boys; Henry, Adam, Josh and Jamie shared their support to start our whole school chain reaction with an act of kindness in leading fund raising events to raise money for Ukraine. Today, the whole school community were able to show their support and delight in their cake sale and on Monday we wish the boys good luck in their cycling challenge!

Next week our Year 5 children are off on their residential to Fairthorne Manor. We know that residentials create so many fun and happy memories that stay with the children for a very long time. In advance of the trip, I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff who are attending and the hours of additional work that they have committed to in enabling this opportunity to go ahead. We all look forward to hearing all about your adventure!

Some exciting news Mrs Thomas would like to share with everyone is the reopening of our school library during lunchtimes. Previously, this provision has been enjoyed by many children across the school and we have no doubt our children will again take up this opportunity and enjoy reading along with their friends. We do have a plea to Parents and would like to ask if anyone has any tree stumps that could be offered to develop our outdoor reading space, please contact the school office.

Very sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs Hanks today as she leaves us to take up a Teaching position in another school. The children and staff wished Mrs Hanks all the best in her new role during our assembly and we hope that Mrs Hanks returns to visit us at some point over the summer so we can hear all about her new role.

It seems very strange after just having a holiday to be wishing everyone a super bank holiday, but we do hope you enjoy another special weekend!

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore





Year 6 SATs Support Drop In

With the Year 6 SATs tests starting soon, Mr Wright held a drop-in session at lunchtime today for all of the year six children to attend (if they wanted to) to discuss any concerns or worries or questions that they had about SATs week. It was lovely to see and hear children talking honestly and openly about their feelings, offering support to their peers and reflecting on the amazing progress that they have made this year and previously.

If any year six child didn't attend today, but would like to attend next week, please do drop in next Friday, 6th May during lunchtime at 12:30pm in 6W.

Mr Wright

Link to our school website calendar for dates and events

Website Calendar Link

We Care nominations:

Jenson W (3D) - Jenson has thoroughly impressed all of the adults in 3D this week with his ambition in our maths lessons. He has worked incredibly hard to apply his knowledge about length. Jenson has had an excellent attitude towards his learning and I am very proud of him! Well done Jenson!

Omar E (3DN) - Omar has shown a fabulous attitude towards his learning in all subjects this week. In particular, the attention to detail and careful listening and responding he demonstrated in music was really impressive. Keep up the good work, Omar!

Joseph (5M) Well done Joseph for having a great week back at school. You have shown the right attitude and perseverance in all areas of your learning, but in particular your fantastic handwriting and editing skills. You should be very proud, keep up the hard work!

Philip F (6C) Well done Philip. This week you have truly shown your passion and commitment to achieve, especially in your application to your arithmetic - keep it up.



ENQUIRING CARE

Jake W (6W) Following our trip to the Sea City Museum earlier in the week, Jake has shown a real interest in the Titanic. Not only has he been quick to answer questions but more impressively, he has consistently been asking questions too. His thirst for knowledge has really shone through in class and on the trip - well done Jake.

Matilda B (4P) Matilda has a fantastic attitude to her learning and the thoughtful questions she asks make it clear that she is thinking deeply about her learning in class. Well done, Matilda!

Araceli C (4CO) Araceli has a superb attitude to her learning and really wowed us with her knowledge of how the heart works in our First Aid lesson this week. She was quick to answer questions but more impressively, her explanation moved the learning forward. It was a pleasure to see her shine.

Henry V (5MR) Henry has demonstrated this week his superb scientific knowledge and enquiry skills. We have been delving into reversible and irreversible changes and Henry consistently draws upon his knowledge to explain his reasoning. Throughout the year he has impressed us with his engagement and attitude to learning. Well done Henry!





Emily Randall Coles 6B - Emily has shown such enthusiasm for our new English unit linked to the Titanic. During our trip she was taking notes and asking questions to further her knowledge and understanding, wanting to learn more and then do the best she can. I was so impressed - well done Emily!

Maya R (5C) - All adults have noticed how much effort Maya is applying across the curriculum. She is keen and positive about all learning tasks and this is such an infectious attitude - we could all do with catching some of it! Well done Maya and keep up the hard work.

Sammy M (3P) Sammy has shown great enthusiasm in all of her lessons this week and impressed both Mrs Howell and Mrs Robinson with her attitude to learning. Her hand has been up in all lessons and she has participated well in class discussions. A great start to the new term .Sammy. Keep it up!

Harry Mc (4S) Harry always works incredibly hard and this week he has been working hard on contributing his ideas. He is happy to share his answers even when he is not completely sure and to improve his answer when he has heard other ideas. Well done Harry keep going!





Year Group Highlights

Year 3

Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery

Year 4

Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery

Year 5

Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery

Year 6

Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery

Highlight Wellbeing

This week the children have started a focus on our school community value of KINDNESS.

Please take some time to talk to your child about what they have learnt today, and which activities they have enjoyed.

Thinking about your family experiences of kindness - Ask each family member their best memory of someone doing something kind for them. This might be a small act which meant a lot at the time.

'Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you will look back and realise they were the big things'.





ON THE LOOK OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS!

At the end of this school year, the HSPTA Chair and Vice-Chair will both have come to the end of their 3-year term. We are therefore looking for enthusiastic individuals that would like to step up and take over these positions within the charity for the next academic year.

Our HSPTA Chair Louise Hilton



"I became chair 3 years ago, with no idea what was involved and apprehensive about taking on the role by myself. Luckily, 2 others came forward with me and we were able to split the responsibility of chair/vice-chair between us. The Chair and Vice-Chair do not have to get involved with putting on all the events, as there are event teams for this, however, I personally chose to as I love taking these opportunities to spend time with other PTA members. You don't need to be the most popular person, or have lots of free time to take on this position. When I started, I was the mum that dropped my kids off at breakfast club in the morning and picked up from afterschool club every day and consequently didn't know a lot of other parents at the school, but

through the PTA I have met a great set of friends. My children are also really proud that I'm helping to make a difference at their school and get excited when they spot items that were donated with PTA funds. I didn't really take much notice of what the PTA did before I stepped up, I didn't know about half the events they put on, or even the amount of money they raise and what it gets spent on. The role of Chair really opened my eyes to just how much the additional funds are needed in the schools. I also really like the feeling that I'm actively making a difference to my children's education and experiences whilst at Hiltingbury."

Our HSPTA Vice-Chair Rebecca Hall



"Don't assume that you can't take this on because you work and have other commitments. Myself and Louise both have full time jobs, families and other social and charitable commitments that we do alongside our roles within the HSPTA. The longest term you will serve, due to our constitution, is 3 years. However, this doesn't mean that you have to do 3 years, we stayed because we loved it so much, you can commit to the first year and just see how it goes - there's no pressure to stay on past your commitment. Don't let the title scare you off either, you don't need to have lots of qualifications or experience in business to do this role. I found that a good attitude, a willingness to listen and learn and motivation to do a good job is all you need. Luckily, there's a fantastic team on hand with a wealth of knowledge and experience that are all very supportive and eager to help you succeed. The role is also completely flexible, you can dedicate as much or as little time to it as necessary and

can take it on by yourself or, alternatively, join with friends and share the responsibilities to make it even more manageable. For me, being Vice-Chair of the HSPTA hasn't felt like work in the sense that it's something I have to do, it's felt more like something fun and interesting that I want to do and be a part of. During my term I've befriended so many parents, staff and people within the local community, all of which I'd probably not have had the opportunity to meet, had I not been a part of this amazing charity. There's no better feeling than knowing you've played a part in helping provide your children with better facilities for their education and experiences whilst at school. My advice, if you are interested in this role, is not to take yourself too seriously, enjoy the experience and have fun! I know I did!"

Responsibilities over the 2 roles include; running 6 meetings & an AGM per year, newsletters / weekly highlights, bank & returns signatory, ensure risk assessments are in place for all events, maintain GDPR and Security policies. Feel free to come and talk to us before making any commitments. To register your interest, or request more information about the roles, please email committee.hspta@gmail.com

NB:

Unfortunately if no-one steps forward for these roles, the charity will have no other option but to dissolve. This would not only have a very negative impact on the schools, due to the much needed funding we provide, but on our children who will miss out on all of our fun events, such as the egg hunt, the fairs, the colour fun, spooks & sparks and much more!

Community Events

