



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are so proud of our school community today in raising £1041 for the charity 'Save the children'. Thank you so much for all of your contributions. We have also all enjoyed our school Christmas lunch today and I would like to say a huge thank you to the lunchtime team in enabling this to be provided for the children and for all the Teachers who were in charge of pouring the much loved gravy!

Next week we have our class assemblies and you should have all received the Zoom link. Please note that we have a slight change of time for some of the year groups which are highlighted opposite. We hope as many of you as possible are able to join in and we as always working more remotely that technology enables the children's' voices to echo into your homes!

Today Mrs Hartley and I were very excited about our Celebration assembly as the Teachers have been nominating one child per year group to be awarded one of our School Community values and you can see who the winners were below.

One final reminder that all children are expected in school next week! We hope you all enjoy the final weekend of the term before the holidays.

Miss Loosemore



Christmas at Hiltingbury Junior School

Christmas event	Date
HSPTA Christmas Trees	Collection dates; Friday 27 th November, Saturday 28 th November and Friday 11 th December
Year group virtual assemblies to parents	Please note the earlier start times for some year groups: Year 3: Monday 14 th December at 2.00pm Year 4: Tuesday 15 th December at 11.30am Year 5 : Wednesday 16 th December at 2.00pm Year 6 : Thursday 17 th December at 2.00pm We will send the links out as a separate Parentmail for each year group.
HSPTA Elfridges event	Thursday 17 th December
Whole School Panto event – a streamed performance from The King's Theatre of Dick Whittington starring Sean Smith (Same Difference) and Jack Edwards as Dame Dolly	Friday 18 th December
Class Christmas parties	
Last day of term	



Thank you all for making such an effort with your festive wear and for your generosity.

We have collectively raised a staggering £1041!!!



Community Value Winners

Resilience

Kindness

Equality

Honesty

Respectfulness

Honesty

Year 3: - Rebecca can be relied upon to always tell the truth. She always positively reflects on her work and seeks help when required. Rebecca consistently shares her honest thoughts and opinions to the benefit of the rest of the class.

Year 4: - Izzy has been chosen for her unfailingly honest approach to all her work. Her self-marking and reflection is of the highest standard and she sees mistakes as something positive to learn from rather than something to hide.

Year 5: - Nafisa has good intentions in all that she does. She can be relied upon to tell the truth at all times and also has a wonderful quality that she is not afraid to speak her mind and share her honest thoughts.

Year 6: - Matthew has demonstrated honesty through his friendships and learning behaviours which has contributed to the progress he is currently making.

Equality

Year 3 - Ngoneh always considers the needs of everyone else and will often put these ahead of her own. She is generous with her time, notices when others need help and treats everyone with respect and kindness.

Year 4: - Catherine is super considerate in all of her actions. She will always step up to help others, notices if somebody needs support and treats everybody with the same respect, no matter who they are.

Year 5: Ruby is a positive role model to all of her peers and has shown great fairness in the way that she conducts herself in the classroom. She is very focused and a true team player in supporting her classmates.

Year 6: - Lucy is incredibly kind and caring to her peers; she will often put them before herself and is a superb team-player in 6L. Both in class and all around the school, she treats each of her classmates equally and always with an infectious smile on her face.

Respectfulness

Year 3: - Louis is an outstanding model for his peers and always shows his kind and considerate nature towards others. He consistently shows respect in his positive learning behaviours and the way he talks to others.

Year 4: - Suvir is respectfulness personified. He is considerate to adults and children alike, has impeccable manners, and is always ready, sometimes even before being asked! Suvir should be proud of growing up to be such a respectful young man. This will take him far.

Year 5: - Seth is a superb role model and always shows that he is thinking about others with his words and actions. From the way he sits ready in class, to the way he speaks to adults and responds to their instructions, Seth embodies the quality of respectfulness.

Year 6: - Alex consistently shows respect towards all of his peers and adults in school. As a result of this, he is a well-respected member of 6L (and year six). He also demonstrates, on a regular basis, superb manners and kindness.

Kindness

Year 3: Eleanor - if there is ever an opportunity to help others, Eleanor will and does every day. Whether playground or group work issues need sorting, or whether it's tidying up the classroom. It could be helping children on her table with their work because they're stuck or because they've missed some time, Eleanor is always there, straight away, being kind and thoughtful to others without being asked.

Year 4: Kishanl -A super role model, who will work positively with anyone, is accepting of others' differences and always tries to make sure no one is left out.

Year 5: Jamie Eccles

Year 6: Albert Barton-Hide - Albert has shown a wealth of kindness in supporting his peers and providing a stable, reliable and growing friendship with others.

Resilience

Year 3: -Max S- Max comes to school every day determined to do his best. He works super hard in all areas and never gives up, even when things are difficult. He sets a great example of resilience to others with this determination to succeed and not let obstacles get in his way.

Year 4: -Natasha has been determined to give her best effort to her learning and take risks by contributing her ideas when she is not completely secure. As a result she may not always be right but she continues to try and perseveres until she has mastered the learning, even when she finds it challenging.

Year 5:- Luna is incredibly hard working and has overcome many language hurdles since arriving in the UK last year. Her constant positive attitude to learning and resilience to challenges have enabled her to succeed and continue to help her reach new goals.

Year 6: Rebecca Higgins - Rebecca consistently shows a resilient attitude to her learning (and to all areas of school life). She has not let her knee injury, preventing her from playing sport, affect her morale as she continues to show a brilliantly positive attitude to school life.

Year 5 - There has been a lovely buzz in Year 5 this week as we have been rehearsing and singing Christmas songs, ready for our Christmas assembly next week. In English, our unit on Apollo 13 has come to an end as the children have successfully completed writing their Newspaper reports. We have been very impressed with the high standard of writing, well done Year 5. Our next unit of work will be exploring a Christmas advert and writing a setting description from it.

In Maths, the children are continuing to impress us with their times table skills and have been working hard on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

This week, we have also had virtual assemblies from the NSPCC where the children have been learning about buddy, but they were most excited about Ant and Dec introducing the clips.

In DT, we have continued working on our Mayan dolls and have been paper patterning ponchos and skirts. In particular, they loved using the fabric pens and designing their Mayan outfits.

We look forward to seeing you all virtually next week for our Christmas assembly.



Year 6 - This week's highlight in English has been starting to write our speeches about equality from Scrooge's viewpoint. We loved exploring speech devices and high level language in order to persuade and influence others.

Measuring angles, constructing shapes and finding missing angles has been our focus in maths over the last couple of weeks. Using a protractor to measure angles was a bit tricky to start with, but we are now really confident with this. We have really enjoyed investigating how to find missing angles in tricky problem solving activities and look forward to developing our understanding of this further. We also enjoyed proving, through exploration and investigation that the internal angles of a triangle equal 180° and in quadrilaterals 360° . We have also used the properties of shapes to determine which shape is being described.

During our geography lessons we have discovered how volcanoes are formed and what causes them to erupt. It was interesting to discuss the impact of volcanic eruptions on the local area as well as the impact on wider geographical areas – we found it really interesting to find how many flights were cancelled in 2010 following the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull in Iceland; we also compared the economic impact on the airline industry in 2010 to that of 2020. Another great week with Christmas coming ever closer.

Year 3 - In maths this week, the children have been using the concrete resources to explore the relationships between the 4 times tables and the 8 times tables for both multiplication and division.

In English, it has been Christmas themed with writing poems about hating sprouts and practising direct speech between Olaf and Sven from Frozen.

In History, the children became crime watch detectives whilst investigating who killed the 52 dead bodies at Maiden Castle. They had to decide who was responsible, why and justify their reasons.

In Science, we have been learning about where soil comes from and what it is made of. We have explored soil samples and created our own designs for soil cocktails (not meant for consumption – worm garnish anyone?!).

Our elves in year 3, Noel and Noelle have been up to all sorts of mischief this past week. One day, they took a #Elfie and decorated our classrooms with the pictures they took!



Year 4 - This week in Year 4 has seen our children visit the library and renew our books for the Christmas holidays. The children have worked so hard this term, it would therefore be great to keep the momentum going with lots of reading over the Christmas break. In English we have been writing the Japanese form of poetry called a Tanka. The children have written some wonderful descriptions like:

*River speeds quickly
Like a cheetah running fast
Villagers can't cross
Luckily stones appear
So the villagers are free. By Harry*



And been inspired from a linked story with:

*Deep dense dark jungle
Hundreds of explorers vanish
Hiding the village
It seems to go forever
Split apart by a river. By Alexander*

We have also had our first practice of the Christmas celebration assembly due to be shared with you 11.30 on Tuesday. Please do join us and sing along to the three carols we have chosen and we hope you enjoy the poems too.

Book for sale



We proudly offer for sale on our website, until 19th December, 'My Teacher is a Werewolf' written by one of our very talented parents. This book will make a perfect Christmas present or stocking filler for any school-aged child and you can purchase it for only £6.99 via our online shop <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

The author has generously offered to donate **£1** from every sale back to the HSPTA to help support our schools! After purchase please allow up to 7 days for your order to be prepared and delivered to you.

Elfridges store now closed

Thank you to everyone who purchased an Elfridges gift via our online store this year. We broke last years' record, with over 900 sold!! It's such an enjoyable event that we all get really excited about taking part in. The children love selecting a gift for their family and



friends and it's wonderful to experience their excitement and joy. In order to follow coronavirus guidelines around quarantining items before selection, and to be able to offer for purchase a variety of options for your children to select from, our store has now closed and we regrettably cannot take any late or last minute orders. The Elfridges store will be visiting the infant school via class bubbles as follows; YR –

Monday 14th December, Y1 – Tuesday 15th December & Y2 – Wednesday 16th December and Elfridges will then visit the [Junior](#) school by year group bubbles on Thursday 17th December.



Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA by purchasing a Christmas tree from us this year, it has been so wonderful to see pictures of all your beautifully decorated trees!

And a massive thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time to help purchase and wrap the Elfridges gifts this year. We were truly amazed at how many people stepped forward to lend a hand and could not have organised this event without your combined effort!

**Thank
You!**