

Headteacher Newsletter 19th January 2024

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Key Dates:				
31st Janiary- Scooter show with Terry Price	7 th February – 9am Hiltingbury Hub parent support meeting			
2 nd February - Year R people who help us dress up day	9 th February - HSPTA Make the Rules day			

Communications this week:					
R&R Half Term Sports Courses					
Bike Marking					

Dear Parents & Carers,

I had a wonderful time with Year 2 at the orchestra yesterday morning. We were introduced to many instruments and enjoyed a fantastic range of music. Some of our artwork was used on the front of the programme - well done to Indiana whose artwork was chosen. The children listened and behaved brilliantly, I was very proud of them representing our school amongst the wider community.

Letter from Damian Hinds, Minister for Schools

We were very proud to receive a letter commending us on our Year 1 phonics screening results last year with 95% of children meeting the expected standard, this is in the top 5% of all primary schools in the country. Please see a copy of the letter attached.

Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

Year R

A shorter than normal week this week but still full of lots of fabulous learning. In Drawing Club this week, we have been learning the story 'The Storm Whale in Winter' with a focus on the new words glimpse, dashed, diligent, apprehensive, clambered and flickering. We have been using these new words throughout the day in different contexts as well as exploring them in the story. The children have carefully drawn the characters and the setting in the story. We have also been learning about the story 'Poles Apart' comparing different environments. In PE this week, the children have continued to use their knowledge of travelling and learning about balancing. In maths, the children have been consolidating their subitising and understanding of the composition of numbers.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have worked hard in Maths this week and have completed number lines that have missing numbers and have used reasoning skills when using the number lines to 20. This week the children have continued to record the changes in the weather and the colder temperatures in their class weather diary. They found out about the temperature that water freezes at. We have learnt more about the season of Winter and the children have enjoyed watching the weather forecast and see different weather patterns.

During the children's gymnastic sessions, they learnt to travel safely on and off different levelled apparatus. They learnt to make different shapes, such as tuck, pike, star, straddle etc on different pieces of equipment. During the sessions with the R & R coaches the children are learning invasion games which require them to learn attacking and defending skills.

Year 2

During the week, Year 2 have learnt about the use of commas and how they can be used to indicate a pause when reading and separate parts of sentences when writing. They have explored how commas can be used to separate items in lists. In maths, the children have continued their subtraction learning and practised solving calculations using concrete resources and numbers lines. As geographers, the children have explored the human and physical features of Jasper in Canada and located this on a map. They have thought about what they might need to take using their knowledge of its position in relation to the equator to support their reasoning. We were so lucky to have been invited to attend the Orchestra this year and were delighted to have been chosen to design the artwork for the programme. It was wonderful to see the creative designs printed and shared among the venue.

Learners of the Week - This week we are incredibly proud of

The Centive Trimes	tille Elephana	Reself Maraya	Georgie Girafie	Loyd Lien	The Mark Spendent Resident
Amaaris Chestnut Daisy Holly	Leo Apple Amelia Holly	Ava Apple Amina Cherry Euzu Beech Jonathan Hazel Molly Chestnut Edward Cedar Devin Spruce	Summer Beech	Zak Cherry Rose Hazel Phoebe Cedar Marcie Spruce	



Keepers Kitchen

I enjoyed celebrating last week children who always remember the school rules, well done to all chosen for Keepers Kitchen!

Year 2 at the Orchestra!







Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards Phillippa Longman

