HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

14 MARCH 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE
VALUE OF THE MONTH – RESOURCEFULNESS
A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear parent/carer,

What an amazing week our pupils had learning all about careers as part of National Careers Week. We want our children to have high aspirations and know whatever they put their mind to it, they can achieve! Thank you to everyone that visited Hill Farm to help pupils understand the different paths that are available to them including Jaguar Landrover (who brought along some rather expensive cars), Coventry Building Society who explained the various roles available in the banking industry and Dolce catering who spoke in detail about roles in hospitality. Special thanks to the dentist, nurse and pilot that also took time out of their day to speak to our children as well as the PCSO's who not only talked about their roles but actually got our children using the speed camera outside school to help slow down traffic.









This week pupils have focussed on science across the school and children have been investigating a range of exciting topics in our Create and Learn Lab. Special thanks to year 11 students from Caludon Castle who came across and worked with our children on predicting and testing a range of theories When our Junior Leadership Team asked pupils what could make our school even better – the resounding answer was lunchtimes. So we invested in the OPAL scheme and pupils report that lunchtimes have been transformed! It has been amazing watching our children work together to create and build using new and recycled equipment on our playgrounds. Their oracy skills and values are evident as they build increasingly complex designs from cars to castles! Please support us by donating any items that you no longer need from the list at the back of the newsletter.





Forest School is in full swing with children from across the school working with Mrs Stewart to learn more about the environment and how we can protect it. Big School, Little School sees our older children teaching our youngest pupils the skills they have learnt using story books to guide their learning.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your positive comments and feedback during parents evening this week. I hope you are pleased with your child's progress and achievement. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's teacher or the office who will arrange a more convenient time.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Attendance Stars of the Week!

A huge **congratulations** to our Star Class weekly attendance winners over the past two weeks:

🏆 3JB – A perfect 100% attendance!

2JD

3MG

2HD

Fantastic effort from all these classes! They've earned their well-deserved extra playtime—a great reward for their dedication to being in school every day. Keep up the amazing work!

Last week, we also handed out an incredible 399 Gold Attendance Stars to students who showed outstanding attendance. That's 399 shining examples of commitment and determination to learning. Let's keep aiming high and see which classes will take the top spot next week! Will your class be next?

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Our Celebration assemblies for Years 1 to 5 are held in the **KS2 Hall** and start **at 9:00am**. Year 6 have a monthly showcase/celebration assembly starting at **2:45pm** on Tuesdays. We would love it if you could join us with your family and friends. If your child is due to be presented with a certificate or an award you will receive an invite to the assembly no later than the Wednesday of that week.

- **Thursday 20th March – 2JD Class Assembly**
- **Friday 21st March – 1LL Class Assembly**
- **Friday 28th March – Y1 – 5 Celebration Assembly**
- **Friday 11th April – Y1 – 5 Celebration Assembly**

TIME TO TALK

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We offer weekly **'Time to Talk'** parent/carer appointments with **Miss Roper (SENCO).** It is an opportunity to talk about any questions or concerns you might have or to discuss progress, additional needs or **SEN support** for your child. Appointments are available every **Wednesday** and can be made via the office.

'Time to Talk' appointments are available at **8:30am or 8:50am**.

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SCHOOL VALUES AWARD – CLASS WINNERS



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3EF - Susanna for showing determination, perseverance and resilience in all lessons. Susanna has blown Miss Fowell away this week with how she supports other children in maths and how she challenges herself to complete the TIF at all times. Susanna listens to feedback carefully and instantly uses this to improve her learning!

3JB - Prabakaran - Navigating the world - Karan has been working really hard during his independent work time in class. Karan is now showing much more focus and resilience towards his work and his handwriting has improved greatly too which is lovely to see! Keep up the brilliant work!

3MG - Godwin for displaying his amazing Hill farm values. Godwin is always showing all values in the classroom and in the playground. I have chosen Godwin this week for his values of resourcefulness as he is always determined to work hard and his curiosity for learning us inspiring!

4AW - Amelia for constantly trying her hardest in every lesson. Amelia's determination and resilience to have a go at her work and try her best to get onto the TIF activity is fantastic. Miss Wilcox has been so impressed with her attitude towards her learning and resilience shown in class. Well done Amelia!

4DJ - Julia for her determination in her maths work. Julia has been showing great resilience to keep trying in a tricky maths topic of fractions. She has been able to respond well to feedback and been making great progress.

5DL - Wilhelmina for being determined in lessons, to focus and always produce her best work.

5MB - Zuzanna for hard work and determination in maths. She has really focussed well which has had a positive impact on her learning this week.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS

Year 1 - Clara for being polite and well-behaved at lunchtime.
Year 2 - Rana for always doing the right things at lunchtime. Always nice and friendly to adults and children.
Year 3 - Daniel for always showing his Hill Farm values, especially altruism and respect for others.
Year 4 - Forrest as he is such a polite kind helpful boy he always likes helping to tidy up on the playground.
Year 5 - Cyprus for always putting a smile on everybody's face and being such a kind young girl.
Year 6 - Dominik for always being such a polite young man during lunchtimes to both staff and peers.

ATHLETICS COMPETITION



This week, some of our Year 5 students had the opportunity to participate in an athletics event at Barrs Hill. Throughout the event, they demonstrated outstanding teamwork, determination and resilience in every event they competed in, always giving their best effort and showcasing our schools' values. Their hard work, sportsmanship and dedication led to an impressive **2nd place finish**. A huge **WELL DONE** to everyone that took part!

SCHOOL ORACY AWARD – CLASS WINNERS



ORACY IS LEARNING TO TALK, LEARNING THROUGH TALK AND LEARNING TO LISTEN

3EF - Abdullah is an expert at listening. He carefully considers other children's answers and uses his talk protocols to agree, challenge, build or dig deeper. His inquisitiveness and enthusiasm for all subjects has led him to make enormous progress. Miss Fowell is so proud of you Abdullah.

3JB - Alfie has blown Miss Bannister away with the use of his cognitive oracy! Across every lesson Alfie is so engaged and eager to share his thoughts and explain his reasoning. This week in history Alfie was the only pupil in class that was able to describe what an empire was and he did so with clarity and beautiful understanding! Well Done!

3MG - Ritik for his linguistic oracy. Ritik has been using ambitious and appropriate vocabulary in his maths lessons. His using his vocabulary to answer questions and to instigate in classroom discussion.

4AW - Krish for his physical oracy. He has made a conscious effort to try and improve his fluency in reading. He varies his pace and pitch when reading and uses his fluency really well. Well done Krish, Miss Wilcox can see how hard you are trying. Keep it up!

4DJ - John for his linguistic oracy skills. Miss Frogley has been so impressed with John's confidence to be putting his hand up in lessons and trying hard in group work with Mrs Masters.

5DL - Gabriel for persevering to make valuable class contributions.

5MB - Roxy for demonstrating excellent oracy skills when working as part of a team, communicating clearly with her peers.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSOS)

Junior PCSOs Take on Speed Watch Patrol!

Our Junior PCSOs have been out in the community once again, learning valuable skills and helping to promote road safety!

Speed Watch Training – The team had a special demonstration on how to use speed watch equipment and learned about the importance of speed limits in keeping our roads safe.

Safety Briefing – Before heading out, they received a full safety briefing, ensuring they understood how to conduct their patrol safely and effectively.

Monitoring Speeds – Equipped with their new knowledge, the Junior PCSOs took to a local street to monitor the speed of oncoming traffic. They gave a **thumbs up** to drivers obeying the speed limit and a **thumbs down** to those going too fast – a great way to raise awareness and encourage safer driving!

Phonetic Alphabet Practice – To build their skills further, they had the chance to practise reciting vehicle registrations using the phonetic alphabet – just like real officers!



A huge well done to our Junior PCSOs for their dedication to road safety. Their efforts are helping to make our community a safer place for everyone!

Stay tuned for more updates on their fantastic work!

NEWSLETTER NATTER



Debate this week's Newsletter Natter at home with your family and friends to put your Oracy skills to the test.

- ***If you could design your dream playground, what kinds of play equipment would you include and why?***

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING (OPAL)

We're thrilled to report that our OPAL initiative has gotten off to a fantastic start this term! The incredible enthusiasm from our pupils has made it a joy to see how they engage with new play opportunities. So far, we've collected some amazing resources that have truly enriched our outdoor playtime, they are especially fond of the tyres and planks.



A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed – your support makes a real difference! We're now on the lookout for loose parts to further enhance our playground. If you have any

- toy cars
- dolls
- pots & pans
- spoons

or similar items lying around, we'd love to give them a new lease of life in our playground!

Your contributions will help spark creativity and imagination in our children's play. Please consider donating any items you can spare, and thank you once again for helping us make playtime even more special! Let's keep this momentum going!

BICYCLES & SCOOTERS



To avoid any possible accidents, please ask your children to dismount their bicycles, scooters or skateboards when on the school playground. Thank you.

DENTAL PARLOUR VISIT TO EARLY YEARS



During Aspiration Week last week, a dentist from the Dental Parlour visited our Nursery and Reception classes to share insights about her role and the importance of oral hygiene. She spoke to the children about how to look after their teeth and why maintaining good oral health is essential.

STAY AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

Throughout March we have been hosting Stay and Learn Workshops for the parents and carers of our Nursery children. Please come and join us to support your child's learning. For three weeks we are completing an activity together to support early reading and writing skills.

Come and have fun on
Wednesdays at 10:30am - 11:30am in the Nursery



On Wednesday 5th March we had fun with Nursery rhymes.



And on Wednesday 12th March we enjoyed the Make Your Mark session.

- Wednesday 19th March – Telling Stories

These are all part of the exciting **50 things to do before you're Five** initiative, which is full of ideas and activities for you to enjoy with your children. This initiative seeks to help every child reach important health, learning, and wellbeing milestones, by providing 50 low or no cost ideas for play to the people who care for them.

TOILET TRAINING



LITTLE COVENTRY COMMUNICATORS

Little Coventry Communicators

As a result of the collaboration between Coventry EY Team and Coventry SALT Service, a number of Early Years Practitioners in nurseries and childcare settings across the city have now completed their 'Little Coventry Communicators' training to become the Communication Champion for their setting. We are thrilled that Miss Webb is our Campion. Well Done Miss Webb!

KEY DATES 2025

Date	Year Group	Event
Wednesday 19th March 2025	Nursery Parents	10:30-11:30 Telling Stories session
Thursday 20th March 2025	Class 2JD Parents	2JD Class Assembly – 9:00 am KS2 Hall
Wednesday 26th March 2025	Reception Parents	9:00-10:00 - A Communication & Language workshop
Thursday 27th March 2025	2JD Parents	9:00-9:30 – Sharing Stories in the Library - Class 2JD
Friday 28th March 2025	Nursery & Reception	9:00-9:30 - Mother's Day Assembly – KS1 Hall
Monday 31st March 2025	Reception	10:00 – 11:00 West Midlands Fire Service Visit
Friday 4th April 2025	Whole School	Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) Assembly and Workshops
Monday 7th - Friday 11th April 2025	Whole School	Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) Week
Monday 7th - Friday 11th April 2025	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Hard Boiled Egg Decorating Competition
Wednesday 9th April 2025	Invited Guests	Rocksteady Concert 9:00am start
Thursday 10th April 2025	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Bunny Hop – Disco 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Friday 11th April 2025	Nursery & Reception	9:00-9:30 - Easter Bonnet Parade – KS1 Hall
Friday 11th April 2025	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 28th April 2025	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Monday 5th May 2025	Whole School	School Closed – Bank Holiday - May day
Tuesday 6th May 2025	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Year 4	Viking Visitor in School
Tuesday 20th May 2025	Years 4, 5 & 6 Parents	RSE Parents Workshop – 9:00am KS2 Hall
Thursday 22nd May 2025	Year 2	Mechanical Art & Design Museum & Butterfly Farm Trip
Friday 23rd May 2025	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 2nd June 2025	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 26th June 2025	Years 1 & 2	Beach Trip
Friday 27th June 2025	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Friday 18th July 2025	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 21st July 2025	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day

LIBRARY CORNER



Last Friday was World Book day and Mrs Nicholds, our librarian, launched a competition for children to decorate a paper plate as their favourite book character! Thank you SO much for all of your fantastic entries - lots of creativity and hard work went into them. The Winners were chosen by our Head Boy Mario and Head Girl Sarah and were as follows:

- Upper KS2 Winner - **Amelia**
- Lower KS2 Winner - **Alfie**
- KS1 Winner - **Lana**
- Reception Winner - **Leah**
- Nursery Winner - **Lucas**
- Runner Up - **Sophia-Maria**
- Runner Up - **Oliver**
- Runner Up - **Ade**
- Runner Up - **Arliyah**
- Runner Up - **Willow**






Congratulations & Well Done to everyone that entered