HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

28 MARCH 2025

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

Dear parent/carer,

Thank you to everyone that came to watch our Mothers and Special Person assembly today. It is always such a lovely time as our youngest children share what makes their people so special. The hall was filled with singing, smiling children and families.

Recently Hill Farm welcomed reviewers from Challenge Partners, a national organisation that work collaboratively to improve educational outcomes and life chances for pupils. During the three day review, pupils attitudes to learning and behaviour was exceptional. The team were rigorous and worked with leaders looking at all aspects of the provision we offer in our school. We were delighted by the report which recognised Hill Farm are leading in all areas and were awarded an area of excellence for pupil personal development in recognition of the values, wellbeing and aspirations opportunities we offer our pupils. A copy of the report is on the HF website alongside previous reports that highlight other strengths and areas of excellence. Home | Challenge Partners

The bake sale and non-uniform day was a great success today as we endeavour to raise funds for a large sandpit for the KS1 playground as part of our commitment to improving lunchtimes with OPAL. You may have noticed so much more equipment is available to pupils which aims to support their creativity and independent play. Please keep donating any items that you feel would be useful and if you need any ideas just check out the list at the back of the newsletter.



British Science Week has encouraged teachers to take on the theme **'Adapt and Change'** with some children exploring different animals and their habitats whilst others experimented with which types of tissue dissolves the best. The focus on science has seen some amazing scientific investigations, including some brilliant demonstrations from Caludon Year 9 girls which has led to Hill Farm's very own STEM club. To top off the week, children were treated to a practical demonstration which allowed them to decide which ball had the highest bounce and whether a distraction affects your reaction time!







Thank you to the families of 2JD who joined our librarian and their children to learn more about story telling and share stories together and a huge thank you to Rafael's and Daria's mum who joined Mrs Nicholds in a dual language story session in the library. With so many different languages spoken in our school it is wonderful to be able to celebrate and share them with our families. If you would like to read a story to our pupils in a different language, then please speak to the librarian or contact the school office.

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:

- 3MG
- 2HD
- 4AW
- 2JD

Shooting Star Shout Outs

Maya S, Sara, S & Ellis S
Ricardo S
Gabriel S-L & Rose S-L

These children have been working hard to achieve their own attendance target! Well-done and keep coming in on time and every day! Last week, we also handed out an **incredible 401 Gold Attendance Stars** to pupils 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?

Our current school attendance for this year is **95%** which is better than it was this time last year. We are delighted in the improvement in attendance levels. It has been amazing to see so many children coming to school every day, ready to learn and take part in all the exciting things that Hill Farm has to offer. A **thank you** to all parents and carers for your support in ensuring your children are on time and attending regularly- it really does make a difference! Let's keep up the amazing effort and aim for even higher attendance in the coming weeks.

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.

- **Friday 11th April – Y1 – 5 Celebration Assembly**

TIME TO TALK

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**.

Values-based Education VbE Quality Mark
Ofsted GRADED GOOD
Oracy Centre of Excellence voice21 2024
Young Carers in Schools Award 2018
MUSIC MARK SCHOOL MEMBER
Arts Council England Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England
Coventry Silver Award NHS
We are a Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc school 2024
Little Coventry Communicators

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD – CLASS WINNERS



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1BM - Cairo for his determination in phonics and the reading assessments. Cairo has worked hard on red tricky words to recognise them in his stories.

1LL - Lachlan for showing the value of resilience during recent changes that he has gone through at home. He has not let these changes bother him and these changes have had a huge positive impact on his attitude to learning.

2HD - Salsbeel is a kind and caring child who always shows altruism around the school. She always approaches work with a smile on her face and strives to always try her best. However, Salsbeel has won the award this week for her determination when approaching her maths quizzes. She has shown great resilience and is a role model to all her peers.

2JD - AJ has really shown the C in our CODE for success with his level of challenge especially in maths. He has been accessing some tricky investigations and showing a real resilience with these using his understanding to take his learning even further.

3EF - Rahela is a role model at all times and consistently shows her values of kindness, patience and determination in every lesson. Her independence has developed over the last few weeks and Rahela will attempt any lesson on her own. Miss Fowell has been particularly impressed with her resilience in maths this week.

3JB - Camilla for showing determination and resilience to improve her letter formation and handwriting. Her writing has transformed since September!

3MG - Isoda for her value of Altruism, despite being brand new to Hill Farm she is always showing her kindness, love and generosity to others. Her happiness fills the classroom and is amazing to be around. Keep it up Isoda!

4AW - Adam for having a fantastic attitude to our learning in maths at the moment, his determination and enthusiasm to our topic of decimals is amazing. Adam has been working so hard to challenge himself. Keep up the great work Adam.

4DJ - Tomasz has been determined to complete any additional work he has missed. Tomasz has been resilient to try hard across Maths and English and quickly picks up new topics.

5DL - Ahmed for being a focused, resilient and hardworking member of the class. Despite being relatively new to the English language, he is determined to participate fully in all lessons and work to the best of his ability.

5MB - Dalishan for amazing progress in his learning. He has showed determination, challenging himself to tackle tricky tasks independently.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS



Year 1 - Ricardo always volunteers to hold the door and is well behaved in the canteen.
Year 2 - Rithwika for always being kind helpful towards others always showing beautiful manners.
Year 3 - Chloe for always showing her values and being kind to others on the playground.
Year 4 - Bilal is a polite boy who always plays nicely on the playground by himself or with his friends.
Year 5 - Cohen for being so well behaved in the lunch hall the past few weeks and for always listening well.
Year 6 - Ylan-Wright for his improved behaviour whilst in the canteen.

SCHOOL ORACY AWARD – CLASS WINNERS



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

1BM - Emily for her physical oracy when performing her poetry. Emily projects her voice to the class beautifully.

1LL - Aisha for using her physical oracy skills in our class assembly last week when she played the part of Florence Nightingale. She projected her voice loudly for everyone to hear.

2HD - Jaheethan for using his physical and linguistic oracy when presenting a script in his literacy and language lessons. Jaheethan has grown in confidence when projecting his voice in class. On top of this, Jaheethan has started showing confidence when discussing problem solving and reasoning questions in maths and has been able to explain the reasons he might agree and disagree. Well done Jaheethan!

2JD - Leila for consistently using her talk protocols to interact with her classmates. She has recently started to dig deeper with her questioning and shows confidence when instigating conversations. She always uses her sentences stems to help clarify her thinking and expand on others' ideas.

3EF - Riley is a Values and Oracy superstar at all times! He uses the listening ladder in every lesson and is starting to dig deeper to challenge and build on other children's ideas, particularly in our maths learning on capacity.

3JB - Daniel for challenging himself to speak in full sentences at all times and ensure his writing makes sense. He has been working hard on using his oracy skills to check and edit his writing which is a really important skill!

3MG - Diya for showing her listening skills, Diya is a fantastic student and is always working really hard. She has been chosen because she is constantly showing Miss Griffin she is listening by using all the steps on the listening ladder, by reacting to the speaker, showing 100% focus and digging deeper in class discussions. You are a superstar Diya!

4AW - David for really trying hard with his Oracy skills. He has been trying to use our sentence starters and using his protocols in lessons. Miss Wilcox can always see him trying hard to think about his responses to questions and engages well during partner talk. Well done David.

4DJ - Azmina has really impressed Miss Frogley these last few weeks using her social and emotional oracy skills. Azmina has been so tolerant towards all partners she has been working with and has been able to lead conversation also allowing her partner to answer and provide sentence stems to do so.

5DL - Eva for using her oracy skills to participate in partner and group conversations. Eva makes valuable contributions without dominating the discussion, encouraging others to join in by listening to their shared ideas.

5MB - Elijah oracy: Linguistic. For making good vocabulary choices when explaining his thinking.

DID YOU KNOW.....



Year 6 pupils who attended school nearly every day were **1.8 times more** likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to persistently absent pupils who only attend 85-90% of the time (relating to 4 -6 weeks more time in school).

Please check Arbor for your child's attendance percentage.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSOS)

PCSO Crime Scene Week

Hill Farm was the scene of a crime last week, and it was down to our PCSO's to solve the mystery.

This involved searching the suspects and taking them into custody while Scene of Crime officers searched for clues and bagged up evidence so they could build a case against the suspects.

All the PCSO's enjoyed seeing their own fingerprints as part of the process.

To follow the crime to its conclusion, the children played Judge and Jury.



The criminals were sentenced to a month without sweets!

PCSO Graduation



Congratulations to our PCSO's who graduated this week.

What an incredible experience they've had. Over the last few weeks they've recreated a crime scene and then experienced a full Courtroom drama.

We are so proud of them and we look forward to seeing them in action.





SCHOOLGRID MENU CHOICES



We've noticed a lot of food being wasted lately because the children aren't choosing meals they enjoy. Could you please sit down with your child to help pick their lunches? This may help reduce waste and ensure they're excited about their meals. Thank you for your support!

NEWSLETTER NATTER



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

- ***How do you think we can make sure everyone feels included and respected?***

YOUNG CARERS AWARENESS DAY

For Young Carers Awareness Day, we supported Coventry Young Carers Services by walking a mile each, totalling 12 miles from our group. We managed to raise **£72.70!** This will go to the organisation to support Young Carers in the area.

Also, to celebrate our Young Carers, we played a game and had lots of giggling time. Mrs Pinks thinks we all appreciated **'Taking a Break'**.



A young carer is someone 18 years old or under who helps look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol issues. This could be a parent or a sibling. If you think your child is a Young Carer please contact Mrs Pinks.

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!

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! Let's keep this momentum going!

KEY DATES 2025

Date	Year Group	Event
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
Friday 4th April 2025	Whole School	Fundraising Cake Sale
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 KS2 Hall
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 19th June 2025	Nursery & Reception	Twycross Zoo Trip
Thursday 26th June 2025	Years 1 & 2	Beach Trip
Friday 27th June 2025	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Invited Guests	Rocksteady Concert – 9:00am KS2 Hall
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



The Library Loyalty Card scheme is going really well and the Library is very busy. The scheme does not have an end date, so there are plenty of wristbands and other loyalty prizes to collect when you visit the Library. Thank you for your patience waiting in line to be served.

The following students have visited over 10 times and received their 'Hill Farm Star Reader' wristband -

- Alissa 1BM
- Arliyah Foxes
- Daria 4AW
- Darin 3MG
- Diya 5DL
- Elis Foxes
- Fariya 2JD
- Jadin 3EF
- Jesna 3MG
- Lawa 3MG
- Lia Hedgehogs
- Priyanka 1BM
- Rafael 1LL
- Rahim Foxes
- Rayan 2HD
- Roshmy 5DL



The following children have received the second award; a bookmark, for 20 visits to the Library -

- Alisia 2HD
- Arash 2JD
- Ayesha 2JD
- Aymen 4AW
- Deimen Rabbits
- Elitsa 2JD
- Jevin 3MG
- Olivia 4AW

Congratulations to them all! The Library is open until **4:00pm every school day**. Come and join us. Keep Reading Alive in 2025!

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Find out more about raising happy, secure, and well-behaved children

Join our free, friendly and supportive course – 'Positive Family Foundations'

This course is for
All Coventry parents and carers with children aged 0-10

What we do
- share information about child development and parenting styles
- give out practical resources and activities
- provide a welcoming and inclusive group
- have a drink and a snack



'It was great to listen to other parents. There were lots of ideas on the course - I found the section on Emotion Coaching really helped at home.'

Where it is
Coffee Tots @The Wave Waterpark,
New Union St, Coventry CV1 2PS

When it is
12.30pm to 2.30pm each Wednesday from 08/05/25

How to join
'Search for Courses' then 'Family Learning' at https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted
(the course code is FL24568)

For more information email
aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk

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Where it is
Adult Education Centre, Telfer Road, Radford,
Coventry, CV6 3DR

When it is
6.00pm to 8.00pm every Tuesday from 06/05/25

How to join
Scan the QR code to enrol or 'Search for Courses' then 'Family Learning' at
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POSITIVE FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

West Midlands Police will be delivering **FREE ONLINE SAFETY** workshops for parents and carers living in Coventry, on **Thursday April 3rd 2025**

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

A number of different topics will be explored, including:

- *Apps and appropriate ages*
- *Safety settings*
- *Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism*
- *Gaming*
- *Introducing house rules*
- *How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim*

To view dates and times and to book a place, please click here or scan the QR code above

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