HILL FARM NEWS

CURRICULUM CHARACTER COMMUNITY

9 MAY 2025

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

Dear parent/carer,

A warm welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and the sunshine! It has been a busy start to the term with Ofsted visiting Hill Farm last week. Thank you to all of the parents who took time to fill in the questionnaire and speak to the inspector for your positive comments and an extra special well done to all our pupils who exemplified our values, oracy and aspirations so well. I look forward to sharing the report with you in the coming weeks.

Our pupils have been out and about as part of our Hill Farm Promise with year 4 pupils having a great experience at Ansty Golf Club learning more about the skills and equipment needed to play golf. Out year 6 pupils have been planting and growing vegetables in the polytunnel so that they can sell them at Coventry Market as part of the Young Marketeers partnership whilst our reception pupils have been visiting Coventry Cathedral and the Herbert Art Gallery to see Dippy!





Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of items our pupils can use at lunchtimes. OPAL play is providing wonderful opportunities for our children to be creative at lunchtimes and also promoting collaboration and oracy skills. Thanks to the money raised before Easter through our sponsored events, the huge sandpit has been ordered and will be installed soon, as well as storage sheds and welly racks! We always need more equipment so if you have anything you think our children would use, please drop it off at the school office. There is a list of items on the back of the newsletter to give you an idea of what we need.

Finally, good luck to our year 6 pupils who have worked so hard in preparation for their SATs next week. We know how much effort and dedication to their learning they show every day and are incredibly proud of their positive attitudes and kindness to each other.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



BOUNCY CASTLE CHALLENGE!

We're delighted to share that our daily attendance has been over **97% this week**—what a fantastic achievement! Thank you for your continued support in getting children into school every day.

A quick reminder about our **Bouncy Castle Attendance Incentive** happening on the last day of term:

All children who achieve **99% attendance or higher** this half-term will be invited to enjoy a bounce as a reward for their excellent attendance!

Let's keep up the great effort.

As we approach the summer months, we would like to kindly remind you that taking holidays or extended leave during term time is not permitted unless authorised in exceptional circumstances. Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning, progress, and well-being.

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 16th May - 1BM Class Assembly**
- **Thursday 22nd May - 5MB Class Assembly**
- **Friday 23rd May - Y1-Y5 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 - Jazmine for her amazing progress in phonics. Mrs Quibell is so proud of how hard she has been working. Amazing job Jazmine.

1LL - Darius for settling into Hill Farm. Darius had never been to school before, so all the routines were very new for Darius, but he has picked up our school values well.

2HD - Tudor for showing determination and resilience to improve his handwriting. Also, Tudor has been working hard in maths and has been challenging himself in his work.

2JD - Fariya is such a kind and calm member of 2JD and this week she has really showed the value of kindness (altruism) by her friendly disposition and offering to help her friends when they are struggling. Well done!

3EF - Elisha for showing determination, perseverance, and resilience at all times. This week, Elisha has been challenging herself to complete investigations in maths linked to our unit on change.

3JB - Arpit for showing resilience in maths. We have been working on money and problems involving change and Arpit asks questions to try and complete these independently which is great. She shows determination to take her learning further at all times.

3MG - Tara for always showing her Hill Farm values and being a role model to others in 3MG and all of year 3. Miss Griffin is extremely proud of Tara and her resilience particularly in Maths as we have been finding fractions of an amount which involves following steps to find the answer. You are a superstar, Tara!

4AW - Daria for being such a kind and caring member of 4AW. Daria always shows altruism in class and throughout school and she was showing determination during our golf trip last week. Well done on being an amazing member of 4AW. Keep it up!

4DJ - Kevin has shown great determination and ownership of his learning over the past few weeks. He has been taking ownership of his work and been working independently to get his work completed to a high standard, showing Miss Frogley he has listened well throughout our class discussions.

5DL - Angel for her excellent use of teamwork within the classroom and in PE this week! She continues to be dedicated to her school work and her results are excellent.

5MB - Jack for great work in maths, measuring and calculating angles. He has worked independently to complete tasks.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS



Year 1 - Sumiv for always showing good behaviour during lunch time.
Year 2 - Kevin for his lovely manners being helpful always being friendly towards others.
Year 3 - Jadin for his exceptional manners and kindness on the playground and in the canteen at lunchtime.
Year 4 - Elijah is a polite, respectful and kind member of year 4 well done.
Year 5 - Ava for always being helpful and polite.
Year 6 - Coby for always being a respectful member of year 6 and always using his manners at lunchtime.

SCHOOL ORACY AWARD – CLASS WINNERS



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

1BM - Eugenia for her physical oracy and improving her confidence speaking in front of adults.

1LL - Lily for using her physical oracy skills within her phonics lessons when identifying special friends within words.

2HD - Alisia for using her physical and linguistic oracy when reading our new story in her literacy and language lessons. She has grown in confidence when projecting her voice in class and has been reading exceptionally well with expression. Well done Alisia!

2JD - Maya has been working extremely hard in using her talk protocols. This week she has got the award for her physical strand as she has been working on using her projection and storyteller voice. This has really helped her within English where we have been exploring exclamation marks and how this affects how voice when we see it in a sentence.

3EF - Ivan for showing confidence to use his voice and thinking carefully about his projection. We are so proud of you for using your physical oracy to show whether you would like to instigate, agree or disagree.

3JB - Alfie listens carefully in each lesson using his listening ladder and shows respect at all times. As a result, Alfie is confident with working independently and can use classroom resources to take his learning further. Well done!

3MG - Ayshni for demonstrating fantastic social and emotional Oracy. Ayshni's confidence to instigate in class discussions and within groupings has grown massively. She works so well with others and always contributing to the discussions especially during partner talk. Well done, Ayshni! Keep it up.

4AW - Lava for her social and emotional Oracy. She works extremely well in groups during our investigation in maths. She is always using her Oracy skills with others and works well in groups.

4DJ - Edward has been an absolute superstar! He has been showing his social and emotional oracy skills within lessons, on the playground and even outside of school on our golf festival. Edward was a credit to 4DJ encouraging everyone and being so polite to the coaches.

5DL - Nihad for showing respectful listening skills, ensuring that he focuses on the speaker and uses his eye contact. This allows him to understand what is being taught and produce excellent work.

5MB - Madina for developing excellent listening skills so that she can answer questions carefully.

DID YOU KNOW.....



Swimming and water safety are mandatory components of the National Curriculum in England for primary schools.
Schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key Stage 1 (ages 5-7) or Key Stage 2 (ages 7-11).
The goal is to ensure all children can swim competently and confidently over at least 25 metres and understand water safety principles.
Our children have swimming lessons in Year 3.

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 have any superpower for a day, what would it be and how would you use it to have fun?***

DOLCE CENSUS DAY MENU

On **Thursday 15th May,** Dolce are having an **"Endangered Species"** themed Lunch. If you would like to order this meal for your child please log on to your SchoolGrid account. If you do not have an account, please contact the school office for help.



DOJO BRONZE AWARD WINNERS



The winners of our **Bronze (250+) Dojo** Awards this week and last are:

1BM - Jazmine, Bosley

1LL - Ethan, Kevin, Aisha, Noah

2JD - Ahmed, Aysha, Ayesha, Asa, Olivia, Rithwika, Mariama, Elitsa, Kayla, Nancy

EXCITING UPDATES FROM (OPAL)

Our children have been thriving in our OPAL programme, wholeheartedly embracing play-based learning! They've been constructing impressive forts, conjuring imaginative realms from everyday items, and embarking on fantastical adventures, like building "flying" cars and vanquishing dragons.
Beyond the fun and games, these activities are fostering creativity, sharpening problem-solving skills, and even teaching some basic survival techniques.
To further fuel their imaginative play, we are seeking donations of

- dressing-up clothes, and
- kitchenware like pots, pans, and wooden spoons

Thank you for your continued support!



SATS POEM FOR YEAR 6



We know you are amazing
And that you'll try your best,
Although it seems important,
Know that it's just a test!
It doesn't measure anything
That tells us who you are,
Like humour, love and friendship,
Or that you are a star!
So, have a go, do what you can,
See what you can do.
Know that no matter the results,
We're always proud of you!

KEY DATES 2025

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 12th May – 15th May 2025	Year 6	SATS
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Year 4	Viking Visitor in School
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Year 1	Animal Encounter 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	Prize Winners Only	Bouncy Castle – Attendance Incentive Prize
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 5th June 2025	New to Reception Parents	Open Evening at 5pm – KS1 Hall
Thursday 19th June 2025	Nursery & Reception	Twycross Zoo Trip
Wednesday 25th June 2025	New to Nursery Parents	Open Evening at 3:45pm - Nursery
Thursday 26th June 2025	Years 1 & 2	Beach Trip
Friday 27th June 2025	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Whole School	Transition Day
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Year 3	Roman Visitor in School
Friday 4th July 2025	Whole School	Summer Fair from 2pm
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Year 6 Parents	Year 6 End of Year Show – 2pm – 3pm
Thursday 10th July 2025	Year 6 Parents	Year 6 End of Year Show – 5pm – 6pm
Monday 14th – 16th July 2025	Year 6	Woodlands Adventure - Residential Trip
Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6	PROM – 6:30pm until 8:00pm
Friday 18th July 2025	Year 6 Parents	Leavers Assembly – 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



Thank you for continuing to visit the Library. Most evenings are very busy, but you are welcome to stay until 4pm. There is usually a Library activity to participate in, or colouring in, or wordsearches to do. Outside the Library, in the Lounge area, we have a stock of old magazines & a Book Swap Shelf for adults.

This week we have chosen our Reading Ambassadors - these students will help to promote their love of reading around the school. Reading is for everyone!



The Reading Ambassadors are: -

Year 1 - Alissa & Arthur
Year 2 - Ayesha & Jaheethan
Year 3 - Tracey & Yazhini
Year 4 - Azmina & Benjamin
Year 5 - Kaja & Rigesh
Year 6 - Aamina & Dominik

Congratulations to all!

