



# Newsletter

May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of this half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress and achievements of our students. It's been a busy and productive few weeks, and we are proud of how our children have embraced learning and growth.

This half-term we have embarked on a number of school trips already, with Year 4 heading out to Skreens Park for their overnight adventure residential, Year 1 to Shepreth Wildlife Park and Year 3 to Celtic Harmony.

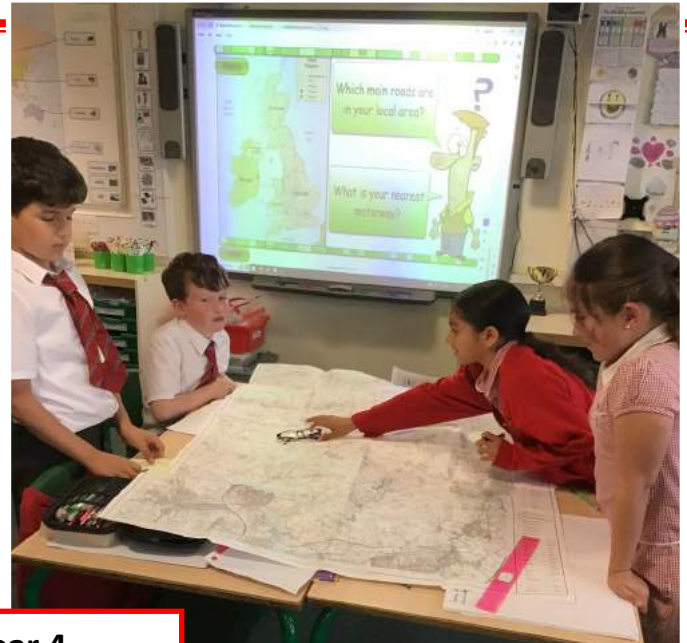
As we move into the next half of the term, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We will continue to focus on creating a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can thrive. Your involvement and encouragement play a crucial role in this journey and we appreciate all the time and effort you invest in supporting your child's education.

We hope that you have an opportunity to rest and recharge with your family over half term and look forward to seeing you all again on 3rd June.

Best wishes

Mrs Shenston  
Headteacher





### Year 4 Pedestrian Skills Workshop



Buttercup Class took part in a Pedestrian Skills workshop run by Herts County Council's Active and Safer Travel Team, learning about the importance of being seen and practising safe road crossing techniques.

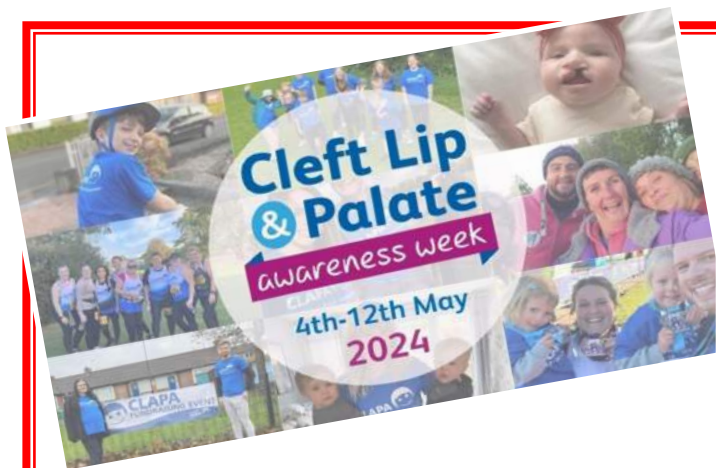




Daisy Class visited Celtic Harmony Camp for a Warrior Day where they were trained to be part of Boudicca's army. They were taught archery and looked at Celtic weaponry and formations. They crafted their own Warrior headbands from reeds and decorated each other with war paint, ending the day listening to a story told in an authentic roundhouse.

**Year 3 visit to Celtic Harmony**





Amelia and her friends (above) led a hugely successful Wear It Blue day to raise funds for the Cleft Lip and Palate Association. As a "red" school it was amazing to see the sea of blue in school on this day. Amelia and her family are very grateful for your support. Together we raised almost £400 towards Amelia's total, which at the time of writing was close to £1000!



**Year 4 residential to  
Skeens Park**



Buttercup Class spent their first night away together at Skeens Park enjoying an evening campfire and tackling a wheelchair course, low ropes, crate stacking and archery.



## Snowdrop stories

Snowdrop Class have been reading *The Gingerbread Man* and discussed the different ways that he could get across the river.

They all made bridges and did an experiment to see what would happen if he got wet!



## Year 6 National Testing Week

We are very proud of our Year 6 Lilac Class, who had a busy week last week sitting their SATs papers. They started each day with a tasty breakfast and ended the week with a day at the park.





**Year 6 Crucial Crew**



Lilac Class joined other local Year 6 pupils to take part in a workshop run by Hertfordshire Crucial Crew and supported by the emergency services. The programme teaches the children about personal and general safety, covering a variety of topics including first aid, rail and water safety and peer pressure.





**Year 1  
visit to  
Shepreth  
Wildlife  
Park**





## PTA Hop, Skip and Jump!

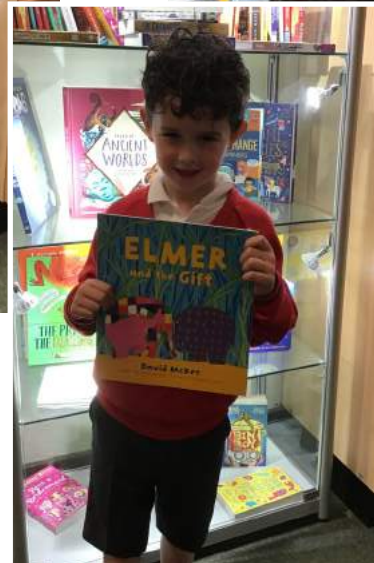


The weather was kind to us as the classes took turns to build up their laps around the field and playground raising funds for the PTA.





## Readers of the Week



Congratulations to our Readers of the Week, William, Alicja, Aydin, Eva, Jamie, Ruben, Damon, Faye, Symi and Theo.



## Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mr Adrian Petty to Hillmead as our new Site Manager. Adrian will join us after half term.



Thank you so much for your support of our Happy Bags scheme. We raised an amazing £143.55! Look out for further collection dates shortly!