

Newsletter 4 Friday 4th October, 2024

One highlight of my week was **Wednesday's Running Club**. Our athletes are building up their speed and stamina in preparation for the first race of the season on 18th October at Great Trethew. Thank you to Mrs Gale and Miss Harris for organising this great club.

I had the opportunity at the start of the week to attend STERTS Theatre and watch a performance of **Grandma on the Moon**, which explores the experience of bereavement from a child's perspective. I was so impressed by the manner in which the actors engaged with the children about the topic.

Please look out for booking information for the first **Parents' Evening** of this academic year. They are taking place on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November. Booking will be via Arbor so keep an eye out for further details on this.

Our promotional tour video, featuring our Head Girl and Head Boy is in production, so look out for that. We had a beautiful day to film this awesome school, and my two colleagues were simply superb at 'marketing' it.





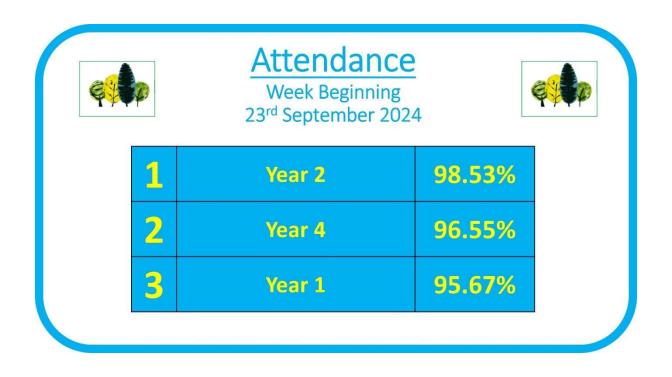




Drop Off and Pick Up Reminder

During the school day, the team here at Hillfort work super hard to build those strong routines and have high expectations of the children's behaviour. Please remember that your children are your responsibility in the playground before and after school this includes ensuring your children and siblings do not use the play equipment before or after school.

Have a brilliant weekend. Mr Campbell











Early Years Corner

We have had such a fantastic week at school! We have been learning to blend sounds to read words in phonics, playing lots of Fred games and having fun in our learning. We will be sending some Fred games home via Seesaw for you to enjoy with your children!

<u>PE day</u>

Wednesday will be our new PE day. Children can come into school in their PE kits and will remain in them all day. We would like all children to be in the correct PE uniform by November 20th, any problems please don't hesitate to speak to one of the Early Years team!









Year 1

In Year 1 we have been learning about partitioning. This is a fancy word for sharing.

See if your Year 1 can tell you what partitioning means!

We have also been designing pictures and writing get well wishes for our lovely Mrs Hofman. We are finishing these off and will send them out to her next week.

We are sure these will make Mrs Hofman feel very happy!

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we painted our own fingerprint tree pictures in PSHE to continue our learning about being unique. In Geography we have been learning about the seven continents. This week we learnt about Europe. Ask your child if they can remember the continent song.







Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been busy developing their working scientific skills. The children have been observing different types of rock and completing a detailed sketch with scientific vocabulary labels to go along side it. We have been thinking about the journey which some rocks have been on, considering they may have been formed over thousands of years.





In PE we have been practicing our ball skills whilst competing in a series of mini games.

Whilst in Writing we have almost completed our first text which is a set of instructions on how to capture a mythical creature.

Year 4

This week, we have started a new unit in music, learning all about ABBA and some of their most famous songs. The children began learning 'Mamma Mia' and it was great to see lots of them really enjoying flexing their vocal muscles! Look out on Seesaw in the coming weeks for a sneaky snippet...

In Maths, we have continued to learn our times tables with a focus on the 7s this week. Children are gaining more confidence as the week's progress and it's great to hear that many are regularly practising at home as this is going to be vital for their maths learning.

Keep up the good work, Year 4!







Year 5

Year 5 are currently continuing to focus on the learning of times tables linked to the related division facts. It would be greatly appreciated if you could support your child in this area. Every week, the children take home a times tables sheet to complete which helps with this. Our aim is for Year 5 to know the times tables up to 12 x 12 by Christmas. Meanwhile, 5PP had their first swimming lesson this week and made really good progress – well done to you all!

Year 6

Year 6 have been working in Maths multiplying money. A very useful skill for life!

In Literacy we have been working on writing a non-chronological report and looking at making in interesting introduction.

For P.E we have been working with the fantastic Exeter Chiefs practising our Rugby Skills.







Dates for your Diaries

Saturday 12 th October	Open morning for September 2025
	admissions 10 -12noon
Monday 21 st October	Whole school flu vaccinations
Thursday 24 th October	School Disco (more information to follow)
	st November Half Term Inset Day (School Closed for children)
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 1 Hearing screening
Wednesday 6 th November	Whole school individual photographs and siblings
Wednesday 6 th and Thursday 7 th November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Monday 11 th November	Open Evening for September 2025 admissions 4 - 5pm
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd	¹ January 2025 – Christmas Holidays



