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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St Patrick's Day!

It has been British Science Week and we have quite literally celebrated it with a bang, fizz, bloop, whizz and every other sound you can imagine resulting from a scientific investigation and experiment. All week the children have been developing their scientific enquiry skills and we have all had so much fun.

Thank you so much to Professor Fallon who set all this up. She is now officially our favourite Professor EVER!!



## Reception

We have been doing so much linked to our topic of journeys this week. We learned how to make a tally chart when we did our traffic survey from the park and compared our results. We've been drawing, labelling and writing about vehicles to school and investigated forces using ramps and vehicles. We thoroughly enjoyed all our science investigations this week.

## Year 1

We have loved making predictions about all the investigations we planned this week. Some of the flowers changed colour when we put them in dyed water and when we mixed Mento mints with coke - WOW! That was a messy and sticky one! In maths we've been learning subtraction facts to 10 and 20 and the odd and even number song.



## Year 2

Our experiments during Science Week included investigating whether custard is a liquid or a solid and understanding how the liquid turns to solid when force is applied! We



investigated bubble mixture with Professor Fallon and learned about camouflage by pretending to be birds! In English we have been looking at descriptive settings, we even created artwork using only a descriptive setting as inspiration. In Maths we have been exploring shape. We've been describing 2D and 3D shapes and sorting them using Venn diagrams.

### Year 3

We've completed lots of different investigations this week including the worm camouflage experiment where we found it difficult to locate and pick up the brown worms because they have adapted to their environment.

We also learned how rocks change to become soil. We went out to the mud

mound to collect some soil samples and looked at them in detail with our magnifying glasses. We discovered stones, twigs, creepy-crawlies and water in the soil. Our 'Flower to Dye For' investigation is yet to show any results. We'll keep observing over the next week.



### Parent Class Reps

Many thanks to all the Parent Class Reps for attending and contributing to our meeting this week. We will be sending on minutes including dates of our Sports Day over the next few days.

### Uniform Working Party

Many thanks to all of you who have volunteered to be part of our Uniform Working Party. Our first meeting will be next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am. Please do pass on any of your suggestions to Esme Tiplady (Reception and Y2), Joyce Winter (Y3) or Jenny Salisbury (Reception and Y2) before the meeting.

### Red Nose Day

It's Comic Relief and Red Nose Day next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. We will be marking and celebrating it by wearing Red Noses that continue to be on sale at the school office and are happy for the children to wear something 'red' on the day. Please send any contributions (suggested donation £1) to the school office or into school with your child.

### Tree Planting

The children in 1VH helped to plant two new Oak trees outside the school today. The PTFA very kindly funded these to replace the Ash tree that was removed to make way for the new tarmac area.



### PTFA Bingo/Disco - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Last year's Bingo Night was SO much fun! I'm going again and so is my 16 year old daughter who enjoyed it so much last year that she is passing up the opportunity to go to a 'gathering' to join us!

### Spotlight falls this week on...

**Reception** - George (RAO) for Level 1 Swimming.

**Year 1** - Amelia and Audrey (1CPF) and Sofia (1VH) for Level 5 Gymnastics, Annabel (1CPF) for Swimming 30 metres and Baylen for being invested in Beavers.

**Year 2** - Isla for earning her Culture Badge at Brownies, Kacper for Level 3 Swimming and also starting computer coding.

**Year 3** - Jack, Rishona and Vaala for having a piece of creating writing published in a Young Writers' Anthology and Lucy for Level 7 Gymnastics.

**Congratulations to you all!**

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

**Reception** - Elspeth and Kit (RSR) and Alex and Zayn (RAO)

**Year 1** - Finn and Myka (1CPF) and Jessica and Lucy (1VH)

**Year 2** - Nathan (2AM) and Alyssia and Isla (2HK)

**Year 3** - GeWei and Vaala (3SW)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March                                 | Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)                     |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March                                 | Heights, Weights and Hearing Checks (Reception) |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April                                | Winchester Science Centre Trip (Year 1)         |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April                                  | Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)                |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April | Easter Holidays                                 |
| Start of Term 5   | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April                   |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                                    | May Day - School Closed                         |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May      | SATS Week                                       |



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### PTFA NEWS

#### Bingo & Boogie Night

25 March, Hemdean House

£8 / ticket (incl a drink)

Time: 7.30-11.30pm (bingo starts at 8pm)

Never been to a Bingo Boogie Night - well here's your chance. Don't know how Bingo and a Boogie go together - well here's your chance to find out!!

Last year the Bingo Boogie night was one of the most fun events of the year. So book your tickets online now or put the money - (cash or cheque) in the PTFA post box (please clearly label with your name, child's name & class plus event).

You can even add to the playlist by making your requests on Facebook / BB Night Event Page.

Tickets are available online here: <https://theheightsprimary.vapsody.com>

#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Cake Sale

31st March, After School

Year 1 hosting

This terms cake sale will be after school on Friday 31st March. If you can help on the day or bake please get in touch with Sally (Vaala's Mum, Year 3), email: [szkochak@gmail.com](mailto:szkochak@gmail.com)

Summer Fayre

Planning Meeting, 5th April,

Alto Lounge, Caversham

Organisers wanted for all elements of the Heights Summer Fayre 2017.

Get involved, find out what roles need to be filled and share your ideas. Whether you'd like to coordinate this event, or just a small part of it, we would love to hear from you!

#### Mini Mile

21 May, Green Park, Reading

Join your children for the Green Park Mini Mile & raise money for our school

Sign up here : <http://www.royalberks10k.com/enter-2/>

Sponsorship link here: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/suehepwood1>

#### Family First Aid

Two Family First Aid Courses have taken place this week and the feedback was excellent. As well as equipping participants with potentially life-saving skills they raised £210 for our school. We owe Miss Dawes a huge thank you for organising the courses.