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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy and exciting week, making the most of the gorgeous autumnal weather. Thank you all so much for your incredible, enthusiastic support of our 'We Walk Wednesday' focus. We barely had the space for all the bikes and scooters - but what a lovely problem to be faced with. It was fabulous to hear the children talk about their journeys to school and what they saw and experienced.



Reception

In Reception this week our focus has been Autumn. We really enjoyed our Autumn walk talking about signs of Autumn and seasonal changes and loved seeing and spotting these. We had so much fun creating and making clay hedgehogs, autumn trees and pictures on Wednesday. We have learned so much in Phonics and Maths sessions already and have really impressed Mrs Rizvi and Miss Dawes with our progress.

Year 1

We have been continuing to build up our knowledge of The Great Fire of London and discussed differences between firefighters from 1666 and modern day. We couldn't believe it when we had a whole school Fire Drill straight after our discussion! We're really enjoying reading and writing poetry with an autumn theme using all our senses to help make it more interesting. In Computing we've been learning to use a new program 'Bubble Maths' and have worked hard to measure and weigh different objects.

Year 2

We welcomed the 'Punctuation Police' in Year 2 this week. They've been looking for 'criminal offences' with capital letters and full stops. We've been solving problems involving length and quantity in Maths and looking at different habitats from around the world and how animals have adapted to survive in these.

Year 3

This week we have really enjoyed exploring poetry. We've listened to all sorts of poems and become poetry detectives. We've learned about what Ancient Egyptians wore and have designed our own Ancient Egyptian Jewellery and Headdresses.



Year 4

We have started to read The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. This has inspired us to create our own imaginary and unusual place and write a description of it. In Maths we've been using our knowledge of place value, number bonds and cumulative law to estimate and solve these problems and some of us have started to explore decimal numbers. We've been developing our knowledge of life in Guatemala and composed an amazing rainforest inspired piece of music as a whole class! Mrs Edwards loved it!

Muddy Mayhem

Congratulations to all the children and parents who took part in the Muddy Mayhem last Sunday. It looked so much fun and there was definitely more mud than last year.





Cross Country

Congratulations also to Jack, Sam, Lily, YingGe and GeWei who ran in the first Cross Country competition of this year's Winter Series. They all ran really well and supported each other brilliantly. It was great to see them in our new Cross Country vests. We're really hoping we can field bigger teams across all classes from Years 1-4 in the next competition on 4th November. I'll be running some practices during lunchtimes leading up to the next event.

Pupil Photos

Individual pupil photos (and siblings) will be taken on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings next week.

Watch Us Learn

We hope you'll be able to join us for the Watch Us Learn sessions in our classes from Years 1-4 on Monday 16th October between 2.30 and 3.10pm.

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming Bhavishya and her family to Year 4. The family have joined us from West Sussex.

Wear it Pink

We are joining much of the nation supporting 'Wear it Pink', the charity that supports Breast Cancer. Children are welcome to wear something pink (top/jumper/socks/accessory) along with the usual school uniform bottom trousers/skirt. Suggested donation £1.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception -Ada and Noah (RED), Dominic and Harry (RSR)
 Year 1 -Imogen and Jake (1AP), Angie and Hanga (1VH)
 Year 2 - Myka and Dominic (2HK), Sara and Lucy (2SB)
 Year 3 -Umar and Jenna (3AM), Ffion and Sam (3SW)
 Year 4 -Anna and Zak (4CT)

Spotlight

Year 1 - Well done to Amelia (1AP) who climbed 311 steps to the top of The Monument in London which was built to commemorate The Great Fire of London and celebrate the rebuilding of the City.

Christmas Fair

If you would like to get involved with helping at the Christmas Fair, whether it's helping to set up/clear away, running a stall, selling refreshments etc please contact your class rep to volunteer. We really need help from parents to make this a successful event and any help received (big or small) is a massive help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16 th October	'Come and watch us learn' Years 1-4 2.30-3.10pm
Tuesday 17 th October	School Photos
Wednesday 18 th October	School Photos
Thursday 19 th October	PTFA Cake Sale After School
Friday 20 th October	'Wear it Pink' for Breast Cancer
Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 31 st October	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
Friday 17 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations in School (Reception to 4)
Saturday 18 th November	PTFA Quiz Night 7.30-11.30pm (Details to follow)
Thursday 22 nd November	KS1 and KS2 Road Safety Talk
Saturday 3 rd December	PTFA Christmas Fair 11am-2pm
Friday 15 th December	Whole school Panto - Hexagon

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