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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a beautiful, mild autumnal week. Can you believe it's November already?!

As you can imagine, the children have been pretty excited about Halloween and the build up to Guy Fawkes 'night' and we've spent time stressing the importance of fire safety. I do hope you enjoy the Bonfire Night events throughout the weekend.



## Reception

In Reception we have had such an exciting week. We've been describing the experiences of bonfires and fireworks ie, what we would hear, see and smell and used amazing onomatopoeias. We've created some lovely art work and found it really funny when Mrs Rizvi splatter painted her shoes (oops!). In Maths we've been sorting and naming coins and we really enjoyed singing to everyone in assembly.

## Year 1

In Year 1 we've also been learning the value of British money (notes and coins) and would love to develop this over the weekend by looking at some of the money on our parents' purses and wallets. We loved visiting Father Patrick at St Anne's and finding out about the different parts of the beautiful church. We've started to use a new program called Yakit in Computing and after learning the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff we created our own characters from Plastercine.

## Year 2

In Year 2 we are loving our Dragons and Castles theme and had an incredible time at Windsor Castle on Tuesday. We have learned so much about not just Windsor Castle but other castles, what they look like and all the different parts and areas within them.



Thank you so much to all the staff and parents who helped organise it and make it such a fun trip. In Maths we've been learning to add and subtract 2-digit numbers from other 2-digit numbers and are reading The Paper Bag Princess in English.

## Year 3

Can you believe that Year 3 heard from some time travellers this week - and they have asked for our help. We're going to be busy over the next few weeks writing them some non-chronological reports on topics they've asked us to research. We've learned about the Egyptian pyramids, who built them and what they were used for and are really enjoying our violin lessons every Wednesday.

## Year 4

Linked to our theme of Guatemala and the Mayans, we've been reading 'The Chocolate Tree' in Year 4. It is a Mayan folktale and we had great fun acting out conversations between different characters. We've been learning about how earthquakes and volcanoes are caused and why Guatemala is susceptible to both of these. We're really looking forward to our Mighty Maya Day on Monday when we'll be exploring the lives of the Mayans through drama, songs and internet research.

### Parent Consultations

We're looking forward to meeting with parents at the Parent Consultations next Tuesday and Thursday. If you haven't already done so, please could you book your appointment by calling the school office. Please note that the meetings for the parents will take place as follows:

Year 4 Classroom - Years 3 and 4

Reception RSR Classroom - Both reception classes

2HK Classroom - Years 1 and 2

### Parent Class Reps

Our next meeting is this coming Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November in the staffroom.

### Cross Country

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at Chiltern Edge School tomorrow morning for the Cross Country competition for Years 1-4. If you haven't let the school know that your son/daughter will be participating, don't worry, just ensure they arrive by 9.30am in school PE Kit, tracksuit bottoms and a warm coat. I will take our Cross Country vests for them to wear over the top of their PE Kit.

### Fabulous Fundraising!

Congratulations to Oscar McCarthy for walking from Caversham to Marlow and back last Sunday and achieving his 100,000 step challenge in aid of Reading Launchpad. He has raised over £800 'off his own back' and we are very proud and grateful to him.



### School Choir and 'Beyond The Sea'

Many thanks to Mrs Bentley, Mr Bethel and Mrs Taylor for taking members of our Year 3/4 Choir to the rehearsal of 'Beyond The Sea' at Emmer Green Primary yesterday. We are really pleased that the children have this opportunity to participate in Reading's Junior Music Festival with other schools.

### Reading Family Aid's Toys and Teens Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who sent a toy or book donation into school this week, to add to our collection for Reading Family Aid's Toys & Teens Appeal. We are thrilled to report that we've received so many donations, we've been able to fill an incredible 12 black sacks - full to bursting with toys!!! Thanks to our very generous school community supporting this worthwhile appeal for another year running, a number of disadvantaged local children will have a happier Christmas. We will update you with some photos of our contribution in next week's highlights! Thank you!

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Charlotte and Max (RED), Ella, Shia and Abigail (RSR)

Year 1 - Taran and River (1AP), Grace and Mia (1VH)

Year 2 - Ariana and Misa (2HK), Theo and Zia (2SB)

Year 3 - Zachary and Iulianna (3AM), Scarlett and Thom (3SW)

Year 4 - Joe and Freya (4CT)

### Spotlight

Year 2 - Kacper for taking part in the Reading Rockets October Basketball Camp.

Year 3 - Samuel for getting a 'Blue' Blue Peter Badge and getting 'Man of the Match' at football.

Year 4 - Rachel for getting a 'Green' Blue Peter Badge for writing a lovely letter about seeing Voles!

Congratulations to you all - well done!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Dance Workshop
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 3.50 - 6.30
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 6.00 - 8.30
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations in School (Reception to 4)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Quiz Night 7.30-11.30pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	KS1 and KS2 Road Safety Talk
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	KS2 Choir Performance at The Hexagon
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fair 11am-2pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto - Hexagon



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