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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I've just left an amazing Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival arranged by Chris Ellison and Performance Sports on St Anne's field. There were over 300 children participating from local schools, thoroughly enjoying themselves in the sunshine. To top it off, Tom Crisford brought 10 Shiplake College Year 12 students to help. The younger children were thrilled to have so many great, older role models to help them. Huge thanks to Chris and his team for organising such a brilliant community event and to Tom Crisford for bringing the college students to help. Congratulations to all the children who took part and all four Heights teams that made it to the Semi-Final and the three teams who made it to the Plate and Cup Finals. WOW!



Reception

We loved welcoming our parents to our 'Watch Us Learn' session in class on Wednesday and hope you enjoyed it too. We've also had great fun learning to program using the blue bot app and Beebots and improving our outdoor environment by planting winter flowers and bulbs.

Year 1

For those of you who managed to come to the assembly this afternoon, you will have seen and heard us perform 'The School Kid's Rap' which is a poem by John Foster. It was loads of fun learning and performing.

Year 2

We've continued to learn about 2D shapes this week and their properties and have really focussed on right-angles. We've started to make clay dragons and can't wait to paint them.



Year 3

We enjoyed developing our speaking and listening skills and taking part in a debate as part of UK Parliament week. We discussed what a motion is, and then debated whether school holidays should be made longer. We put forward arguments for and against and took part in a secret ballot. The children voted in favour of longer school holidays! (don't tell Mrs Edwards). We have also recognised Anti-Bullying Week and talked about how we are all different but all equal.

Year 4

We have done so much this week, from taking part in a balloon debate to making and programming robots with LEGOWEDO. We really enjoyed Dr Aljoboori's (Angie's Mum) visit. It was fascinating to hear just how many similarities there are between different faiths.

UK Parliament Week

We have celebrated UK parliament Week throughout the school starting with an 'It's Not Fair' assembly led by Mrs Fallon. The children have been learning about Democracy and how the Parliament 'functions' in the UK. We've had some interesting discussions and debates and Mrs Mullaney's class feel strongly that they should be able to leave school at the age of 12 and go to work!

Junior Music Festival - Berkshire Maestros

Members of our Year 3 and 4 Choir are really excited about performing 'Beyond The Sea' with other children at the Hexagon next Thursday and I can't wait to watch them. We'll tell you all about it in our Highlights next week.

PTFA Quiz Night

A massive thank you in advance to Sharon Freeman and everyone who has been involved in organising the PTFA Quiz Night tomorrow. We're all really looking forward to another fun evening!

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who 'dressed-down' today to raise funds in support of Children in Need.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Oscar and Marshall (RED), Joe and Lara (RSR)

Year 1 - Aron and Amelia (1AP), Sammy and Alice (1VH)

Year 2 - Sam and Victoria (2HK), Ralph and Abigail (2SB)

Year 3 - Hannah and Dani (3AM), Brooke and Jonah (3SW)

Year 4 - GeWei and Roshni (4CT)

Spotlight

Reception - Gia for completing Level 4 Ducklings Swimming.

Year 1 - Hannah for completing Level 2 Swimming.

Year 2 - Misa for gaining his 2nd Belt in Capoeira Nago, Thom for participating in the Reading Central District Chess Competition.

Year 4 - Aoibh for making her Brownie Promise and Tom for taking part in the Reading Central District Swimming Gala. Congratulations to you all - well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 18 th November	PTFA Quiz Night 7.30-11.30pm
Thursday 22 nd November	KS1 and KS2 Road Safety Talk
Thursday 23 rd November	KS2 Choir Performance at The Hexagon
Friday 24 th November	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Saturday 2 nd December	Cross Country at Chiltern Edge
Sunday 3 rd December	PTFA Christmas Fair 11am-2pm
Wednesday 6 th December	KS1 Christmas Songs at St Andrews Church - 5.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Christmas Performance (Grandparents) - 9.30am School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	Reception Christmas Performance (Parents) - 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December	PTFA Cake Sale after school
Friday 15 th December	Pantomime at The Hexagon (whole school)
Monday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Songs in the Park - 3.45pm

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Karen Edwards
Headteacher