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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I must start the week's Highlights by saying a huge thank you to Sharon Freeman, Nicky and their team for organising the Quiz Night last Saturday. It was a really fun evening with some very clever rounds and questions and great to see so many parents, staff and Governors joining in. I have to say that the masks worn during 'Twister' were rather disconcerting!



Reception

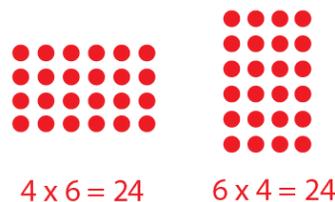
We have had such a giggle looking at baby photos of ourselves, our classmates, teachers and even Mrs Edwards. We've used them to help us think about how we've grown and changed and have written some 'then' and 'now' captions. We've been learning about capacity in Maths and can solve some problems using vocabulary such as full, empty, half-full, half-empty.

Year 1

Inspired by our performance of 'School Kids' Rap' last week we have learned to recite 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' using different actions. In Science we've been making some riddles about different objects' properties and in History we've been acting out the events that led to the 'Great Fire of London'.

Year 2

This week we've been exploring stories from around the world, including 'The Dragon Painter'. This is a traditional Chinese story re-told by Rosie Dickins. We're starting a unit of multiplication in Maths and have been using arrays to help us. This is where counters are set out in rows and columns. We're exploring materials that squash, bend and stretch in Science and would like to look at some objects at home this weekend and discuss their properties and the materials they're made of. We've been busy learning songs for our KS1 Production and can't wait to perform to you at St Andrew's Church.



Year 3

We have been really creating in Year 3, planning and writing our own stories using the Pobble stimulus of two ageing superheroes. Our teachers and Mrs Edwards say they can't wait to read them. We've also been designing Egyptian Death Masks and learning about what Ancient Egyptians ate. In Maths we've been exploring the features of shape by identifying parallel and perpendicular lines and can also identify right angles in our school environment and in shape.



Year 4

We have now finished our own version of the Mayan Creation Story and will pop some on our class page on the website. We have really enjoyed linking our LEGOWEDO 'Milo' robot to the iPad and making him move by giving him instructions. We can't wait to learn about Mayan food. Mrs Thomas says we'll be making our own tortillas.

Road Safety Talk

All the children from Years 1 to 4 received a Road Safety Talk in two special assemblies on Wednesday. They're all really looking forward to the Bikeability assemblies on Monday. We do hope you'll be able to join us at 2.45pm in the school hall for the parents' assembly.



Cross Country

The next Cross Country event at Chiltern Edge School is for Years 1-4 on Saturday 2nd December. I hope to see you there.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Tuesday 5 th December	KS1 Christmas Songs at St Andrews Church - 5.30pm (Grandparents)
Wednesday 6 th December	KS1 Christmas Songs at St Andrews Church - 5.30pm (Parents)
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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