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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It will be February next week - where did January go? Still, it's great to see the days get longer and longer every week.

We are delighted to announce two new arrivals to our Heights Community - Mrs Mullaney gave birth to Joe William last Saturday morning and Noha Sedky to Nadim on Friday. Both Mums and babies are doing well. HUGE congratulations to both families. It was also wonderful to welcome Mrs Harvey into school today with 11-week old baby Kaliya!



## Big Garden Birdwatch

It's the Garden Birdwatch this weekend. Mrs Keetch sent a ParentMail earlier in the week explaining how you can get involved at home and we'll be recording the different types of birds that we see on site on Monday.

## Jury Service

Mrs Brown (2SB) has recently returned from Jury Service and now Mrs Fallon will complete the same civic duty for a couple of weeks from next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. She (and I) are hoping she will not be needed for the full two weeks as she'll be sorely missed.

## Year 3 Tag Rugby and Football

Sadly, the matches against The Hill Primary had to be postponed on Wednesday due to waterlogged pitches and pretty miserable weather generally. They have been rearranged for this coming Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Our Year 3 children are really excited about walking to one of our local schools and playing with and against other Year 3 children.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. On this day we invite children to dress up as their favourite book characters and wanted to give you as much notice as possible.

## Runners!

Susan Jones and Barney Smith from Heights Trust both running the reading half marathon for BIBS, the charity that supports the special care baby unit, Buscot, at the Royal Berks. Both Ava and Frances spent time on Buscot and they are both trying to give a little back.

If you would like to sponsor them, please visit their JustGiving pages:

Susan's just giving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-jones51>

And my page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/barneyforbibs>

## Reception

We have had great fun designing and making boats and then testing them to see if they float. We've continued to learn about different garden birds and are very excited about the Birdwatch on Monday. We've worked hard on subtraction in Maths and have helped Mrs Rizvi set up an airport for our indoor role play area.





### **Year 1**

We have worked really hard to make our non-fiction Space Booklets and are very proud of them. We've been developing our sewing skills by making constellations on card with wool and have started to investigate plants in our science lessons. We've been using pictures and arrays to support our understanding of multiplication and are looking forward to making an observational drawing of a daffodil.

### **Year 2**

The big question this week has been 'why can't we just have chocolate for dinner?'. It has led to many interesting discussions, including what animals need to survive. We've had fun using atlases to identify the countries where Cacao trees grow and used the equator to help us. We've spent a lot of time learning how to tell the time and are getting more and more confident every day. We're thrilled that Mrs Mihailovic is going to be teaching all of us in Mrs Kennedy's class whilst she recovers from being poorly.

### **Year 3**

It's been lots of fun finding out how humans in the Stone Age collected their food. We had to think long and hard about which weapons we would use to help us gather it. We've been looking at fossils of different animals and plants and exploring different mark making methods to create our own animal imprints. We were sorry we couldn't play our Tag Rugby and Football matches against The Hill's Year 3s but are pleased they've been rescheduled for next Wednesday. We're also looking forward to entertaining you at our Violin Concert to parents on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Year 4**

Our Roman topic is brilliant! This week we've focussed on Roman Invasion and used maps to look at the different countries occupied by the Romans. We've started to design our own Roman mosaics and are learning the song 'Just like a Roman'. We've spent a lot of time exploring different fractions, identifying equivalent fractions and finding fractions of numbers.

### **PUPILS OF THE WEEK:**

Reception - Charlotte and Noah (RED), Ben and Joe (RSR)

Year 1 - Elspeth and Alex (1AP), Lily and Izyaan (1VH)

Year 2 - Audrey and Myka (2HK), Lily and Abigail (2SB)

Year 3 - Amelia and Iulianna (3KF), Ben and Ffion (3SW)

Year 4 - Jayden and Tom (4CT)

Congratulations to you all!

### **Spotlight**

**Year 3** - Betty for Exceptional poise, focus and ability in taking part in the Ceilidh Club of London's annual Burns Night celebrations as the only 8-year old present.

**Year 4** - Tom for learning to swim 150metres, Anna for learning new skiing skills at Ski-School and Finlay for earning Level 6 in Gymnastics.

Congratulations - well done!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cake Sale - Year 3	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
Sign2Sing Assembly	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
PTFA School Disco	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February Reception 4.30 - 5.30pm Years 1 & 2 - 5.45 - 6.45pm Years 3 & 4 - 7.00 - 8.00pm
Watch Us Learn - Year 3	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2.30-3.15pm
Watch Us Learn - Years 1, 2 and 4	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2.30-3.15pm
Eye Tests - Reception	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Watch Us Learn - Reception	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February - 9.15-10.00am
West End in Schools - World Book Day Dance Workshops for the whole school	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February (pm) Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February (all day)
World Book Day	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
PTFA Heights Scarecrow Trail	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 3.50 - 6.20pm Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 6.00 - 8.20pm Details for booking appointments will be sent in due course
Living Eggs Delivery	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Green Park Mini Mile & 10K	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May



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