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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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新年快樂  
Happy Chinese New Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have so much to thank you all for! Thanks to the PTFA and all the parents who helped organise the disco for the children before half-term. By all accounts the children had a fabulous time. Thank you also to Yang, for her time and efforts in school this week, leading a whole school assembly on Chinese New Year and then two Year 3 workshops. The children were enthralled! Finally, thank you to all the parents, grandparents and godparents who were able to take the time to join us at the 'Watch Us Learn' sessions in our different classes this week. The children were so thrilled to see you all and show you what they've been learning.

## Reception

Our theme this week has been Chinese New Year. We've enjoyed developing our understanding that friends and people in our community have different cultures and beliefs and loved making Chinese New Year art and craft cards, dragons and puppets. We also thought the spring rolls and other Chinese food were delicious!



## Year 1

Boy has our English been a challenge this week. We've been reading the book 'Ketchup on your Cornflakes' which has been helping 'inspire' us to write out own questions with question marks. We've also learnt about contractions and what the apostrophe represents. We've been halving and doubling in Maths and practising different subtraction facts and have had fun looking at plants and locating the countries and continents they come from. We loved seeing our parents at our 'Watch Us Learn' session we are very excited about our trip to Winchester Science Centre. We've written lots of questions to ask the staff there.



## Year 2

We've been learning a Folk Tale 'The Papaya that Spoke' this week and have thought up our own interesting versions. We've been looking at what constitutes a healthy diet for humans and that the word diet means what we eat. We are turning our Aztec designs into print and loved showing our parents what we've been learning when they came into our class.

## Year 3

We're really excited about the new story we've started to read, 'Stig of the Dump', We've predicted what will happen at the end of the story and role played the first chapter. We've spent a lot of time working on our understanding and knowledge of time in Maths and have really enjoyed making and threading our own Stone Age bone necklaces.



## Year 4

We were thrilled to welcome Phoebe into our class this week. It already feels like she's been with us for much longer. We've been really enjoying the Butterfly Lion and can't wait for the Dance Workshop and World Book Day next week. We're also looking forward to debating the use of animals in circuses next week and learning about Hadrian's Wall in our Roman topic.

## Parent Consultations

Please remember to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher via your ParentMail account. If you are struggling to make an appointment, please contact the school office.

## Farewell and Thank you!

This week we said goodbye to Gabriel, the foreign language student who has been on a placement with us from Ecuador. Gabriela has been a huge asset to the school and the children and staff will all miss her. We wish her all the very best with the remainder of her time in the UK.

## Paediatric First Aid Training

We have recently trained a further 10 members of staff in practical Level 3 First Aid this week and are delighted that the PTFA are organising similar course and qualifications for parents.



## World Thinking Day

It was lovely to see so many of our pupils in school yesterday wearing their Girl Guiding and Boy Scouting uniforms with so much pride in celebration of World Thinking Day, when all the girls and boys who are part of the movement celebrate each other. More details can be found at <https://www.waggs.org/en/what-we-do/world-thinking-day/>.

## Year 6 Residential Talk for Current Year 4 Parents

It may seem a long way away, but I am delighted to have been able to book a week long outdoor adventure coastal residential for our children when they are in Year 6. Our current Year 4's will have the opportunity to go on this in October 2019 and I am holding a brief meeting for Year 4 parents about it this coming Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm in the Year 4 classroom.

## Interviews

We will be holding interviews next Monday and Wednesday for the new teaching positions available in Year 4 and 5 classes from September 2018. We are delighted with the quality of applications that we have received and will let you know of an appointments at the earliest opportunity.

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Luca and Oishani (RED), Eva and Abigail (RSR)

Year 1 - Amelia and Charis (1AP), Mia and Oliver (1VH)

Year 2 - Lillianna and Ralph (2HK), Usher and Xavier (2SB)

Year 3 - Indi and Tom (3KF), Reem and Thom (3SW)

Year 4 - Rachel and Jermaine (4CT)

Congratulations to you all!

## Spotlight

**Reception** - Oscar for learning to swim 5 metres and Gia for earning Level 1 in swimming.

**Year 1** - Imogen for completing the Go Ape! Treetop Climbing Challenge.

**Year 3** - Ben for taking part in the BBC Radio 2 500 Words Story Writing competition, Joshua and Zachary for completing the Go Ape! Treetop Climbing Challenge.

Congratulations - well done!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Winchester Science Centre Visit - Year 1	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
PTFA Heights Scarecrow Trail	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 3.50 - 6.20pm Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 6.00 - 8.20pm

	Please sign up for appointments via ParentMail or contact the office if you have problems making an appointment.
Earth Trust Visit - Year 3	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March - Details to follow
Y1 & 2 Choir - Spring Concert (Caversham Music Centre)	St Barnabus Church 6-8pm
Living Eggs Delivery	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Y3 & 4 Choir - Performance at Reading University	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 7pm
Green Park Mini Mile & 10K	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May



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