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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a phenomenally active week with Bike Buses, Bikeability Training for Year 4, spring walks in Year 1, Cricket and Rounders fixtures at Cranford House, and a Year 3/4 Heights Cross Country race. We held the latter in response to the children's disappointment in learning that the Caversham Inter-School Cross Country competition had to be postponed. The children had been practising for the event, running laps of St Anne's field at break times so we offered all the children in the three classes the opportunity to run and compete in a Heights rather than inter-school event. We were delighted when a huge majority of Year 3 and 4 girls and boys took part. RESULT!

## Bikeability

The Year 4 children absolutely loved the bespoke Bikeability course that Dawn Rosser and her colleague Chris led this Monday and Tuesday. They practiced and developed their bike skills in the morning then set off for a cycle around Caversham and Reading in the afternoon. Many thanks again to Dawn and Chris for organising and leading such a fabulous couple of days for the Year 4 children.



## Rounders and Cricket at Cranford House

Mrs Thomas and I took 18 Year 3 and 4 children to Cranford House on Wednesday to play a rounders and cricket fixture. The children from both schools thoroughly enjoyed themselves and Cranford House were wonderful hosts. Many thanks to all the parents who helped drive the children to Moulsoford and back.



## Reception

We've been focussing on Noah's Ark this week. We've used it to develop our story writing and our Art and were inspired by Lowry's work. We've been investigating the weather, keeping a weather diary and learning how to keep safe in the sun. No, don't laugh - we had some lovely sunny days last week!

## Year 1

Do you remember reading 'The Enormous Turnip'? That's the story we've been learning to retell and sequence. In Maths we've revisited doubling and halving and we loved our spring walk where we spotted lots of the changes we talked about last week. We've been finding out about which animals can be found in different continents and some really interesting facts. Did you know that whilst Alligators have a very powerful bite, they have very weak jaws. Apparently, an adult can hold their jaws apart - though we wouldn't recommend trying!

## Year 2

After bringing empty yoghurt pots into school, we used them to plant seeds and bulbs. We've taken them home and hope to take photos of them as they grow. We've done a lot of work on conjunctions to help us stretch our sentences and are trying to use exciting vocabulary. In Maths we've been concentrating on 2D shapes and time.

### **Year 3**

We started our new Superstructures topic this week and have started to research famous superstructures around the world. Those of us who went to Cranford House really enjoyed playing rounders and cricket against them. Mrs Edwards said we did particularly well because we haven't yet learnt how to play rounders!

### **Year 4**

We've been cracking weather codes that Dr Brugge left for us last week and plotting atmospheric pressure. We've also started to produce Google slides ready for our 'televised' weather report. We loved the Bikeability days and feel so much more confident about cycling on paths and crossing roads on our bikes.

### **Playground Staff Required**

We are looking for someone to join our friendly team of playground staff to start after May half term. Hours would be 12.10pm - 1.25pm every day. If you are interested, please speak to a member of the office staff to arrange a trial.



### **Reminder - Longridge Meeting**

I will be holding a quick meeting at 3.10pm (20 minutes earlier than originally planned) in the school hall next Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup> May) for current Year 3 parents about the forthcoming Longridge Residential which is planned for the end of September.

### **Year 3/4 Inter-School Cross Country Competition**

The cross country competition that was postponed yesterday has been rescheduled to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the same time of 3.45 - 5.00pm. Thank you to those parents who are able to reschedule their diaries in order to transport children to the venue.

### **North Reading Inter-School Art Competition**

Thank you to all the children who have entered into the North Reading Inter-School Art competition - we are submitting 70 entries!. The standard of work is very high and Mrs Wells would like to thank everyone for the time and effort that has clearly been put into each piece of artwork. The entries are now being sent off to Emmer Green Primary School.

### **Parent Class Rep Meeting**

The next meeting for Parent Class Reps will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8.45am.

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

**Reception** - Molly and Samuel (RED), Ivy, Cara and Shia (RSR)

**Year 1** - Alex, Amelie and River (1AP) Annie, Angie and Lauren (1VH)

**Year 2** - Ariana, Sam and Tula (2HK) Luke, Kacper and Zuhair (2SB)

**Year 3** - Holly and Rishwith (3KF) Alex and Mira (3SW)

**Year 4** - Daniel and Jermaine (4CT)

Congratulations to you all!

### **Spotlight**

#### **Swimming**

Varya (1AP) for earning her Level 2 swimming badge.

YingGe (3SW) for learning to swim 50 metres.

Xavier (32HK) for learning to swim 90 metres.

Freya (4CT) for learning to swim 150 metres.

Tom (4CT) for learning to swim 200 metres.

#### **Gymnastics**

Ruby (3SW) for earning her Level 3 gymnastics badge.

Anna (4CT) for earning her Level 3 gymnastics badge.

#### **Brownies**

Tula (2HK) for making her Brownie Promise.

#### **Ballet**

Gwen (RSR) for earning her Turquoise Ballet Rosette.

#### **Rugby**

Holly and Indi (3KF) for competing in a rugby tournament for Abbey Rugby Club's U8s team and both being awarded 'Player of the Week'.

## Bikeability

To all the children in Year 4 who successfully completed Level 1 cycle training this week.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3 Longridge Residential Meeting for Parents	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 3.10pm
Year 3 & 4 Inter-School Cross Country at Emmer Green Primary	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 3.45 - 5.00pm
Green Park Mini Mile & 10K	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 3 Lego Workshop	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2 Trip to Lepe Country Park	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 4 Beaches Trip	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Reception Trip to Thatcham Nature Reserve	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June



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