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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a lovely week of celebration. We were delighted to welcome a new family to The Heights community on Monday. Aarna has joined Year 4 and has filled our last school place. She has settled in seamlessly. On Tuesday we were touched to learn that the school has been nominated for a Pride of Reading Award by Reading Launchpad. Over the past few years we have been closely supporting three local charities chosen by pupils - Reading Launchpad, Caversham Good Neighbours and Reading Family Aid. It is lovely that our children (and all stakeholders) feel so passionate about supporting charities that have a positive impact on local people.



We took a group of children to Caversham Preparatory School on Wednesday afternoon and had a thrilling rounders fixture. The children from both schools thoroughly enjoyed themselves and Caversham Prep were fabulous hosts. We have invited them to participate in a return fixture after half term.

Today, Mrs Fallon and I greeted 'Royalty' at the gates with pupil after pupil arriving with some amazing homemade crowns. It was lovely to later gather as a whole school street party to celebrate Harry and Meghan's wedding tomorrow. The biscuits, squash and singalongs on picnic rugs made it a really fun afternoon.

Reception

In Reception we've continued with our theme of Pets this week and wrote some really important leaflets about how to look after ones. We were inspired by the visit of Perry Walker who read her new book to us and amazed Mrs Edwards in our Athletics with our high jumping techniques. We can do the Scissor Jump and Western Roll. We really enjoyed making bunting for our street party and getting together with the rest of the school.

Year 1

We are still enjoying our 'Amazing Animals' topic and in English have looked at animal poems and identified effective adjectives, verbs and adverbs. The children have created their own word banks to use when we create our own animal poems.

In Maths we have identified the names and properties of various 2D shapes using the correct language and have continued to explore 3D shapes by using face, edges and vertices. We have investigated the origins of zoos in relation

to our trip to Marwell Zoo next month and have learned how they have changed over time. In Science we have looked at our internal organs and their important functions and in Art we have really enjoyed making bunting for our Royal Wedding Party with the rest of the school.



Year 2

The Year 2s have worked incredibly hard all week - completing SATs assessments EVERY DAY. They have been amazing, showing maturity, resilience, perseverance and humour. We are incredibly proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Bentley, Mrs Brown and Ms McKie for all their support.

Year 3

We have spent this week competing our persuasive writing and have published our own letters using persuasive language. In Maths we have been assessed on our multiplication and division knowledge and have started to look at fractions, counting in halves, quarters and tenths. We ended the week by comparing fractions, adding them to make a whole. We're still enjoying our Superstructures topic and have been looking at maps using grid references to locate superstructures in towns and cities and in Art we have finished our templates to use in our own superstructure prints. We're planning to take all Year 3 children to Queen Anne's School on Wednesday morning to participate with other local schools. Many thanks to Chris Ellison and his team for organising and running it.

Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have continued to look at newspaper articles and have linked this to our topic work and written an article about the Boscastle floods in Cornwall. In Science we finished our topic 'States of Matter' and have looked at evaporation and the different ways to make material dry more quickly. In Maths the children have continued to learn about statistics, using line graphs and revisiting our knowledge of bar graphs.



Green Park Mini Mile

Good Luck to all the children who are planning to participate in the Mini Mile at Green Park on Sunday morning - we know you will all be amazing and I'm looking forward to joining you to enjoy the fun.

Nasio Trust

We welcomed Selina Brathwaite, a representative from the Nasio Trust into our assembly on Monday. She talked to all children about the charity she works for that supports children in Kenyan schools. We will be doing a collection of gingham dresses and new toothbrushes which will be sent to schools in Kenya. A collection box will be available in the school reception area from Monday 4th - 8th June (after half-term) if you would like to donate items. More details about the charity can be found here: <https://www.thenasiotrust.org/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Green Park Mini Mile & 10K	Sunday 20 th May
Year 2 Pirate Fair Fundraiser	Wednesday 23 rd May after school
Year 3 Cricket Festival at Queen Anne's School	Morning
PTFA Cake/Lolly Sale (hosted by Reception)	Thursday 24 th May after school
INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils	Friday 25 th May
Half Term	Monday 28 th May - Friday 1 st June
Start of Term 6	Monday 4 th June
Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo	Wednesday 6 th June
Year 3 Lego Workshop	Thursday 7 th June
Year 2 Trip to Lepe Country Park	Friday 8 th June
Year 4 Beaches Trip	Thursday 14 th June
Reception Trip to Thatcham Nature Reserve	Friday 22 nd June
Sports Day	Friday 6 th July
Early Move-Up Day	Friday 13 th July

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