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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have to say congratulations to all the new reception children (and you as parents) for, not just surviving the first week of full days, but thriving!! They have quickly adapted to life at school and it's been lovely to see them play with our older children on the artificial turf area at lunchtimes. They've had their first PE lesson on Wednesday with Performance Sports and have made and painted fabulous self-portraits using the face me program on Purple Mash. The children have been learning to talk with each other, taking it in turns to speak and sharing their 'all about me' books.



Year 1

We have been blown away with the maturity and behaviour of our Year 1 children since the return from their holidays. They have been fabulous role models for our youngest children. They're really excited to learn about the Great Fire of London as part of their Fire Fire! Topic this term and have already developed their own questions which will shape their learning. One great question was "Did they use the River Thames for Water?". They've started to compare modern day and 16th Century paintings in Art and focused on place value and number shape patterns in Maths.

Year 2

The topic 'Castles' is a very popular one with the children and they've already asked lots of questions about it. They enjoyed learning 'The Paperbag Princess' by Robert Munsch and writing their own version as a whole class. The children also learned a 'Have a Go' song which supports out whole school 'Can Do' ethos.

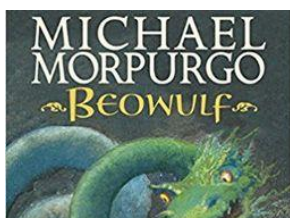
Year 3

The Year 3 children have settled wonderfully into their new classes in the New Block. They're really enjoying their whole class book 'There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath' and I was thoroughly entertained when I dropped in to their classes in the middle of a drama session where they were exploring characters' feelings. They had their first whole class violin lesson on Wednesday and are impressing Mr Ellison's team with their Tag Rugby skills in PE. We've been invited to a Year 3/4 Football Tournament at the John Madejski Academy on Thursday 27th. Ten very excited Year 3's will represent the school at this tournament as all of our Year 4's will be on their Residential.



Year 4

Following their recent work on autobiographies, the Year 4's will be writing biographies of The BFG. They've really enjoyed their recent Science lessons on the names and functions of the digestive system and teeth! In Maths their focus has been on negative numbers and the children applied their learning to real problem solving situations by looking at thermometers, lifts to basements and undersea depths. The children are really excited at the prospect of going on their Residential to Longridge this Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th September. We shall tweet lots of photos so that you can follow what we get up to. I'm so pleased the weather is going to be dry and sunny!



Year 5

The whole class have been studying 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo and are using it to devise live news reports to create a guide to spot monsters and design an invitation for a celebration fest. They've started to design an illuminated letter based around their initials in Art and are further developing their Tag Rugby skills in PE. This term's topic is 'Invasion' and the class discussed where Britain was invaded from after the Romans left.

Welcome

We'd like to say a big welcome to Luisa and her family who have just relocated from Seattle to Caversham. Luisa joins us in Year 5.

Parent Class Reps

I will be holding a meeting for all Parent Class Reps on Monday 1st October at 9am.

Jeans for Genes

Thank you so much for your contributions on Jeans for Genes Day. We focussed on the meaning and purpose of the day with KS2 in our Celebration Assembly and raised **£232.75!**



Vehicle Idling Campaign Day

Green Gumption will be in school the week commencing 24th September to run a vehicle idling campaign, play an air quality-themed game with some of the children and run a whole school assembly on air pollution and vehicle idling - what causes it; its effect on our children's health and wellbeing and what we can all do to help clear the air. We will have parent volunteers who will be trained, after which they will be paired up and will go out to talk to other parents at pick-up time about pollution and why idling your engine when stationary is a bad idea.

Greys Court Cross Country

Congratulations to the following children who took part in the Greys Court Competition on Saturday 15th September. Well done to everyone who took part (Zak, Zachary, Theo, Lily and Jack M, and Oscar W). Congratulations to Zak who came 7th in his age group and Oscar W who came 2nd!

Performance Sports - Half-Term Tag Rugby

Performance Sports are running a half-term Tag Rugby session on Friday 26th October at Henley Rugby Club between 9.30-12.30pm. The session costs £18 and is open to children in Reception to Year 4. Please see the flyer sent by ParentMail for details on how to book.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Year 3 - George, Theo, Lily, Ava in 3FH and Piper, Amelia, Freddie, Dominic in 3SW

Year 4 - Rafi, Isaac, Brooke, Ameya in 4CT and Joshua, Greti, Joshie and Phoebe in 4RR

Year 5 - Rachel, Joe, Eva and Bea

Pen Licenses - Well done to Jonah, Tara, Zoya, Reem and YingGe in 4CT and Greti, Jenna, Tom, Harry, Phoebe and Indi in 4RR for earning Pen Licenses!

Spotlight

Reading Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who completed the reading challenge this summer.

Gymnastics

Lily (3FH) for being awarded Gymnast of the Week.

Swimming

Hannah (4RR) for being awarded Level 1 Swimming.

Fletcher (2SB) for being awarded Level 4 Swimming.

Dance

Scarlett (4CT) for being awarded Level 1 Merits in Tap, Imperial Classical Ballet and Modern Theatre.

Football

Finlay (5JG) for winning Player of the Match last weekend for Caversham AFC.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Years 1 & 2 Parent Talk	Tuesday 25 th September 6pm
Reception Induction Talk	Wednesday 26 th September 7pm
Longridge Residential - 4CT	26-27 th September
Longridge Residential - 4RR	27 th -28 th September
Parent Class Reps Meeting	Monday 1 st October 9am
Year 3 Parent Talk	Monday 1 st October 6pm
Year 4 & 5 Parent Talk	Monday 1 st October 7pm
PTFA - AGM (Everyone welcome)	Monday 1 st October 8pm

Cross Country at Chiltern Edge	Saturday 6 th October 10am
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th October
Hallowe'en Disco Years 1-5	Friday 2nd November at St Andrews Church Hall
Hallowe'en Disco Reception	Friday 9 th November at school (New Hall)
Parent Consultations	6 th November and 8 th November - times to be confirmed
INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils	Friday 23 rd November



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