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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a beautiful autumnal week! From sunrise to sunset the days have been stunning and quite magical and we have certainly made the most of them at school.

Reception

In Reception, our theme has been autumn and we've really enjoyed our creative activities linked to this. Some of us have made clay hedgehogs and other have made collages and printed, drawn and painted different pictures and loved following this up with written descriptive captions.



Year 1

Like our friends in Reception, we have been focussing on autumn and have begun to look at Sensory Poetry and use word banks to create different poems about autumn and The Great Fire of London. We've been looking at the differences and similarities between fire fighters today and back in 1666 and have enjoyed making collages of the Great Fire of London using different materials. We're excited about our plans to design a Tudor House in preparation for actually making wooden houses next term. In Maths we're exploring 2D and 3D shapes and making shape pictures.

Year 2

This week we've been looking at poetry and amazed Miss Hiles, Mrs Bentley and Mrs Edwards with how quickly we learnt a poem off by heart! Not only that - we read and performed it with real expression! In Science we've been writing and describing the properties of different materials using adjectives and noun phrases and have loved learning how to draw a dragon's eye in Art, focussing on colour and pattern. We've been developing our Rag Rugby skills in PE and our understanding of invasion games. It's great to have so much space to use during our lessons in the Park!

Year 3

This week we've been loving our focus on poetry and thoroughly enjoyed learning and performing 'Melvin the Mummy' in small groups. We've completed our Egyptian portraits and are looking forward to learning more about what the Egyptians wore and designing a piece of Egyptian jewellery. Don't our portraits look amazing?!

Year 4

This week we started our new English topic on CS Lewis and 'The Chronicles of Narnia' and have begun to use 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' and Narnia as inspiration for creating our own imaginary place. In computing we have continued to create slides on North America and Guatemala and have focused on earthquakes and volcanoes in central America, using the chromebooks to research 'The Ring of Fire'. In Science, we have started to plan investigations into what causes tooth decay and we finished off our week at Caversham Primary School enjoying some friendly football matches after school on Friday.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week we've enjoyed writing Beowulf myths, using some very exciting openings! In Maths we've worked hard on addition and subtraction and estimating answers to problems and also rounding. In Science we've looked at materials and what are the best kind to clean things with and why. In Computing we've focused on Internet Safety and will be using word processing to make posters to inform our friends of the internet safety rules. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting Queen Anne's School last week to take part in a Tag Rugby Festival with other schools.

Year 5 Tag Rugby at Queen Anne's School

Our Year 5's took part in a Tag Rugby Festival at Queen Anne's School on Wednesday. The festival provided a great opportunity to meet and play with children from other local schools. Thank you to Performance Sports for organising the Festival and to Queen Anne's for hosting.



Year 4 Football Friendlies

Well done to the children in Year 4 who competed in two friendly matches with Caversham Primary after school on Friday.

Year 5 Maths Challenge at The Oratory

Four of our Year 5 pupils participated in a Maths Challenge this week hosted by The Oratory School in Woodcote. The children competed against other schools in various maths quizzes and multiple choice exercises and enjoyed staying for lunch. Many thanks to Mrs Taylor for escorting the children.



Cross Country - Chiltern Edge

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Chiltern Edge Cross Country Competition last Saturday. Oscar and Eva (Y1) came 4th and 5th, Finn, Chloe and Theo (Y3) came 14th, 20th and 20th, Zachary (Y4) came 6th after running 3/4 of the race in one shoe, and Zak (Y5) came 11th. Well done to all of them and we really hope we can field teams of at least 3 in every age group for the next event on Saturday 3rd November.

Parent Class Reps

Many thanks to the Parent Class Reps who attended the meeting last week and to Kathy for writing up and sending out such comprehensive minutes.

School & Eco Councillors

The School and Eco Councillors met this week and came up with some brilliant ideas of how we can be more environmentally friendly and suggested activities and equipment for the fenced area of the park. Our Councillors are:

- 1AP - Alex and Lara
- 1CG - Rioghan and Joe
- 2SB - Betsy and Tom
- 2VH - Elodie & Hanga
- 3SW - Finn, Karin and Dominic
- 3FH - Rishi and George
- 4CT - Ffion and Alex
- 4RR - Sophie and Harry
- 5JG - Eva, Roshni and Jack

Parent Survey

Many thanks to those who have completed the Parent Survey which was sent out last week. We really value your feedback and would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete it if you haven't already done so.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Riya, Amelie, Zack and Charlie (RED) and Amie, Hughie, Solomon and Ella (RSR).

Year 1 - George Alex, Max and Rioghan (1AP) and Hayden, Anna, Rowan and Lucas (1CG)

Year 2 - Charis, Zayn, Miah and Elspeth (2SB) and Oliver, Krissh, Annie and Marnie (2VH)

Spotlight

Swimming

Isla (RED) for achieving Level 1.

Freddie (2VH) for achieving Level 2.

Cricket

Aadi (RED) for being amazing at All Stars Cricket during the summer.

Running

Yuan Li (RSR) for earning a medal for great running in races organised by the Chinese Embassy in London.

Arthur (RED) for completing in the Woodley Park Run.

Football

Harry (2VH) for being Player of the Match for Caversham AFC.

Muddy Mayhem

Well done to Zayn for taking part in Muddy Mayhem.

Cyclo Cross-Country

Well done Hannah (2VH) for competing in her first Cyclo Cross Country Race and coming 1st in the U8 Girls category!

Cross Country

Eva (1CG) for competing in the South Oxon Primary Schools' Cross Country at Chiltern Edge.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk

Well done to Callen (2SB) for walking 4 miles to raise funds for the charity and also for being invested in the 89th Beaver Scout Group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Watch Us Learn Years 1-5	Monday 15 th October 2.45pm - 3.15pm
PTFA Cake Sale	Wednesday 17 th October after school
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th October
Half Term	Monday 22 nd October to Friday 26 th October
Hallowe'en Disco Years 1-5	Friday 2 nd 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
School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 19 th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st December, school finishes at 1.30pm



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