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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have celebrated and focused on 'Anti-Bullying' this week, along with thousands of schools up and down the country. The children have responded to the discussions and sessions really maturely and we will pass on copies of the Anti-Bullying Policy reviewed by our School and Eco Councils over the next week or so.

'Rats' - Junior Music Festival

Congratulations to all the children in the Key Stage 2 Choir who performed at the Hexagon on Tuesday evening. It was a wonderful celebration of music and dance with over 400 children singing (and dancing). We were both proud and thrilled to be part of it.

Year 5/6 Football Festival

Ten of our Year 5's took part this week in a football festival at the JMA last week. We were playing against a number of experienced and talented Year 6 teams. Our player of the match in most games was our goalkeepers, Tom and Finlay! Unfortunately, we lost all 5 matches scoring only 1 goal by Jermaine in our game against EP Collier. All the children represented The Heights with excellent behaviour on and off the pitch putting in their best efforts throughout. Well done to everyone who took part.



World Prematurity Day

Thank you for helping us celebrate World Prematurity Day by sending the children into school wearing something purple. We will be sending all the monies raised to help medical research for the children's charity and are looking forward to celebrating this day on an annual basis.

Reception

In Reception this week we were so excited and proud when our parents joined us for our 'Watch Us Learn' session on Wednesday. It was brilliant to be able to show them our classes and all the amazing learning we do. We have also really enjoyed Maths this week where we've been using weight vocabulary to describe the weight of an object and learning to use balance scales to compare weight.

Year 1

We're loving learning poems and songs off by heart! We've got 'The School Kids' Rap' by John Foster 'nailed' and had loads of fun singing and signing the Great Fire of London song in assembly on Friday. In Maths we've been learning to identify fractions through shape and having a fractions picnic. We're getting good at comparing fractions and learning about fractions of a quantity.

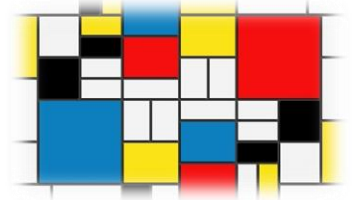
Year 2

We have been planning and writing our non-chronological about four different Castles (Edinburgh, Warwick, Cardiff and The Tower of London). Mrs Bentley, Mr Bethel and Mrs Edwards have been amazed by the facts we've researched! We're enjoying investigating 'What materials we would use if we were going to build a Castle today' and can't wait to visit Windsor Castle in a week's time.



Year 3

We are really proud of our work on our non-chronological reports, including how we've edited and improved our writing using dictionaries and thesauruses. In Maths we've been identifying and drawing perpendicular and parallel lines and right angles and used what we learnt to help us create Maths artwork inspired by Piet Mondrian and Kandinsky.



Year 4

We've been busy editing our 'Big Write' work and really enjoyed looking at the Ancient Mayan creation story and learning about who their Gods were. It's been interesting comparing and highlighting similarities between Christian and Hindu Creation stories. We've focused on classifying animals into vertebrates and invertebrates and had fun choreographing dances to the song 'The Bare Necessities'.

Year 5



We had an amazing workshop of Friday - all around plastic in the ocean! This has inspired us to try and help the school do more to recycle and reuse the plastic! In English we've begun work on balanced arguments, considering why they are needed and focussing on adverbials to provide cohesion within paragraphs. We've been learning about English Kings and how they defended themselves against the Vikings and discussed and considered what racism is, designing wearable ribbons to raise awareness for it.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Sam, Georgia, Aadi and William (RED), and Agatha, Henry, Izzy and James (RSR)

Year 1 - Cara, Samuel, Bella and Aoife (1AP), and Molly, Theo, Eva and Luca (1CG)

Year 2 - Khaled, Callen, Daisy and Aaron (2SB) and Sammy, Annam, Alice and Kit (2VH)

Spotlight

Martial Arts

Matthew (2SB) for being awarded a certificate.

Cross Country

Harry (2VH), Oscar (1AP) for great running and also Eva (1CG) for coming 3rd and earning a medal.

Ninja Zone

Khaled (2SB) for being Star of the Week.

Swimming

Ella (RSR) and George (2VH) for earning awards.

Art

Holly (1AP) for earning an Arts Award.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

World Prematurity Day - Wear Something Purple	Friday 16 th November
INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils	Friday 23rd November
Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle	Monday 26 th November
Year 5 Trip to Reading Museum	Thursday 6 th December (details to follow)
KS1 & KS2 Choir Performance	Monday 10 th December 9.30am (School Hall)
KS2 Carol Concert at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 11 th December 6.30pm (Confirmed)
Whole School Trip to the Panto	Thursday 13 th December
Christmas Jumper Day!	Friday 14 th December
FS Dress Rehearsal to KS2	Tuesday 18 th December 9.30am (School Hall)
FS Dress Rehearsal to KS1 & Grandparents	Wednesday 19 th December 9.30am (School Hall)
FS Production to Parents	Thursday 20 th December 9.30am (School Hall)
KS1 Production at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 18 th December 6.30pm Wednesday 19 th December 6.30pm
School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 19 th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st December, school finishes at 1.30pm

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