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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Through the School and Eco Council, the children have said that they would really like to support Bhoke (one of the Energy Kidz members of staff) in her efforts to travel to Mexico to work in an orphanage for 6 months from the end of February. The PTFA have kindly agreed to donate £300 and the children have come up with lots of ideas about how we can help Bhoke raise more money. One of these ideas includes the School/Eco Council members standing at the school gates with collection buckets. We hope you will join us in supporting Bhoke. Please feel free to do so either by making a donation to her fundraising page or popping money into the buckets we will have at the gates. Thank you all so much in advance for your support.

## Reception

We've continued with our Journeys theme this week and focused on 'Mr Grumpy's Outing' story. We had lots of fun acting out and re-telling the story with props. We also selected our favourite scene from the story and wrote speech bubbles for Mr Grumpy and one of the other characters. We've been working on subtracting numbers in Maths and investigating floating and sinking and designing and creating mixed media river scene pictures.

## Year 1

We've continued to write Solar System Booklets and also enjoyed writing stories set in Space this week. In Maths we've been learning about capacity and had great fun outside making capacity puddles and estimating how big the puddle will be with different amounts of water. This week we've been learning about the life of Helen Patricia Sharman who was another significant individual in the 'Space Race'. We set up a Market Stall in class to help us closely investigate plants, fruit and vegetables and in Art we created our own plants using collage materials to help us label and discuss the different parts of a plant.

## Year 2

We started some work on Information Texts in preparation for our Chocolate Workshop on Monday. We can't wait for it! We've also been learning about 2D shapes and talking about how many sides and faces they have and about how humans grow.

## Year 3

Our 'Stone Age Rocks' topic has really kept us on our toes. We've really enjoyed our descriptive writing based on a Stone Age hunt and celebration, using powerful language and imagery to engage the reader and create tension and excitement. We've been looking at how humans in the Stone Age collected their food and role played hunting for our own food.



## Year 4

We LOVE our topic of Romans and have so many questions we're planning to research such as...

*What were the Roman Army's battle tactics?*

*Were there schools and if so did boys and girls go to school?*

*How old was the youngest and oldest gladiator?*

In Maths, we've continued our work on fractions - adding fractions to make more than one whole and finding the simplest forms of fractions.

In Science we've been identifying complete and incomplete circuits and used our mini circuits apparatus to test our predictions.



## Year 5

In English this week we've been writing about the life of Katherine Johnson in a biographical format. In Maths we've continued to focus on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and in Science we've been investigating our resistance by creating our own parachutes. We've been developing our Netball skills in PE with Mrs Edwards and some of us have the opportunity to play in our first inter-school tournament at the JMA after school next Tuesday.

## Cycling

I had a really exciting meeting with Dawn Rosser this week about the different cycling events we have coming up this term. All the Year 4's will have the opportunity to complete a Level 1 Cycling course, Year 5's will be able to complete the Bikeability Award and as a whole school we'd like to support Sustran's Big Pedal Week from the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Watch this space for more information.



### Green Park Mini Mile

The Green Park Mini Mile takes place this year on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May and we would love as many children from The Heights to run as possible. Full details can be found at <http://www.royalberks10k.com/> and registration for the Mini Mile at <https://www.entryhub.co.uk/2019-green-park-royal-berkshire-10k-mini-marathons>. If your child is interested in taking part, when you register, please specify that you are running on behalf of The Heights Primary School to ensure that all children are registered for the Schools Team Challenge Award. You will need to ensure you enter for the correct race depending on your child's age on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

### Cake Sale

Thank you to all the Year 3 parents for the Cake Sale this afternoon.

### Headteacher Awards

**3FH** - George, Lillianna, Ava and Zia.

**3SW** - Piper, Arianna, Amelia and Usher.

**4CT** - Ffion, Mira, Alex and Isaac.

**4RR** - Phoebe, Greti, Jenna and Betty.

**5JG** - Phoebe, Kasim, Roshni and Luisa.

### Spotlight

#### Swimming

Rhys (4CT) for achieving Level 5.

#### Gymnastics

Chloe (3SW) for being Star of the Week.

Anna (5JG) for achieving Level 1.

#### Chinese

YingGe (4CT) for passing his Level 3 Youth Chinese Test.

#### Little Princess Trust

Chloe (3SW) for donating 12 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

#### Blue Peter

Bea (5JG) for earning her Diamond Blue Peter Badge for taking up crochet as a hobby.

#### Cubs

Bea (5JG) for being made a 'Senior Sixer'.

**Well done everyone!**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 2 Chocolate Workshop	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Year 5 Netball Tournament @JMA	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 3-5.00pm
Year 6 Information Evening (For Current Year 5)	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 6-8.30pm
Year 4 Cake Sale Fundraiser for Fishbourne Palace Trip	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January after school
Inclusive Sports Festival @South Reading Leisure Centre	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 12.30-3.00pm
Reception Eye Testing	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Individual School Photos (Tempest Photography)	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Year 4 Visit to Fishbourne Palace	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Year 3 Visit to the Earth Trust	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Green Park Mini Mile	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 9-1.00pm
Sports Day - Years 3, 3 and 5	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 9-1.00pm



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