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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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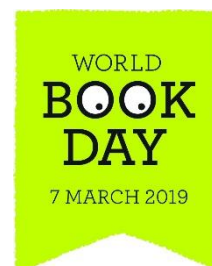


Dear Parents and Carers,

It's now 4th March but last week it felt more like April or May! We have had the most glorious weather and certainly made the most of it! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term and managed to have good family time together. Thank you so much to the Jacksons, the Hemmants, Emma Boutell, Misa who were able to come and help dig out and clear the garden of another member of our school community over the past two weekends. It has made a huge difference! We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for this term. There are Year group trips to Fishbourne Palace (Y4), Winchester Science Museum (Y1), the London Science Museum (Y5) and the Earth Trust (Y3). We have Dance Workshops on 13th and 14th March linked to World Book Day and books and authors that the children are reading and then Science Week from Monday 18th March. Mrs Fallon as ensured this will be jam packed with lots of exciting workshops and practical science investigations and experiences - Thanks Prof! The Living Eggs will be delivered on Monday 25th March and we're hoping for a 'full house' of chicks this year. In the same week we will be supporting Sustrans 'Big Pedal' week with Level 2 Bikeability training for our Year 5 pupils, followed by Level 1 training for Year 4 the week after.

World Book Day

It's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We are looking forward to celebrating it with the children and are encouraging them to come dressed as their favourite book characters and bring in the book to share with their classmates. I thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as Miss Trunchbull last year... any suggestions for my character this year would be very welcome!



Parent Class Rep Meeting

The next meeting for Parent Class Reps is Tuesday 5th March after school drop-off. We hope to see you there.



Netball

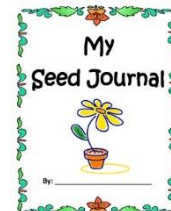
Fifteen children from Year 5 walked to Caversham Primary after school on Friday to play some Netball matches against their Year 5 pupils. They were so welcoming and friendly and we really enjoyed ourselves. The teams and matches were really even! Many thanks to the staff and pupils at Caversham Primary for their hospitality.

Reception

In Reception, our theme was 'Whatever Next'. We've really enjoyed orally sequencing and retelling the story and planning and writing our own space journey story. We've also written instructions for making pancakes and thought the pancakes we made week were delicious.

Year 1

We were learning how contractions can be used as joining words. We've started to write a space themed newspaper article using our new punctuation skills and have enjoyed learning more about doubling and halving numbers. We're really excited about our work in Science which involves us learning about and sorting deciduous and evergreen foliage. We can't wait to plant our own seeds and write a seed diary to predict what might happen.



Year 2

We started learning a new story this week - 'The Papaya that Spoke'. What an interesting fruit! We used pastels to draw a cocoa pod and the flower from a cocoa tree and have continued to create our own presentations about chocolate in our topic work. In Maths we learned more about 3D shapes, naming them and describing their properties and a group of us were lucky enough to go to the JMA to play in a Cricket Festival with Year 2s from other schools. Thank you so much to Mr Ellison for taking and managing our 'team' and to Davina Turnbull and Alex Brown for helping to transport.

Year 3

We've also started a next text - 'Stig of the Dump'. We read the first chapter together and have been role playing it and predicting what will happen in the story. In Maths we've been focussing on time and converting between analogue and digital times.

Year 4

We're reading Michael Morpurgo's 'Butterfly Lion' and are investigating South Africa (the setting for part of the story) as a result. The research we completed helped us to write some animal riddles. In Maths we've been converting pounds to pence and solving money problems and in Science we've been exploring sound by conducting a 'Sound Survey' around the school.

Year 5

We had such a busy week in all subject areas. We were using an advert called the Broadcast to prompt our Big Write, brought decimals into our discussions about Fractions, and considered the use of gears, pulleys and levers in Science. We've been developing and using our IT skills to make Google Earth based tourism booklets and enjoyed locating mountain ranges in our Geography session with Mrs English.



Headteacher Awards

RED - Sam, Emilia, Charlotte and James

RSR - Ella, Elliot, Lilly and Audrey

1AP - Bella, Cara, Elliott and Holly

1CG - Hayden, Lucas, Ada and Anna

2SB - Rebecca, Miah, Lara and Varya

2VH - Izyaan, Harry, Lizzy and Hannah

Spotlight

Rugby

James (1CG) for being awarded a medal at half-term Rugby Camp for displaying the core values of Rugby.

Orienteering

James (1CG) and Betsy (2SB) for completing an orienteering trail at Waddesdon Manor.

Ninja Zone

YuanLi (RSR) Star of the Week for good listening and nice Ninja.

Swimming

Aoife (1AP) for earning her Level 1 Swimming Badge.

Ella (RSR) for earning her Level 2 Swimming Badge.

Oscar (1AP) for learning to swim 25 metres.

Gymfinity

Betsy (2SB) Star of the Week for trusting the instructor on the bars and doing a forward circle.

Well done everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 4 Visit to Fishbourne Palace	Wednesday 6 th March 2019
Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival at The Hill	Thursday 7 th March 2019
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March 2019
Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival at The Hill	Tuesday 12 th March 2019
World Book Day Themed Dance Workshops	Wednesday 13 th & Thursday 14 th March 2019 (Details TBC)
Year 3 Visit to the Earth Trust	Thursday 14 th March 2019
Science Week	Week of 18 th March 2019
Living Eggs Delivery	Monday 25 th March 2019
Year 5 Bikeability - Level 2	Monday 25 th March to Thursday 28 th March 2019 (Details TBC)
Year 1 Visit to Winchester Science Centre	Wednesday 27 th March 2019
Year 4 Bikeability & Fun Ride - Level 1	Monday 1 st to Thursday 4 th April 2019 (Details TBC)
Year 5 Visit to the London Science Museum	Wednesday 3 rd April 2019
After School Learn to Ride Session at The Weller Centre - Any age welcome	Friday 5 th April 2019 (Details TBC)
Last Day of Term	Friday 5 th April, school finishes at 1.30pm
Start of Term 5	Monday 23 rd April 2019
Green Park Mini Mile	Sunday 19 th May 2019
Reception Visit to Thatcham Nature Reserve	Thursday 13 th June 2019
Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 27 th June 9-1.00pm
Sports Day - Years 3, 4 and 5	Wednesday 3 rd July 9-1.00pm

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