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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I genuinely feel that this Spring term has flown by faster than any other in my entire 29 year teaching career. Is it because we've been so busy? Probably!

I am so grateful to everyone (staff, parents and other volunteers) who have worked so hard to ensure that the children had had so many exciting curriculum enhancing opportunities and achievements over the past term. We've had year group trips to the Earth Trust (Year 3), Winchester Planetarium (Year 1) and the London Science Museum (Year 5), Swimming lessons for Years 3 and 4 at Queen Anne's, Bikeability Level 1 for Year 4 and Level 2 for Year 5, Basketball, Netball, Football, Tag-Rugby and Cricket tournaments for Years 2-5, and a wonderful range of After School Clubs. We've celebrated World Book Day, Comic Relief and British Science Week. Taken part in a Key Stage 2 Choir performance at the Royal Albert Hall, Dance Workshops, Joint school and eco-council meetings with Caversham Primary and welcomed 10 chicks into the world with the Living Eggs Programme. We were delighted to learn that we're the first school in Reading to achieve the Modeshift Stars Silver Award which is thanks to the commitment of the whole school community to sustainable travel.



## Living Eggs

Our 10 chicks have grown so quickly and have been so well loved by all over the past 10 days. We are delighted that five have gone to a friend of Mrs D'Silva and the others will return to the farm and live out their days there.

## Year 4 Bikeability

Thank you so much to Dawn Rosser and her colleagues at Bikeability for organising and leading four amazing days for our Year 4's this week. It was brilliant to see how much the children grew in confidence in just a few hours! They loved the course and can't wait for the Level 2 course next year!



## Football and Basketball

Congratulations to all the Year 4 and 5 children who took part in the Year 4 Football Tournament on Tuesday and the Year 5's who played in the Year 5/6 Basketball at the JMA this week. Many thanks to Mr Ellison for co-ordinating and supporting these events.



## Farewell

We are very sad to say goodbye today to Karim and his family who are moving to London and also to Mrs White who has been working with our Year 4 pupils in 4CT. They will all be sorely missed and we wish them every success in the future.

## Reception

This week we have been learning all about the Easter Story and how it's celebrated around the World. We've made Easter cards, written our own messages and decorated eggs in different ways. We've had so much fun in Maths, weighing the chicks and analysing the results, eg, is the oldest chick the heaviest and are the male chicks heavier than female chicks?

## Year 1

We've really enjoyed practising our money skills this week by setting up a 'shop'. We've also learnt to count and add British coins. Our new topic after Easter is Animals and in preparation for this we have focussed on new life, visited the chicks and completed still drawings of them. The children really enjoyed reading with each other and were extremely respectful of each other's work. The children said they felt proud when they were told their writing was "good, like a Year 2's" and "Your handwriting and story were very, very good." The experience was positive for both classes.



## Year 2

We celebrated the end of our chocolate topic by making our own recipe for Chocolate Tiffin and creating a chocolate treat. We also made our own 3D chocolate box and designed the packaging. We can't wait to bring them home today!

## Year 3

As well as completing different assessments this week, we've been learning about the Roman Invasion of Britain and practising mark-making in clay in preparation for making Beaker People inspired pots.

## Year 4

We loved our Bikeability course this week and are so much more confident on our bikes. Thank you to our instructors for all their patience and support. We also really enjoyed making models of our Roman structures out of junk modelling and showing them in assembly yesterday. In Maths we created bar graphs using a set of data and used them to convert between pounds and euros.



## Year 5

Year 5's trip to London involved us travelling by foot, tube and train. The children were wowed by the fantastic science they saw and enjoyed the hands-on activities a lot. The highlight for many was the IMAX viewing of *A Beautiful Planet* which showed views and life from the International Space Station in stunning 3D. The children were brilliantly behaved and special thanks go to all the adults for their support throughout the day.



## Headteacher Awards

**3FH** - Darcey, Ralph, Rishi and Luke.

**3SW** - Audrey, Misa, Xavier, Finn, Victoria and Laila.

**4CT** - Rafi, Tara, Brooke and YingGe.

**4RR** - Indi, Eddy, Sophie, Abigail, Tom and Rishi.

**5JG** - Finlay, Zak, Jermaine, Eva and Daniel.

## Spotlight

### Swimming

Misa (3SW) for achieving Level 4.

Fletcher (4RR) for achieving Level 5.

Jack (3SW) and Jonah (4CT) for achieving Level 6.

Sofia (3FH) for achieving Level 8.

Zachary (4RR) for learning to swim 20 metres.

Emily (4CT) for learning to swim 30 metres.

### Gymnastics

Bea (5JG) for achieving Level 3 Gymnastics.

Amelia (3SW) for achieving advanced level Bronze in fitness.

### Tennis

Eddy (4RR) for being part of the Caversham LTC Aegon 8&U Team who won the Berkshire Summer Aegon League 2018.

### Taekwondo

Reem (4CT) for being graded to Yellow tag in Taekwondo.

Well done all of you!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Start of Term 5                 | Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 |
| Scarecrow Trail - 'Movie Magic' | Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2019  |
| First Aid Training - Year 5     | Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2019   |
| First Aid Training - Year 4     | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019  |
| Green Park Mini Mile            | Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2019    |

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| First Aid Training - Year 3                | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019             |
| Reception Visit to Thatcham Nature Reserve | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019             |
| Summer Fayre                               | Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2019 (Times TBC) |
| Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 and 2       | Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 9-1.00pm         |
| Sports Day - Years 3, 4 and 5              | Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 9-1.00pm         |



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