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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week for our whole school community and starting with our Summer Fayre last Saturday. The Year 2 parents organised the most amazing event, which was both fun and very chilled. The weather was gorgeous, which always makes a difference and there were so many different activities and stalls to engage in. Congratulations to all the performers from Musical Theatre and to the Dads who baked the most delicious cakes. Boy, was it hard to judge them. What a great afternoon. Thank you to everyone for making it such a success.



Key Stage 1 Sports Day

We had a great Sports Day yesterday for our younger children and it was brilliant to have so many parents and grandparents with us to enjoy it. All the children took part in the field and track events and there were stunning performances in so many ways. Congratulations to them all and huge thanks to all the staff and volunteers who helped set up and clear away all the equipment at the end of the event and support the children throughout. Special thanks must go to Chris Ellison and St Anne's School. We wouldn't be able to run such wonderful events in the same way without Chris's efforts and the generosity and support from St Anne's.

Eco Day

As per the School and Eco Council's requests, we held an Eco Day today. The children wanted to use this day to demonstrate how strongly they feel and are committed to different environmental issues. Thank you to everyone who made an extra special effort to walk or cycle/scoot all or part of the way to school and for your donations of recycled materials. The children made banners and posters and went on their own mini 'march' to display these and have their voices heard about what we can all do to help 'save' our planet and RED made one promise each to help the earth.



Reception

We've been looking at British Woodland Animals this week and really enjoyed writing fact sheets about them. We've explored the Art of Andy Goldsworthy and loved creating our own designs using natural resources. We loved Sports Day and showing you all the skills we've developed in our Athletics lessons.

Year 1

This week we've pulled together all our notes about our chosen animals and written them up for our non-chronological report. We've gained a really good understanding of why and how non-chronological reports are used. We've also been learning about herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and identifying different animals that belong to these categories. In DT we've been creating our own habitat for our chosen animals using our designs from last week.

Year 2

We've been writing non-chronological reports too, but ours have been on Pirates. We had a great trip to Lepe Park on Tuesday and couldn't believe how much we could find on the beach in terms of 'wildlife'. It was so much fun exploring! In Music we've been learning a more complex 'AB' song with our recorders and are looking forward to performing to you on our Pirate Day on Wednesday 10th July.

Year 3

This week we've edited and improved our Big Writes from last week after deciding what we did well and what we could do better. We've started our new poetry unit about Odes which Mrs Edwards says she's particularly interested in because she always writes one to sum up the school year for the final assembly. We really enjoyed setting up an investigation to see if a plant can survive without any leaves and had a great time at the Cricket Festival at Emmer Green Primary School on Wednesday.

Year 4

We've continued to work on our River Poems this week and spent time editing and re-drafting them. In Science we've been investigating the speed of evaporation by leaving wet tea towels to dry in different locations and leading up to the Eco Day today we researched and debated the issue of plastics before writing persuasive reports and letters.

Year 5

We've been busy in our English lessons this week and have published our balanced arguments and written some recipes that we used to make our Greek Feast today. We've started a new topic of Humans and Animals and have been thinking about the changes that happen from adolescence and adulthood to old age. We had a fabulous 'Greek Day' today and loved showing our parents what we've learned in our topic when they came into the classroom after school.

Headteacher Awards

3FH - Dylan, Sofia, Abigail, Sishi and Ralph.

3SW - Sam, Frances, Lucy, Victoria, Misa and Laila.

4CT - Tara, Ameya, Ffion and Samuel.

4RR - Jenna, Phoebe, Aryan and Fletcher.

5JG - Zak, Olivia, Jermaine and Lucy.

Spotlight

Football

Congratulations to all the children in Years 3-5 who have successfully completed the season with Caversham AFC.

Gymnastics

Piper (3SW) Gymfinity - Star of the week.

Tula, Amelia and Jack (3SW), Lilly and Ruby (4CT) Apparatus Bronze award.

Abigail (3FH) - Star of the week.

Sammy (4CT) Level 4 & 5 awards.

Piano

Safia (3FH) Prep Test Piano award from The Associated Board of the Royal School of Music.

Singing

Misa (3SW) Bronze Level 1 from Universal Voices.

Triathlon

Jonah (4CT) Twyford Kids Triathlon Finisher.

Basketball

Tom (5JG) for representing 10s Reading Rockets at the Abingdon Eagles Basketball tournament.

Lego Junior League

Ameya (4CT) for winning 'Overall Best Design'.

Junior Keeper

Abigail for working hands-on with animals at Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens.

Well done all of you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sports Day - Years 3, 4 and 5	Wednesday 3 rd July 9-12.30pm
Mini Tri-Athlon at Queen Anne's School	Friday 5 th July 2019
Whole School Art Exhibition	Tuesday 9 th July 2019 (Details to follow)
Year 2 Pirate Day	Wednesday 10 th July 2019
Year 5 Day at Highdown	Wednesday 10 th July 2019
Early Move Up Day	Friday 12 th July 2019
Whole School Music Concert	Tuesday 16 th July 2019 (Details to follow)
I'm a Headteacher, Get Me Out of Here!	Thursday 18 th July 2019
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th July 2019 at 1.30pm
Return to School - Term 1	Thursday 5 th September 2019



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