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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! This was a busy week! So busy that we've only been able to write and publish Highlights for last week today – Monday!

Thank you so much to all the Parent Class Reps who attended our first meeting last Monday. It was good to meet with everyone and talk through how things have been, including our systems and procedures since the start of term. Many thanks to Sophie Winder for taking minutes and sending them out to all parents.

Our two Reception classes had their photos taken on Monday and which were published in the Henley Standard on Friday, please don't forget to place your orders.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the KS1 and Reception Information talks last week. We hope you found the sessions really helpful. We also hope you enjoyed the Reception, Year 5 and 6 classroom visits and found them interesting and supportive.

## Cross Country

Our first Inter-School Cross Country competition for Years 1-6 is this coming Saturday from 10am at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge. We're hoping to field teams of (at least) 3 girls and boys in every age group and hope to see you there.



## Secondary School Information Evening

We're looking forward to welcoming different local Secondary Schools to our Year 5/6 Parents' Open Information session this evening. The Representatives for these schools will be based in our Main Hall and Packed lunch rooms. We hope to see you here.

## Reception

Our theme was our classroom and ourselves, and we really enjoyed it, particularly as we had the opportunity to show our parent round our classrooms on Wednesday. We also had our first assembly in the Hall on Friday with Year 1 and 2 and some parents and loved learning our school song.

## Year 1

We practised and recalled 'What makes a good sentence' and learned about story structures through the folktale 'How Fox Stole the Fire'. We've started to learn new punctuation such as speech marks and commas and are learning to write lists for things that we might find in a bakery and for when we go shopping. We wrote a diary entry following in the footsteps of Samuel Pepys and enjoyed reading it to our partner.

## Year 2

We really enjoyed learning the poem 'Never Trust Dragons' by David Harmer and performing it in our KS1 Assembly on Friday. We also enjoyed looking at the suitability of different places that would make a good habitat for a Hydra Dragon. We are really looking forward to visiting Windsor Castle after half term on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## Year 3

This week in English we finished writing our own version of the opening to 'There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath!'. We edited and improved our work using a dictionary to help us with this. In Maths, we worked on our mental Maths skills, adding ones and tens to three-digit numbers. We also used number lines to add two digit numbers to three digit numbers. In Topic, we've been investigating the River Nile and created our own facts about it.

## Year 4

We were so excited about our trip to Longridge and had the most amazing time Kayaking, climbing, abseiling, dragon boating, crate stacking and orienteering. We learnt so much about ourselves, and each other, and have so many amazing stories and memories to share with you. We are looking forward to sharing photos and anecdotes with you in our KS2 Assembly on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>



October. Thank you so much to all the Longridge staff, Mr Gillick, Miss Lawless, Mrs Brown and Miss Wiggins for making it such an enjoyable trip and experience.

#### Year 5

We finished reading the first Beowulf story 'Beowulf and Grendel', the monster of the night and answered inference and retrieval questions on the text. We've now started to write a description of a dragon and its' lair and plan an exciting account of a battle based on 'Beowulf and the Death Dragon of the Deep'. We revised our times tables in Maths and have been finding out about Anglo-Saxon life in Topic. This resulted in us writing a job description for an Anglo-Saxon job. In French, we've used role play to revise how to express feelings and the feelings of others and in Art we designed and evaluated our own illuminated letter and chose our favourite design to use as our final piece.

#### Year 6

In English, we continued to link our writing to the topic of the First World War by imagining ourselves as soldiers in the trenches, and writing diary entries. We've been learning about the rules of relative clauses and trying to use them in our own work. In Maths, we focused on our knowledge and application of the orders of operations and used it to solve a range of number and word problems. In Topic, we looking into the lives of soldiers in the trenches. We compared war sentiment at home, with the reality faced by hundreds of thousands of young men in France. In Computing, we've revisited how the internet works and how it differs from the World Wide Web. We're really enjoying our Guitar lessons and loving Science with Professor Fallon. We can't wait for our Residential to Skern Lodge in just over a week's time.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Meet the Team - Years 3 & 4	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 6-7pm
Meet the Team - Years 5 & 6	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 7-8pm
Come and See our Classroom - Years 3 & 4	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 3.30-4.15pm
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 10am
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 3.50-6.30pm Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00-8.30pm
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 10am
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November ** REVISED DATE **
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 12-2.30pm
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 10am



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