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HECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, and Fellow Bears,

Well, it really has been quite an extraordinary year hasn't it?! I mean, who would have thought that a 'humble' Bear like me would become Head of such an amazing school like The Heights?! To be fair, I have worked hard keeping everyone entertained and buoyant during the wet Autumn months and now during Lockdown, so I think I deserve it!

Uh oh - Mrs Edwards is breathing down my neck and saying I should stop talking about myself... honestly, she's such a 'nag'... but ok.

I've agreed to attach Mrs Edwards's 'Ode to The Heights Number 6' to these Highlights and her leavers song for the Year 6 pupils that she and Mrs Fallon sang in the final assembly and that Mr Cook joined in with during their 'Presentation' this afternoon.

The Ode does summarise and reflect on some of the highlights of this year for our pupils and staff, including the Year 4 and 6 Residentials, the Pantomime, and PTFA events including the Christmas Fayre and Scarecrow Trail. Yet there is so much more, such as all Performance Sports Festivals, the Choir performances at the Hexagon, Royal Albert Hall and the O2, and all the different year group trips and experiences such as the Chocolatologist, Year 1 and 5 visit to the Winchester Science Centre and the Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum.

Scarecrow Trail


Coming back to the Scarecrow Trail - it was amazing, and still continues until the end of this weekend. Thank you SO much to the 46 families who created the amazing 'Children's Games' themed Scarecrows. We were so impressed when we walked round as a family (including Jerry's Dad) last Saturday and he said how blown away he was by the wonderful warm community spirit. Congratulations to the following families:



<p>Most funniest Twister (The Lovies) Most recycled Dominos (The Rays & Mackereths)</p>	<p>Overall winner (The Woodcote Close Crew)</p>	<p>Highly Commended: Mario Super Oddyssey (The Packers) Hide & Seek - Hide (The Turnbolls) Agent Peely - (Shiva & Elyon Yr4) Snakes & Ladders (Lowe & Freeman) Mario Cart (Sanigars) Mr & Mrs Potato Head (The Bramleys)</p>
	<p>Runners Up Mouse Trap (The Smiths)</p>	


We have raised almost £3000 (!) so far but please encourage friends and other members of the local community to buy a map and complete the trail so that we can send £500 to each of the 7 mental health charities we have chosen to support. Thank you!

Farewells

We must sadly say farewell to a few members of our school community. Firstly to Mrs Keenan, who is due to have her baby in September. We thank her for all her support in school and can't wait to see her when she visits with her baby. Secondly, to Lily RB - good luck in your new school. We will miss you so much and hope you too will be able to stay in contact and visit us. Moving on, to Mr Gillick who, after being an amazing teacher at The Heights for 2 years, is moving to London to teach. We will miss you Mr Gillick, more than you can imagine and ask that you come and visit us when you can - we wish you every success in your new school. Finally, we must say farewell to our fabulous Year 6 pupils, some of whom have been with us since the school opened in 2014. They have always been our oldest pupils and have, quite literally, paved the way and been fabulous role models for other pupils in the school. They have sought and assumed a range  different roles and responsibilities, living out our school values in all that they do. The Year 6's are wonderful, warm, caring and compassionate young people who have given and brought so much to our school community and we wish them all every success in the future. Thank you Year 6 - I miss you already.



I must also say thank you to all the other parents and members of the PTFA for your wonderful support both in school and for organising different events throughout this year. The Scarecrow Trail was an incredible way to end the year and celebrate as a school community. Thank you to members of the Trust and Governors who have continued to do SO much behind the scenes (and in school) and to Kate Reynolds, Mo Galway and Gill Dunlop at Brighter Futures for Children for your valued support during these challenging times.

Thank you to Chris and Annie Ellison and to their wonderful Performance Sports Team. You have made a huge difference to so many with your PE lessons and the extra sessions in the park during Lockdown. What stars! 

Thank you to all the volunteers including Helen Nutt, who offer their free time and to professionals including Yasmeen Floodgate, Claire O'Shea, and of course Dennis the dog!

Thank you to all the children for their smiles, positivity, fabulous attitudes to all that school and life throws at them. We are so proud of you all.

Finally, thank you to a team of staff who are exceptional. Nothing is too much for you when it comes to trying to do the best for each and every pupil at The Heights. As Mrs Edwards said in her Ode... she is the proudest Headteacher on Earth!



Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and restful Summer and we look forward to seeing you in September. Oh, and please turn to the next page for some photos of the steel frame being erected at the permanent site!

Lots of bearhugs,
Hector



