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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had one of our busiest weeks this year - and loved every minute!

Mrs Bentley, Mrs Wicks and the Foundation Stage team took the Reception children to Bucklebury Farm on their first trip on a coach away from school on Tuesday. They had a wonderful time.

We also held our KS1 and KS2 Sports Days on Wednesday and Friday this week and our Early Move Up Day yesterday. It was very special for the children to experience these events after such a different and challenging year.

Reception

In Reception this week, we went on an amazing trip to Bucklebury Farm. It was so exciting to travel on the coach, then arrive at the farm, see and pet some animals and actually travel on a tractor! We used this wonderful experience to write about it and create pictures of our favourite animal from the park. Our first Sports Day was so much fun and we can't wait for our next one next year!

Year 1

We were disappointed not to have been able to take part in Sports Day this week as many of us were self-isolating, but delighted we will be able to participate in one next week when we're all back in school. We've been completing different assessments in Maths and Science throughout the week and started to design, plan and create our own 3D animal habitats with camouflage animals made from clay within them.



Year 2

This week, most of our learning revolved around the theme of Sports Day. In Maths we spent time looking at our favourite events and used graphs to show our results. We looked at what it means to show good sportsmanship in PSHE and think we really demonstrated this on our actual Sports Day, which was SO much fun! We harvested some produce this week from our vegetable plot and enjoyed an afternoon of art.



Year 3

This week, we finished our leaflets persuading someone to come and visit Reading. We spent time editing, improving and publishing them to ensure they are really eye catching. In Maths, we completed a range of different arithmetic and problem solving/reasoning assessments to show what we've learnt this year and then started learning to read and write numbers in Roman Numerals. In Science, we learnt about how different seeds are dispersed and, after choosing a method of dispersal, designed our own seed showing adaptations to suit this method. We loved Sports Day, particularly the track events where there were some really close races.

Year 4

In English this week, we've been writing non-chronological reports about our own mythical creatures. We completed some end of year assessments in Maths and are really proud of all the progress we've made this year. Our artist study on Banksy has been really interesting. We were really excited about designing and making our own stencils to be graffitied! We've been thinking about issues we feel strongly about, such as education, the environment or politics to help us create a design with a deep meaning behind it.

Year 5

In English, we've continued to study Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Nights' Dream'. After identifying the features of a play script we had a go at writing a play scrips from a narrative. We're really hoping we might have a opportunity to perform sections from these. In Science, we've been identifying the processes involved in the sexual reproduction of mammals. We ordered the stages of reproduction in animals, and then explained the differences between marsupials, monotremes and placentals. Finally, we created a life cycle wheel for either a kangaroo, platypus or rabbit. We're ending the term with a mini project on Banksy where some of us will explore Art opportunities and others will research the history of Reading Prison and its famous inmate, Oscar Wilde.

Year 6

What a week! We had full dress rehearsals at Queen Anne's School, fine tuning everything ready for our performances to parents next week. We spent Early Move Up Day on Thursday with Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon, completing trade games, a quiz, board games, boules and quick cricket. It was good fun! We had our last Sports Day at The Heights and really made the most of it, before having blast at our leavers party, on St Anne's Field. Many thanks to our parents for organising this.

Sports Days

The two Sports Days were fabulous this week. Many thanks to all the staff and parents who helped at the two events and Stuart Guntzenbach and Chris Ellison for all their hard work and support throughout. We are planning to hold a Sports Day for Year 1 on Thursday 15th July (morning) and will aim to let everyone know which house has won on the last day of term.



Early Move Up

Most classes had their Early Move Up Day on Thursday and both children and staff really enjoyed getting to know each other. Where staff and pupils were self-isolating at the time, another opportunity will be given to meet their teachers next week.

St Andrew's Church Choir

Just a reminder that St Andrew's Church are running a singing workshop for 7-12 yr olds on July 26, 27 & 28th, 10am-3pm. £25 for all three days, additional children half price, £50 max per family. It is being run by a former head of music at Queen Anne's School (Frances Brewitt-Taylor). If any parents who are DBS checked and are willing to help, for example with games in the park at lunchtime please e-mail vicar@standrewscaversham.org.

Final Assembly/Leavers Assembly

Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon are holding an end of year Assembly at 2pm on Thursday 15th July. Pupils and parents will be able to join us virtually and the focus will be on celebrating the end of the school year and saying goodbye to all the pupils and staff who are leaving The Heights, particularly the Year 6's.

Topic: Final Assembly

Time: Jul 15, 2021 02:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78780916361?pwd=dGxoaU5nWW5ZOFoRyYjBRU2VDVTdvUT09>

Meeting ID: 787 8091 6361

Passcode: 256Njh

Last Day of Term

The last day of term will be Friday 16th July and school will be finishing at the following times:

Reception and KS1 at 1.15pm

KS2 at 1.30pm

Please collect children from their usual collection points, just at the earlier times.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 will be leaving to go on their Residential to Skern Lodge at 6.15am on Friday with myself, Mr Cook, Ms Rogers, Mr Rose and Miss Hatchett. We will return Monday evening in time for the start of our move to the permanent site on Tuesday 20th July.

Dates for the diary

Year 6 Performances at Queen Anne's School	Monday 12 th July and Tuesday 13 th July
Year 6 Visit to the Permanent Site	Wednesday 14 th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday 15 th July at 2pm
Year 6 to Skern Lodge	Friday 16 th July to Monday 19 th July
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th July Early Finish: Reception and KS1 at 1.15pm KS2 at 1.30pm

Twitter

The school has a new Twitter Feed - please follow **@AtHeadteacher** for updates!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Edwards