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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hasn't it been a gorgeous week?! Aside from Wednesday afternoon...! It really feels as if Spring is with us now. We've enjoyed another busy week of Science related activities, Chocolate Workshops, a Year 4 Assembly for Year 4 pupils and parents about their trip to Longridge Activity Centre and, of course, Red Nose Day today. Yes, it's been busy and we have even more going on next week!

## Reception

Following on from our Professor Bubbleworks session last week, we've been conducting different science experiments in class groups. It's been so much fun! We've continued to practice the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' through actions and have also been inventing, adapting and recounting different narratives with staff and our friends. We can't wait to perform our version of 'The Three Little Pigs' to you on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April in school. We really hope you can come. We've been learning the Phase 3 digraphs, 'ear' and 'air' in Phonics and have been copying and repeating patterns and doubling numbers in Maths.



## Year 1

Our second week of Science Fortnight has been just as exciting as the first. We've had a great time carrying out investigations into why astronauts have to wear nappies in Space and experimenting with bottle rockets. In Maths, we've been learning about the fractions  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  and thinking about what this looks like within shapes. We've also continued to think about position and direction, remembering what it means to make  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  turns.

## Year 2

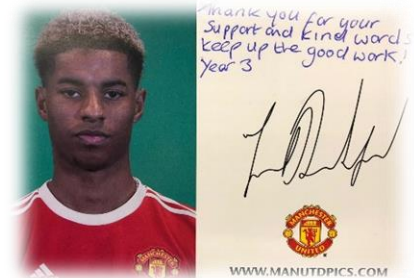
We began this week with our exciting and delicious Chocolate Workshops! We loved it, particularly when we made our own chocolate sweets. We then wrote a recount of the day, created a set of instructions for the chocolate sweet we designed. In Maths, we've begun our unit on 'Time'. After consolidating our knowledge of telling and showing the time to the nearest half hour, we moved on to doing the same for the nearest quarter hour. In our Science lessons, we've taken part in a number of different experiments, predicting results and making conclusions from our observations and in our Computing lessons we've been creating a chocolate inspired document!

## Year 3

This week, as part of our topic, we've been learning about Stonehenge and why it might have been built. We used Google Earth and other websites to explore Stone Circles and created our own Art using watercolours and collage, inspired by Stonehenge. In Science, we've completed our unit of learning on 'Light' and in Maths, we've begun a new unit on 'Statistics' and learned to interpret data to answer word problems. We're really looking forward to our trip to the Earth Trust next Tuesday.



In other news, we also got a response from Marcus Rashford for collecting the food for the food bank during Black History Month!



#### **Year 4**

We have loved our English lessons this week! After spending time learning the features of suspense writing, such as varied sentence lengths, using 'the unknown' to create tension and pathetic phallacy - we let our imaginations run wild and started to write our own stories. In Maths, we've been focussing on tenths as decimals and have been placing tenths on number lines and dividing 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10. In PE and Gymnastics, we've continued our work and have been learning how to vault, by straddling over it. In History, we've been learning about Roman Gods and had fun making Top Trump cards, highlighting the key characteristics of each God and then playing the game with our friends. In Art, we applied what we've learnt so far in perspective drawing, to our own drawings of landscape. We've really enjoyed this new skill. Computing has been amazing as we've started to make our own stop motion projects. Many of us started our projects at home and we're excited about the prospect of using different props.

#### **Year 5**

We have worked really hard on the finished books we've written and published them this week. In Maths, we've been learning to multiply fractions and mixed numbers and in Science, we created lovely posters about what we learnt at Winchester Science Centre. In IT, we've continued with our research projects and we're looking forward to performing a jazz song in Music next week.

#### **Year 6**

This week in English, we've produced and published articles for a newspaper, from the perspective of an Ancient Greek journalist. In our topic work, we've been exploring the various forests of North America, ranging from rainforests, to the icy-cold taiga forests. It was really interesting finding out how the animals and humans that live within them have adapted to survive. In Science, we've been creating circuit diagrams, making use of the internationally recognised standard symbols and carried out an experiment that builds on the foundations of our work on 'Forces' in Year 5. Lastly, this week we started our fun Forest School sessions with Mrs Loveday!



#### **Quiz Night**

HUGE thanks to Kathy and Russ Brown, Karen Roach, Daniel Clare, Steve and Katie Brett, Roger Gilchrist and Rupert and Hilary Lovie for all your efforts with organising and running the Quiz Night last Friday. It was a really fun evening and congratulations to team 'Let's Hope the Alcohol Helps' who were very worthy winners! We raised a massive £1,019.99!!



#### **Classroom Visits and Book Look**

We're looking forward to welcoming parents into school next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm to look at your child's classroom and view their work ahead of Parent Consultations which start next week.

## World Down Syndrome Day

The 21st of March is World Down Syndrome Day. We are delighted to announce that this year school will be celebrating by fundraising for a charity called Positive About Down Syndrome (PADS). On the 21st of March children are welcome to wear their own clothes into school in exchange for a suggested minimum £1 donation to PADS. To donate you can do so using the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/theheightsprimaryschool>



## Red Nose Day

Today we have been fundraising for Comic Relief and the school has been a sea of pupils and staff dressed in red. So far, we've raised almost £900! It's not too late to donate and you can do so here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-heights-primary-red-nose-day>

## Heights Appeal

Thank you again for all your generous donations to-date for the Heights Appeal, which we launched last week - we've almost raised 50% of our target and there is still time to donate if you can support us - the link is here: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022)

## Living Eggs

We are SO 'eggcited' to receiving the Living Eggs on Monday. We will keep you updated with regular tweets!

## Modeshift Stars Award

We're delighted to let you know that we were nominated and awarded Reading School of the Year for our sustainable travel efforts for the fourth year running! This links brilliantly with Sustrans Walk and Wheel week next week. Please can we encourage all children to walk, cycle or scoot all or part of the way to school and home next week!



## Twitter

Please follow [@AtHeadteacher](https://twitter.com/AtHeadteacher) for updates!

## Dates for the Diary

Half Term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Sustrans Big Wheel and Walk Week	From Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
World Down Syndrome Day - Non-Uniform Day	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Classroom Visits and Book Look	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2.30pm
Living Eggs Programme	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March - Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Earth Trust Visit - Year 3	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Parent Consultations <b>ONLY Holly</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 4.00-6.20pm
Parent Consultations <b>All classes EXCEPT Holly, Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan &amp; Maple</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 4.40-7.30pm
Parent Consultations <b>ONLY Holly, Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan and Maple</b>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 4.40-7.30pm
Reception Mothers' Day Workshop	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm
Parent Consultations <b>ALL Classes EXCEPT Holly</b>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 3.40-6.00pm
Year 4 Trip to Oxford Story Museum	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April

Year 3/4 X Country Event at Emmer Green Primary	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.45pm
Year 5/6 X Country Event Emmer Green Primary	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.45pm
Scarecrow Trail	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
I'm a Teacher Get Me Out of Here Fundraising Event	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Additional INSET Day (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)	Wednesday Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Bags2School	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Fayre	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards