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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy, but very productive and enjoyable term and we're delighted we've been able to pack so much into it. Has it really only been 5 weeks? We've had KS1 and KS2 SATS, Bikeability for children in Year 4 and 5, Trips to Legoland and a field trip in Caversham, the Scarecrow Trail, Lily Jo Mental Health Assemblies, a Year 3/4 Cross Country Event, I'm a Staff Member, Get Me Out of Here! And our own celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. Thank you all for joining us on Wednesday for a celebration breakfast, it was lovely to welcome you all and to share the children's special work with you.

## Reception

This week in Phonics, we've been reading CVCC words with 'adjacent consonant blends' and learning 'common sounds' such as lp, xt, mp, sk. In Maths, we've been reintroduced to subitising and have enjoyed using manipulatives in and around our homes, such as counters, beads and dry pasta to practise it. We've also been learning about and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and have been making crowns and a collaborative wreath. We loved welcoming you into our classrooms on Wednesday, thank you so much for coming!

## Year 1

This week, we've been recapping our work on interesting adjectives and have continued to use the story of Handa's Surprise as inspiration to write our own narratives. In Maths, we've been focussing on comparing pictorial representations of number, as well as looking at composing equivalent number sentences. In Science, we've been describing and comparing the features of a variety of common animals and in PE we've been practising our shot put technique.

## Year 2

If it's OK to say - we've been pretty awesome over the past couple of weeks, completing our 'Special Agent Training' assessments. Mrs Edwards, Mrs Fallon, our classteachers and all the Year 2 team have said how proud they are of us, and actually, we agree with them and are very proud of ourselves too! As well as our special training, we've completed all sorts of activities linked to the Queen's Jubilee. We've written letters to the Queen, had a wonderful morning celebrating with you on Wednesday morning in class, and then wrote recounts about it. We've also started to practise our Athletics events ready for Sports Day and had great fun doing the Long Jump and High Jump in PE yesterday.

## Year 3

This week, we've completed an independent write of a non-chronological report about a mythical creature of our choice. In Maths, we've been consolidating our learning from this term and in PE we've been developing our Cricket and Athletics skills. We've really enjoyed creating our superstructure prints in Art, using a roller and ink, and are excited about working with a partner to research a superstructure of our choice. Thank you for joining us in our classrooms on Wednesday morning - we loved sharing some our artwork linked to the Jubilee celebrations and having breakfast snacks with you.



#### Year 4

We worked hard at the beginning of the week, to edit and publish our newspaper reports, ready to show you all when you came into school on Wednesday. In Maths, we've been learning about statistics and enjoyed reading and analysing pictograms, summing up and comparing and finding differences. We've also enjoyed looking at photos of Caversham from 100 years ago and have written historical questions in small groups that we're going to investigate in future topic lessons. We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Alcivar and wish her very best wishes and success in her new exciting adventure to Egypt, with Mr Alcivar and their family in August. We will miss you Mrs Alcivar!

#### Year 5

This week, we've been identifying similarities and differences between Athens and Sparta and then loved using this as a topic for debate. We practiced putting forward our points of view and responding to other people's points of view too. In Maths, we've been learning how to add and subtract decimals using the column method and in Music, we've been playing different musical instruments alongside the song 'Breathe'.

#### Year 6

This week, we've been continuing our work surrounding the text 'Shackleton's Journey'. As we delved into the lives of Ernest Shackleton and his crew, we role-played what it might have been like living in the frigid cold of the Antarctic and used this experience to put ourselves into the explorer's shoes. We then wrote detailed diary entries from the perspective of a chosen crew member envisaging the hardships they faced and how these impacted upon their mental health and emotional wellbeing. We've also been dismantling and inspecting the inner workings of different computers. Using specialist tools, we worked in small groups to break a range of computers down into their most basic components and learn to identify each part along with its purpose. As part of our celebration of the Platinum Jubilee, we had the chance to create a clay bust of Queen Elizabeth II. Here are some of our creations!



#### I'm a Staff Member, Get Me Out of Here!

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the event and challenges last week - what fun we had - that's if you can call eating worm sandwiches, mouldy mussels, drinking blue cheese and kale smoothies enjoyable! Not to mention dunking faces into baked beans and flour to find golden stars!



#### Heights Appeal

Thank you once again for all your generous donations to-date for the Heights Appeal, which we launched recently- we've now raised 73% 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) Please feel free to share this link with family and friends.

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## Dates for the Diary

<b>May Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
<b>Additional INSET Day - School Closed (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Year 3 Superstructures Lego Workshops	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Bags2School Collection	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 5 Enterprise Day	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>INSET Day - School Closed</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Year 3 River/Bridges Walk	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June ** Date incorrect last week **
Year 5 Greek Day	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Sports Day - KS2	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (morning)
Summer Fayre	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Early Move Up Afternoon	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July (afternoon)
Year 2 to Lepe Country Park	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July (details to follow)
Reception Vision Screening	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July (morning)
Early Move Up Afternoon	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 6)	27 <sup>th</sup> June - 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Sports Day - Reception & KS1	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (morning)
Year 6 Leavers Party	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Reception Trip to Bucklebury Farm	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July (details to follow)
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (1.30pm finish)</b>

Wishing you all a lovely half term and Jubilee week!



Mrs Edwards