



Dear Parents and Carers

We are in March already! Can you believe it? Despite the cold mornings and winds we have had some promising spring weather and the crocuses and daffodils are trying hard to 'stand up and be counted'. I'd like to say a HUGE thank you to all the parents who organised and ran the disco last Friday. It was fabulous and the children seemed to really enjoy themselves. The DJ Laura was wonderful with the children and they responded so well to her. So what have we been doing all week?



As Mrs Rizvi has been unwell this week, we have no new sounds to send home today. Please continue to work with the sounds you already have and we hope to get new ones to you early next week. Thank you.

## Reception

Reception have been 'secret agents' this week. They were number spies and had to write and relay numbers correctly so that the information could be passed on to the London 'code breakers'. It was great fun. They also completed some brilliant writing about their favourite book characters on World Book Day and you will be able to see this in their folders during next week's Parent Consultations.

## Year 1

The Year 1 children had a surprise on Monday: they had to guess who Toby Tiger went home with at the weekend. Joe listened to all the clues and worked out that Toby was with me! We had an amazing time together - look at him posing in his new trainers.

Year 1 celebrated St David's Day - Olivia told us about her Welsh relatives, and we found Wales on our map of the UK. We thought about the differences between the fierce Welsh dragon and the peaceful Chinese dragon.

We continued our Space theme by thinking about a game of 'Moon Football' (e.g. What would the rules be? How would you play?). We wrote a set of instructions for playing Moon Football, and then tested how well written they were by using a few examples to play games outside! Also, we have been improving our instructions to make a small rocket and each making and decorating our own following these instructions. In Maths we have been measuring everything we can get our hands on, using string for curved shapes and unifix cubes for straight lines. We made characters who 'magically' increased in size, measured the 'before' and 'after' lengths or heights, and noted the 'difference between'. Some of us even translated this into an addition or subtraction sum.

World Book Day was a lot of fun, we all wrote about why we had chosen to dress as our character and what we liked/disliked about them. We shared lots of books with each other and Roshni introduced us to the Snortle - it's well worth a read and is available from Caversham Library.

Friday was Holi, the Hindu festival of colour, and we had lots of fun blowing many colours of paint across paper to see what we could create!



## APPOINTMENTS and WELCOMES

We are holding interviews for a Year 2 teacher this coming Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. We have shortlisted three strong and experienced teachers and are confident that we will appoint an excellent candidate.

Already volunteering in Year 1 is Josh Bethel who you may recognise from Energy Kidz and this week we also welcome Saleha Patel. Both of them are gaining experience for their future teaching careers and we are very happy to have them with us at The Heights.

WORLD BOOK DAY PHOTOS



## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The parent consultations are next week, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> from 3.45-5.45 and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. If you have not yet contacted Lyn in the office, please email or phone for an appointment.

Interim Progress Reports charting your child's progress in Reading, Writing and Maths and suggesting next steps will be sent home on Monday.

**RED NOSE DAY for COMIC RELIEF** is next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to support this by encouraging the children to wear something red - as well as their red noses. The children can come in their uniform (with their red tie) or in mufti with an item of red clothing. We hadn't meant to collect for World Book Day this week, so if you made a donation we will pass this on to Comic Relief. They are, of course, all voluntary donations.

## PTFA

The first Heights **Summer Fayre** will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at QUEEN ANNE'S SCHOOL. We are opening this up to the community so would love it to be a great event. Under the management of our co-chair Alex Denney (Aoibh's Dad Y1) we would like 5 team leaders to run a section of the fayre. Up for grabs are 1) Refreshments, 2) Games/Crafts, 3) External stall holders, 4) Raffle and 5) Entertainment. Please let a member of the PTFA know (or email [ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk)) if you are interested in managing a section. There will be a meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.45pm at The Grosvenor for everyone who would like to be involved in the Summer Fayre. Please let us know if you can make it.

Dates for your diary:

Boden Party Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Liz Mackereth's house. AM, PM + evening.

Easter Egg Hunt Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at school 3.30-4.30pm

Race Night Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at St. Andrew's Hall from 7.30pm

Summer Fayre Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at Queen Anne's School – timings TBC.

## PARENT VOLUNTEER READERS

Parent Volunteer Readers come into school to read for 30-45minutes with a child or children (not your own child - we have Share-a-Book sessions for that). If you would like to be part of this group I will be holding a meeting to explain how the scheme works soon. We will need to complete volunteer DBS checking for this.

## AWNINGS

We would dearly love to complete our awnings and are trying to set up a work group for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. If you are able to join us for the day or part of it, please let the office know. Many thanks.

## PHOTOS

As we did not manage to complete the photos on Monday our class group photos will be taken on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

## SUMMER CONCERT

Please reserve Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm in your diaries for our Summer Concert. More information soon.

## DATES TO NOTE

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb - Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		Term 4 - school closes at 1.30pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Am	Class group photos
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March	3.45-5.45pm	Parent Consultations
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> March	6-8pm	Parent Consultations
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Red Nose Day

## SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight falls on Jenna Dhadwal for **cupcake design** and Ffion Jones for all her **successes in hospital**.

**PUPILS OF THE WEEK:** Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Ben Gibson and Zoya Arif (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Ruby Miller and Jonah Fallon (Mr Crispin's Class); Lucy Ray and Zak Guntzenbach (Y1). Congratulations to all of them.



Mrs Edwards, Headteacher