



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support of Comic Relief today. It was great to see the children wearing different red clothing and develop their understanding of who is supported by the money that is raised and how. We have raised £100 so far.

So what have we been doing all week?

## Reception

The children's writing has been centred on the book 'Whatever next' where a baby bear travels to the moon.



They have been coming up with their own versions of events and some have written about him travelling to the Antarctic, the Pyramids or Mars on all modes of transport. In Maths they have been continuing to develop their understanding and skills of counting on from a number in 1s, 2s, 3s and 5s. We have started to play tag rugby (more the 'tag' than the rugby yet) in PE and the children loved pulling their own tags off as fast as they could when I said 'draw!'. They are indeed the fastest 'taggers' in the west (Caversham). As we move into Spring the children have had the opportunity to be creative and paint pictures of daffodils.

They have also been developing their IT skills by selecting an image of an occupation from a program in Purple Mash and using the web cam to take a photo of their face which is then superimposed into the image making it look like they are Doctors, Astronauts or Farmers.

## Year 1

Year 1 had a rather exciting start to the week, with three different teachers teaching them on Monday as part of the Year 2 teacher interviews (plus Mrs A Edwards, of course)! Having different teachers is always a challenge, but we were so proud of their behaviour; they showed all the Heights values, especially respect, and were a credit to us all.

We have been looking at fantasy stories in Literacy this week. One task was to write Alien poems in pairs; I was really impressed at the ability of each child to discuss and to try to take on board each other's ideas, then build on them together. Very proud teacher!

We have been building on our knowledge of Capacity in maths and we have begun turning this knowledge into bar-graphs and tally-charts. Year 1 have also been linking our two Journey topics this term (Over Sea/Into Space) by comparing the explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We discussed - at length! - which explorer we felt was the most brave, and why. Some really interesting and well thought-out answers - do ask your children! "Christopher Columbus got it wrong because he thought he was in India but it was America and anyway he only went for 5 weeks" vs "Neil Armstrong only went to space after lots of people had tested it already so that was not really that brave." Informed and intelligent reasoning and questioning, using textbooks to find answers - love it!



## INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS AND PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We hope you found the Interim Progress Reports and Parent Consultation informative and helpful. You will receive a more detailed end of year report in July and there will be opportunities to visit the classes, observe the children at work and play and look through their Learning Journey folders and books between now and then.

## SUPERHERO

We entered a 'Superhero' competition run by Reading Borough Council and out of over 50 schools we were shortlisted! Well done to everyone who worked on this project!

## INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS PHOTOS

We hope you like the individual photos which came home this week. Please order by 23<sup>rd</sup> March to gain your extra 10% discount. Proofs of Class photos which were taken on Tuesday will be with you next week: the deadline for those orders will roll on (i.e. later than that for individual photos).

## INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 2 TEACHER

We interviewed three experienced candidates for the post of Year 2 teacher on Monday and were delighted to appoint an outstanding teacher for September 2015. We will arrange for all parents to meet the new teachers during the summer term and the children will themselves have a 'move up' day on 9<sup>th</sup> July when they will be with the teachers they will be joining in September.

## CONSULTATION ON THE PERMANENT SITE

The Education Funding Agency and RBC have issued a letter to residents of Caversham, Emmer Green and the Parish of Mapledurham explaining how the consultation on the permanent site will be organised and managed including details of the Open Public Meeting at Riverside Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. A copy of the letter is being sent with this Highlights.

## MOBILE PLANETARIUM - 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

We have arranged for the children to experience a curricular-enriching space show in a mobile planetarium on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. You will find more details the letter sent with this version of Highlights and available in hard copy from the office.

## WATER

We encourage the children to drink from their water bottles during the day as it aids their concentration so please remember to send them to school with water in a leakproof bottle.

## PARENT VOLUNTEER READERS

I will be holding a meeting for prospective Parent Volunteer Readers on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am. If you are interested in joining this group please come along. The meeting will take no more than 20 minutes.

## 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
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.10am	Parent Volunteer Readers meeting
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Planetarium visit - see above
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	Permanent Site Consultation at the Rivermead Centre

## SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight falls on Roshni Taylor, Joe Mackereth and Olivia Mann for **gymnastics**. Well done everyone.

**PUPILS OF THE WEEK:** Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Emily Miller and Alyssia Kenny (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Ffion Jones and Rhys Green (Mr Crispin's Class); Joe Mackereth and Aoibh Denney (Y1). Congratulations to all of them.



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