



Dear Parents and Carers

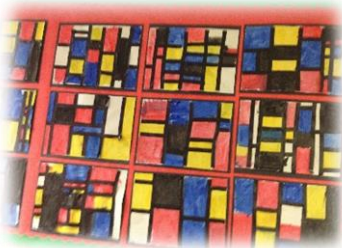
I would like to start with two very warm welcomes. The first is to Imogen Lewis in Year 1 and her family who have joined us from London. Imogen started at The Heights on Monday and by the end of the day you would have thought she had been with us for months! We are delighted to welcome the whole family into our warm school community.

The other welcome is to YingGe's baby sister who was born on Tuesday. Liu Yang and her daughter are at home and both doing well and we offer congratulations to the family.

Copies of Class newsletters and Topic Webs for the Summer Terms are being sent home in bookbags today and will also be on the school website.

Reception

Our Reception children are really excited about our new topic of 'Animals' and decided they wanted their role play areas indoor to be for a vet (Mr Crispin's class) and a Little Pigs builders yard (Mrs Rizvi's class). Their imaginative play and communication in these areas is fabulous to observe.



In Literacy they have been discussing and writing about what pets they would like and how they should look after them. They have also written thank you letters to the Fire Fighters who visited us on Wednesday. They have been developing their understanding of halving numbers and amounts. Mondrian-style art has been created as a group with large felt squares and individually with smaller painted pictures. They have been planting more flowers in our bed against our back wall and caring for the vegetables and fruit that is rapidly growing there already.

Year 1

Year 1 have been reading stories set in the continent of Africa; Bringing the Rain to 'Kapiti Plain', 'Handa's Hen' and 'We all went on a Safari', and we have been looking at nouns, adjectives and similes. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting tens from two-digit numbers, partitioning numbers and solving multiplication and division word problems. We have been finding out about the five animal groups, and which animals can be found on which continent. We have also been learning about Van Gogh and have begun recreating one of his paintings!

STORY SACKS

I don't know quite what to say as I was overwhelmed yesterday when the story sacks were brought into school by Tracey Miller. They are quite simply fabulous!

I have taken pictures of all the sacks and their contents and will pop the photos onto the website and this afternoon in Celebration Assembly we talked about how they might be used. They are an incredible resource and we are developing a loan system so that they can also be enjoyed at home. Thank you so much to all of you for your contributions and especially to Esme Tiplady for creating and making different games for the bags, Helen Morgan and her mother-in-law for hand making all the felt fruits for 'Handa's Surprise', Natalia Gomez and Lisa Fletcher for making all the sacks and Tracey Miller and Emma Fallon for co-ordinating everything. It is a privilege to be part of a school community where everyone makes such wonderful contributions.



FIRE SERVICE VISIT

The children were so excited on Wednesday when the local fire fighters visited the school. They all had a chance to sit in the driver's seat of the truck, investigate the back seats, squirt the fire hose and dress up in firefighter's uniforms. The Caversham firefighters were wonderful with the children and really inspired them. We offer our sincere thanks to them for visiting us.



ELECTION DAY

We will be holding a mini-election next Thursday, in parallel with the national one. More details next week.

BEAT THE STREET

We hope you are all enjoying participating in Beat the Street. Our total distance up to this morning is 118 miles giving us 2960 points. Well done everyone.

AWNINGS

We would really like to finish building the awnings and are aiming to do this on Saturday 16th May. We do need numbers to help us, so if anyone can spare even an hour it would help. Please let the office know if / when you could assist. Many thanks.

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 20 th April - Friday 22 nd May	Term 5
Monday 4 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May	Parent Class Reps meeting 9am
Saturday 9 th May	PTFA Race Night from 7.30pm
Monday 11 th May	Music Maestros begin

From The Heights PTFA

Don't forget that RACE NIGHT is coming up on Saturday 9th May.

The Heights Summer Fayre – Save the date!

The Heights Summer Fayre will be held on **Saturday 20th June 2015** from **2:00pm-4:30pm** at The Heights. Please feel free to bring friends and relatives along with you. Over the next few weeks, more details will be coming out about what's on at the Fayre. If anyone wants to be involved in the organising ahead of the event please let us know in person, or by emailing ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk, or at <http://www.facebook.com/theheightsprimaryptfa>. Any offers of help on the stalls on the day (half hour slots!) will also be gratefully received. In the meantime, please save the date! We look forward to seeing you all there.

SPOTLIGHT

This week our spotlight falls on Tom Sanigar for his 30 visits to the **library** and Freya Carter for **swimming**. Well done to both of them.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

This afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were handed to: Olivia Mann and Rose Wood (Y1); YingGe Hong and Emily Miller (Mr Rizvi's Class); Indi King Gomez and Tom Sanigar (Mr Crispin's Class). Congratulations to

Handwritten signature of Mrs Edwards.

Mrs Edwards
Headteacher

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Please can we ask that children are not encouraged or allowed to play with the equipment in the playground before or after school. Teaching staff very carefully organise this ready for use during the school day and it takes up their valuable time if they have to rearrange. Thank you.