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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers

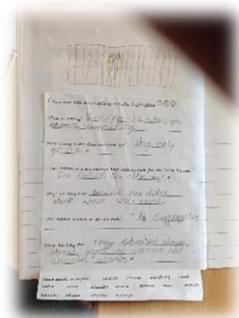
What have we been up to this week?

## Reception

Reception have created some wonderful 'lift the flap' books with their own version of a 'Dear Zoo' story. As we continue with our theme of 'Animals' the children have also made some quirky sock puppets. They have continued their work in Maths on halving and doubling and have come up with some fabulous ideas about how they would like to change the outside role play area.

## Year 1

This week Year 1 began by investigating what 'voting' is, and moved on to discuss the Suffragette movement - they all enjoyed acting out some alternative perspectives with some 'Votes for Women' drama! They also investigated VE day, and some brave medal-winning animals from WWII. They have sorted animals across the 7 continents into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. In Literacy they have been writing counting books using alliteration, and in Maths they have been using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 in order to very quickly add a single-digit number to a two-digit number. In Art they have continued recreating Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' painting in stages using various techniques - the paintings are looking amazing already, but there is still a further stage before they are complete.



Please may Year 1 parents provide a jam-jar/clear plastic container (e.g. disposable plastic cup) before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, and shoe-box or similar before Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Thankyou.

## MUSIC MAESTROS

The Pantomimus sessions will begin on Monday. If you have not already done so, please return your permission slips and voluntary donation (if applicable) to school as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has already done so.

## NEPAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Nepal Appeal on Wednesday, especially Scarlett who donated some of her birthday money. We have collected just over £100.

## SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Thank you everyone who has given their Sainsbury's vouchers so far. If you have been saving these to bring to school, *now is the time* to pop them into our collection box just inside the front door. Sainsbury's stopped handing these to shoppers on 5<sup>th</sup> May and once we know how many vouchers we have collected we can order our sports equipment, gardening supplies or other goodies. So far our total is just under 1000.

## SPANISH

After Celebration Assembly next Friday afternoon we are hosting a 20 minute introduction to learning Spanish from Lingotots with a view to holding an after-school club.

## ELECTION DAY

All the children took part in a school election yesterday. They were given voting slips to choose one of three squash drinks they would like as a treat at lunchtime. They secretly marked the slip and posted it in the ballot box in my office. It wasn't a landslide, but Summer Fruits was the most popular and those who wanted it were given a glass to drink with their lunch.



## BEAT THE STREET

Our total distance up to this morning is 442 miles giving us 11,050 points and Alex Callaghan has won the Beat the Street draw for a Lego DVD this week. Well done everyone - keep up the good work.

## AWNINGS

We would really like to finish building the awnings and are aiming to do this on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## SPONSORSHIP FOR HENRY BAREHAM - husband of Mrs Bareham in Year 1

Mr Bareham will be entering the World Triathlon event at Hyde Park on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, raising money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. If you would like to help him reach his donation target of £600 go to: <http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Henry-Bareham2>. JustGiving sends your donation straight to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research so it's a quick and safe way to donate.

## RESEARCH REQUEST

The University of Reading is currently researching about why some children find it easier to read than others and especially how it is that a child's visual skills influence their reading abilities. They are looking for children aged 6-8 to help them complete their study which would involve a visit to the University (with parents of course). If you would be interested in assisting this research, find out more at: <https://sites.google.com/site/dyslexiareasearchrdg/> or email: [a.j.parker@student.reading.ac.uk](mailto:a.j.parker@student.reading.ac.uk).

## RACE NIGHT

Thank you to Emma Palk and all the PTFA for their hard work in organising tomorrow's Race Night at St Andrew's Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm. I'm really looking forward to it.

## DATES TO NOTE

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Term 5
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Race Night from 7.30pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Music Maestros begin
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 visit Jamie's Italian

## SPOTLIGHT

This week's spotlight falls on Betty Nowicki-Wallace and Darcey Jones for **ballet**. Well done to them both.

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

This afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were handed to: Imogen Lewis and Daniel M Nizar (Y1); Emily Miller and Ben Gibson (Mr Rizvi's Class); Zach Dolby and Ben Davies (Mr Crispin's Class). Congratulations to them all and apologies to Tara Anand who won Pupil of the Week last week but was not mentioned in Highlights.

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