

# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for all your help and support before, during and after the Summer Fayre last Saturday. It was an absolutely brilliant afternoon and exactly what a school fayre should be all about. It was wonderful to see and welcome so many new Reception families and a number of residents from the flats too.

Huge congratulations must go to the 21 dads who made the most amazing creations for the Bake-Off. It was incredibly hard for Mrs Rizvi, Nick Walden (our Chair of Governors) and myself to choose the top 3 - but we 'forced' ourselves to taste them all (such hardship!) and the winners were: 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Stephan Wood; 2<sup>nd</sup> - place Bill Tiplady and 1<sup>st</sup> place - Tom Spall.



Thanks and well done to all the competitors - I can't wait for next year! Once again particular thanks must go to the PTFA as just under £2000 was raised. Hours go into the organising of such events and it's not by accident that they have been so successful and enjoyable throughout this year.



## Reception

This week in Reception they have been learning about nocturnal animals and how they have physically adapted to their environment: they have made clay woodland animals showing the features enabling them to thrive in their habitats. They have also focused on the five senses and made links between the different senses used by different animals and their own. In Literacy the children have learnt about adjectives and how to use them in their language and writing. In Maths the children have been counting on from a random number and have been designing and making board games that enable them to use this skill. In PE we have continued to practice the events they will be participating in on Sports Day next week.

## Year 1

This week Year 1 have mostly been grateful scientists! They have enjoyed closely observing the changes in the tadpoles - many of which are now tiny frogs (nearly had a couple of escapees - the container now has a lid!) - Thankyou, Joe's Mummy. They have also continued exploring the properties of various materials and experimenting to find the most important properties required for a successful towel. Continuing the materials theme, they have loved making felt with Imogen's Mummy! Once the felt shapes were created, they arranged these into a pattern and then sewed them all together to make beautiful necklaces. They then wrote thank you letters - and even received a thank you letter for their thank you letters! One more thankyou is required... to Roshni's Mummy for helping on the day: Thankyou!

## SHARE-A-BOOK SESSION

Once again it was fabulous to have so many parents and family members join us for our 'Share-a-Book' session on Wednesday. The children are always delighted to welcome you into their classes and include you in their activities.



### Mr CRISPIN'S CHARITABLE CHALLENGE

Thank you for all your generous donations towards Mr Crispin's chosen charity - Leukaemia and Lymphoma research - which has raised £130. As promised he will be having both legs waxed after school today. It will be videoed but you may wish to claim a front row position in the playground early to avoid disappointment.

### BEAT THE STREET

At the end of the project our distance was 1821 miles giving us 45,520 points from our 112 team members. Alyssia Kenny was the final winner of a Lego DVD in the Beat the Street draw and the last BtS newsletter accompanies this Highlights. Well done everyone!

### SPORTS DAY

I do hope you will be able to make it to our first Sports Day next Friday morning on St Anne's field. We hope it will be a really enjoyable morning with all the pupils taking part in a carousel of field events before break and then track events before lunch.

We aim to start at 9.30am. If you are able to join us to help set up some gazebos and equipment from 8am or can help on a field event station please do let me know. We would also like to borrow 4 pop up tunnels and some picnic rugs. If you can help out with any of these requests please let me know.

### GOVERNOR'S MEETING FOR PARENTS

A reminder of the invitation from our Governors to join them in school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30-9pm for an update on the role of the governors, how far we have come in our first year and our plans for the year ahead. There will be snacks and wine, so please let the office know (if you have not already done so) if you intend to come along.

### RECEPTION PARENTS 2015

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 9.30-10.30am and on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30-8.30pm there will be meetings in school for the parents of children joining us in Reception in September.

### DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30-9pm	Governors/parents meeting in school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9.30-10.30am	Reception 15 parents meeting
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.30-12noon	Sports Day in St Anne's Field
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Whole school visit: Bucklebury Farm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30-8.30pm	Reception 15 parents meeting
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Early Move-up Day

### SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this week falls on Imogen Lewis who has had a **poem** published and Lily Morgan who has made her **Rainbow** promise. Well done.

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

This afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were handed to: Freya Carter and Aoibh Denney (Y1); Zoya Arif and Aryan Padha (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Betty Nowicki Wallace and Brooke Dimmock (Mr Crispin's Class). Congratulations to them all.



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Greetings from YingGe who is learning all about his Chinese heritage - in China!