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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

Wow! What a week! And I'm not talking about the gorgeous weather we've had. It has been our third full week and we have seen the children settle more comfortably into the different routines of our school life. I have spent an afternoon with three different classes this week and it is always so rewarding to be with the children. They are wonderful individuals and a credit to you as parents.

Reception classes have been continuing with 'All About Me', drawing and labelling people who live with us in our homes. In Maths they have been organising numbers and practising number forms with chalks outside. The children love our Charanga music programme which we started this week.

Year 1 have been discussing pets. They have been labelling researching and making lists. In Maths they have been adding and subtracting, handling data and investigating algorithms in computing.

Year 2 wrote letters to the Mayor and hand delivered them on Wednesday when they attended the opening of Reading's new footbridge. It was a fabulous event for them and they were so inspired by the experience that they returned to school and made bridges out of Play Doh. In Maths they are writing inverse Maths stories and using number facts to add and take away. In Literacy they have been writing new, improved Monster stories, concentrating on sentence starters and connectives. They have also learned about the life of the cocoa bean and have been talking about the properties of different materials.



Play Doh bridge by Sammy and Rhys

## READING FOOTBRIDGE OPENING

As you may have already seen in the local press, our Year 2 pupils helped the Mayor at the opening of the new Reading Footbridge on Wednesday morning. It was a fabulous experience for our pupils in so many ways. Thank you to Michele Pattison for facilitating this.



Play Doh forest by Ameya

## GLOBAL PLAY DOH DAY

Thanks to Hasbro and Peter Buchanan we had an amazing day on Wednesday and had great fun creating all sorts of 3D items and scenes.

## RECEPTION CLASS PARENTS

There will be a session for parents in the Foundation Stage classes at 2.45pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. This will include observing a short phonics session and will trial an interactive follow up session with the children.

**WELCOME:** We extend a warm welcome to Kasim Maroof who has joined us in Year 2 this week.

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We have had four nominations for our Parent Governor position so we will be holding an election. Look out for information and ballot papers in your child's bookbag on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

## UNIFORM REMINDERS

Please could we remind you that long hair should be tied back during school time and nail varnish should not be worn in school. If your child has pierced ears, for reasons of safety, only small stud earrings are suitable.

## PARENTMAIL

We are working on ParentMail and hope to get it up and running next week. If you receive a communication please respond and register or re-register. Many thanks.

## FLU VACCINATIONS

Berkshire School Nursing Service will be coming into school to administer Nasal Flu Vaccinations to Years 1 and 2 - we are awaiting a date from them. In the meantime further information is available on the NHS website.

## CROSS COUNTRY RACE SERIES (Years 1 and 2)

Congratulations to all the children in Years 1 and 2 who ran in the Greys Court Cross Country last Saturday. Participating in such a big event was a wonderful achievement. For your information the dates for the remaining events in the series are: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. All at Chiltern Edge School and starting at 10am. We will remind you closer to these event days.

## DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Nominations and Ballot Papers for Parent Governor election sent home
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.45pm	Classroom session for Reception Parents (see above)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm	Deadline for receipt of votes in Parent Governor Election
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct		Announcement of new Parent Governor

## SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this week falls on Karim Habib who is progressing to Mega Kickers **football**; Freya Carter, Roshni Taylor, Joshua Ellison, Zachary Dolby, Zak Guntzenbach, Joe Mackereth and Imogen Lewis - the **cross-country** runners; and Betty Nowicki-Wallace who we welcome back after her adventures in Crete, learning to swim, seeing real Mondrian paintings and crossing the Atlantic in the Queen Mary 2. Well done everyone!

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Our pupils of this week are: Olivia Mann and Jack Winder (Year 2); Rufus Palk, Joshua Packer, Rhys Green and Daisy Davies (Year 1); Freddie Shepard was given his award in assembly last week but we named Finn Hemmant in Highlights instead: Finn receives his award this week along with Laila Williams Anderson, Abigail Burcham and Jack Morgan (Reception Classes). Congratulations to all of them!



Karen Edwards  
Headteacher

## PTFA NEWS

### RAFFLE PRIZES

We are looking for prizes for this year's Christmas raffle. If anyone can help us by sourcing prizes from their place of work then please contact Sue Hepwood on [shepwood@outlook.com](mailto:shepwood@outlook.com)

### Dates to Note:

Don't forget PTFA AGM - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7.45pm – 8.30pm at St Anne's Primary School. Everyone is welcome.

PTFA Curry & Quiz Night - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm - 10.30pm at St Andrew's Church Hall. Tickets on sale now. Extra booking slips available outside the school office.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - This year's Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 5 December, 12pm – 2.30pm

