

THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers



Wow! This has certainly been a week to remember! Aside from the usual exciting events of each day, Miss Parker Fraser and Year 1 received a Tweet of thanks from Tim Peake which went global and Year 2 handled and got acquainted with a giant millipede, rainbow chameleon, Mexican red-kneed tarantula and Monty the ball python in their classroom. Have we all been very excited about this - oh yes!

Reception

This week our theme has been 'Where the Wild Things Are': we have explored it through drama, painting and collage puppets and the children have written character descriptions. In Maths we have been exploring subtraction. Both classes have been developing their role-play areas: Space in Mr Crispin's class and Storytelling in Mrs Rizvi's class.

Year 1

As you are aware our Year 1 pupils are learning about space and have registered with Tim Peake's Cosmic Classroom. They were all filmed asking Major Tim burning questions about his job and what life is like for him in space. When Miss PF tweeted a photo of the children's questions and a message stressing how much he has inspired them all, he tweeted back 'Thanks for your support'.

This has captured the interest of people all around the world and has been reported widely in the local media. Year 1 pupils are keeping their fingers crossed that they may be one of the lucky children whose question is selected to be answered by Major Peake live. If you will pardon the pun: 'Watch this Space'!

Year 2

Year 2's topic of 'One World' and sub topic 'The Living Rainforest' inspired Mrs Mullaney to invite a mini exotic zoo into their classroom on Wednesday afternoon. It was fascinating as each creature brought out linked to the layers of the rainforest.

The Year 2 children not only learned about how and where the animals live and survive in the rainforest, but got to handle them as well. Splat the frog, Rainbow the chameleon and Monty the ball python were real favourites.



WATCH US AT WORK

Thank you to all the parents who came to the FS and KS1 sessions this week. We hope you enjoyed the experience. If you weren't able to make it this time, please do drop us a line and we will arrange a separate day for you to visit. Look out for more news about sessions where you will be able to sign up to support in class for a morning or afternoon. Please note we will have to limit numbers for each of these visits and we will not be able to accommodate younger siblings.

KEEPING WARM

During the wintery weather you may want to send in a fleece or jogging bottoms for your child to wear at PE or after school clubs. Please ensure everything is named clearly.

PARENT MEETING ABOUT THE SCHOOL SITES

We would like to remind you about the meeting we are holding for parents in the school hall next Tuesday 26th January at 8pm. We do hope that as many parents can make it as possible. Members of the Trust, Governing Body and myself will be there to present and discuss information pertaining to the school's temporary and permanent locations and answer as many of your questions as possible.

PARENT TRAVEL SURVEY - Message from The Trust

In advance of the parents meeting on the 26th January, we wanted to understand more about how everyone travels to and from school and what your views are on potential options to try to make the journey easier. The survey tool is quite limited in the responses that you can provide, so please feel free to get in touch with any additional thoughts you have at trust@theheightsprimary.co.uk. Please can you complete the survey by end of Sunday 24th January (this Sunday). Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey, which can be accessed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RSW57TC>.

EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE SHAPED BRITAIN

It is not too late to send your suggestions for our 'Britain' project. More news on this soon.

SAINSBURYS VOUCHER COLLECTION

From 27th January to 3rd May Sainsbury's will be giving vouchers for schools to collect and exchange for equipment. We had a lovely response from parents last year which enable us to buy sports equipment. The collection box is just inside our front door, so if you receive vouchers when you shop at Sainsbury's please drop them in. Many thanks.

PARKING

We are aware that some parents are parking in the access road to our neighbouring flats in order to drop off or collect their children. Our neighbours are very tolerant, but we must remind you all that their road should not be used for this purpose. Please join our travel survey (see above) to give us information which might lead to a solution to this ongoing problem.

PTFA SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY!

Time for your children to get excited and start practising their best moves, as this year's School Disco is now confirmed for Friday 26th February! This year, Joanna Wright (from Wiggle Waggle) returns to lead two shoe-shuffling sessions; from 5.00-6.00pm for Reception children and from 6.00-7.00pm for Years 1 and 2. She'll also be popping into school earlier the same week to show them how to get down and boogie! More info on how to book a ticket will accompany next week's Heights Highlights: until then, make a note in your diary and dig out your children's dancing shoes!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 26 th January	8.00pm	Parent's meeting at school - site update
Thursday 28 th January	8.45am (drop off)	Parent Class Reps meeting

SPOTLIGHT

If your child would like to share their achievements outside school please send in the certificate or a short note so we can all celebrate in assembly.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

At assembly this morning Pupil of the Week awards were given to: Joe and Rishona in Year 2; Zach, Alyssia, Alex and Tara in Year 1; Abigail, Jack, Sara and Oliver in Reception. Congratulations to them all.



Karen Edwards
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