



Dear Parents and Carers

I don't know who has been busier this week - the children or yourselves! Thank you so much for your interest and support of the KS1 Maths and Ladders at Home sessions for parents as well as the preview of proposals for the permanent site. We hope you found them informative and helpful. The Maths presentation will be emailed to all Year 1 and 2 parents and also popped on the website.

## Reception

The children have been using positional language whilst observing and being with the chicks. They have created observational paintings of spring, written acrostic poems and learnt and talked about the importance of hygiene and road safety. They have continued to develop their maths skills, writing and recognising numbers to 20 and using tally charts to keep count of the laps they ran on the field during Sport Relief. Whew!



## Year 1

This week in Maths we have been working on doubling and halving, counting in multiples and missing number patterns and problems. In English we have been acting out the story of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We have filmed ourselves acting out the story and will look at it again next week and improve it. We have also been assessing the children in English, Maths and Phonics and are delighted with their progress.

## Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have been exploring how fragile our world is. We have used the stories *One World* by Michael Foreman and *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward to think about the impact that people have on our planet. We have been writing exclamatory sentences. What a great job Year 2 have been doing! We have also been learning *The Tin Forest* story and will use it in our writing.

In Maths, we have been exploring different methods to add and subtract. We have revisited partitioning and vertical methods. We have all grown in confidence when regrouping numbers.

In Design Technology, we thought about the ways we can reuse or recycle materials. We designed and then made our very own recycled instrument orchestra. We all enjoyed playing in groups and making up chants and songs.



In Science, we have examined food chains. We have also researched endangered animals and then we used our research in both Maths and Literacy sessions.

## SPORT RELIEF

Now I know you won't be surprised to learn that I was in my element with our sporty focus today. The children were amazing, challenging themselves to run and walk further than they thought they could over a 15 minute period. Their achievements, as well as the staff's, were impressive. Thank you for all your generous contributions which will be sent on to Sports Relief: you can donate via ParentPay until Monday.

## LADDERS AT HOME

For those of you who weren't able to attend the session about our assessment programme and online parent portal I will run a brief demonstration this coming Monday at 8-8.30am and 9-9.30am in our Library. Do come along to either of these sessions.

## SCHOOL DINNERS FOR NEXT TERM - PARENTPAY UPDATE

Please read our email sent yesterday about school dinner selection on the ParentPay website. It may not have been clear that there is *no requirement to pay for school lunches until your child enters Year 3*. This system has been set up now so we are ready for this change in September and to make the ordering of school lunches in general more flexible for parents. If you have any questions about this, do let us know using [parentpay@theheightsprimary.co.uk](mailto:parentpay@theheightsprimary.co.uk).

## DONATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY

A number of parents have expressed a wish to make donations but are uncertain about which books to choose. They have asked if they can instead make a donation of, say, £5 so school can purchase books for them. To facilitate this request we will set up a ParentPay account.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Throughout the summer term we aim for the children to wear summer uniform, but if the weather continues this chilly we would be happy for the children to remain in their winter uniform for a little longer.

## PARENT CLASS REPS MEETING

There will be a Parent Class Reps meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: if you would like your Rep to bring up anything at this meeting, please contact them.

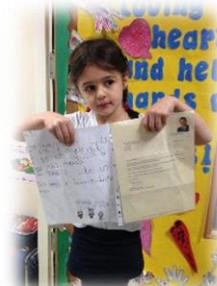
## ASSEMBLY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Our final Celebration Assembly of the term will be at 9.30am next Wednesday and we break for the Easter holiday at 1.30pm that day.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> March	8pm	PTFA Bingo - St Andrews Hall
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	8-8.30am 9-9.30am	Introduction to Learning Ladders and Ladders at Home assessment programme from Mrs Edwards in Library
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	8.45am	Parent Class Reps meeting
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.30am <b>1.30pm</b>	Celebration Assembly End of Term 4 - School closes for Easter holiday
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am	Term 5 begins
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> April	7.45pm	PTFA Summer Fayre Meeting at The Grosvenor

**SPOTLIGHT:** Our spotlight this week falls on Lily J who wrote a **letter** to Rob Wilson MP asking if it would be possible to ride on a double decker bus. Imagine her delight when she received a letter back from him. Lots of you have received **swimming** certificates this week: Zachary, Eddy, Jenna, Tara, Emily, Sam D, Emma, Rose, Baylen, Audrey, Lily F and Kacper. Theo also deserves mention for his **5k run** on Mother's Day. Well done everyone!



**PUPILS OF THE WEEK:** At assembly this afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were presented to: Roshni and Georgiy in Year 2; Aryan, Holly, Ffion and Emily in Year 1; Karim, Lily F, Sam C and Audrey in Reception. Congratulations to them all.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Karen Edwards'.

Karen Edwards  
Headteacher

## PTFA NEWS

### **BINGO NIGHT - THIS SATURDAY AT ST ANDREWS - TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!**

How exciting! This Saturday's Bingo Night will also feature a raffle! In addition to prizes for a line or house call, there will be a mini raffle for some fabulous prizes, including a wine tasting course for 2 worth £50, a £50 Boden voucher and a £25 book voucher. Also joining us as star bingo caller is actor Adam Venus. He's recently been treading the boards alongside Alexandra Burke as part of the UK tour of *The Bodyguard*, but is taking a night off to be the 'voice of the balls'! It promises to be a really fun evening, and you never know it could be your lucky night! Don't have a babysitter sorted? Don't worry, you don't need to come with a partner to enjoy the night, just grab a couple of friends and join in the fun. All supporters of the school welcome! Tickets will be available on the door, but it would help us enormously if you could book yours in advance by putting your payment (cash or cheque made payable to 'The Heights Primary PTFA') in an envelope marked 'PTFA BINGO NIGHT'. Please clearly write your name(s) and the number of tickets you require on the envelope too and leave in the PTFA postbox outside the school office. Hope to see you there!

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Time to get those diaries out and schedule in some fun! This year's incomparable Race Night has just been confirmed for **Saturday 21 May**, at our favourite Cav Heights venue, St Andrews! Last year's Race Night was an absolute blast, and, most importantly, raised a huge amount for the school. Tickets will be limited, and go on sale after Easter. Another date of note is the next PTFA meeting, on **Monday 18th April** at the Grosvenor. We would love to see the whole school represented at this meeting, as we will be brainstorming ideas for the Summer Fayre. Come along and let us know what you'd like this year's Fayre to include. Get involved and help ensure the whole school community enjoys a fab day to remember!

### **THE GIVING MACHINE / MICRO SCOOTERS**

Did you know that you can earn cash back for the school when doing your online shopping with just a few extra clicks? Simply register with The Giving Machine, select 'The Heights Primary' as your preference and we will receive commission for every purchase made via the site. The Giving Machine is supported by most major retailers including Amazon, John Lewis and eBay. Please visit [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and register today. Plus, if you're planning to update your little one's Micro Scooter anytime soon, you can earn cash back for the school by buying direct via [www.micro-scooter.co.uk](http://www.micro-scooter.co.uk) and entering the code 139972 when you check out.

### **SPRING TERM PTFA NEWSLETTER**

Watch next week's Parentmail for the latest PTFA newsletter. It contains updates on all that has been achieved this year, along with a plan for the new playground and lots more!