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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
Responsibility and Excellence

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'It's our choices that show what we really are, far more than our abilities'

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, we've had a bit of everything this week haven't we ... rain, sun, sleet, snow, hail. The poor spring buds, flowers and animals out of hibernation don't know what to make of it. Still, we haven't let it stop us being curious, investigative learners.

Reception

In Reception we've spent a lot of time exploring the story of Noah's Ark. We've read and written about it and used the artist Lowry's work to inspire our own art and craft.

We've been counting in 2s, working hard on forming our numbers and investigating risks and hazards at home and school.

We're loving our Pantomimus music sessions, as well as our Cricket and Athletics PE lessons.



Year 1

We have had huge fun reading and following instructions made by the other class to create fish and snake crafts. We've been solving doubling and halving number problems and exploring length and capacity. We have also learnt so much already about the 5 oceans and 7 continents. Do ask us about it!



Year 2

We had our first recorder session this week. London Philharmonic Orchestra - here we come! We've been challenged with all sorts of problems involving money and how to read maps. Our Messing About on the River topic is great fun and we love the story of *The Wind in the Willows*.

CLASS PHOTOS

You will have received an order form in bookbags yesterday. You may order online but if you wish to order via the school office, please send completed forms with correct payment in a sealed envelope. *These will not be checked by the office and will be collected for processing next Friday 6th May.*

ANIMALS IN SCHOOL

We can't wait for the visit from Miller's Ark farm next Thursday. The animals will be with us all day and we'll have a chance to pet and groom them and learn how to care for them all. We'll take lots of pictures and share them with you in our assembly next week. If you have not already done so, please give your permission and donation via the Parentpay account. Thank you.

DfE MONITORING VISIT

Our Ofsted Advisory, Jeff Hart, is back in next Wednesday 4th May to see the progress we have made since his last visit in October. He would really like to meet with a group of parents (up to 10) between 12.15 and 12.40. If you may be able to spare the time and would be happy to chat to him, please could you let Lyn know in the office? Thank you.

BEAT THE STREET

Our total distance this morning stood at 463 miles and team total points 9290. That's almost 300 miles this week - well done everyone.

LONDON MARATHON

Congratulations to Rachel Crisford for running last week's London Marathon and raising nearly £4,000 for the Starlight Charity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Weds 4 th May	All day	Visit from DfE Ofsted Advisor
Thurs 5 th May	All day	Miller's Ark farm visit to school
Sun 15 th May	9am	Green Park Mini Mile
Sat 21 st May	7.30pm	PTFA Race Night at St Andrew' Church Hall
25 th -27 th May		Travelling Book Fair
Sat 25 th June	2-5pm	PTFA Summer Fayre

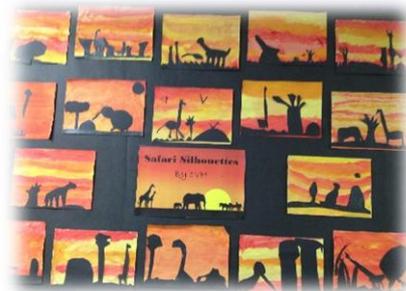
SPOTLIGHT: Our spotlight at assembly today fell on: George for **golf** and Ishan for **football**. Well done!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Awards were handed to the following this week: Year 2 - Jayden and Rose; ; Year 1 - George, Jonah, Darcey and Joshua; Reception - Rupert, Lucy M, Chloe and Hamish. Congratulations to you all.



Karen Edwards
Headteacher



PTFA NEWS

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR - WEDNESDAY 25 - FRIDAY 27 MAY

Hip hip hooray - the Travelling Book Fair is coming to The Heights! Stick around after school on Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th May and you and your children will be able to have a browse of some new and exciting titles from our own little book shop at school. We're excited to say that the book fair will be offering 3 for the price of 2 on all books! Plus the school will receive commission on books bought. This commission will be in the form of more books, so by buying new books for home you'll also be helping to stock our Heights library. Added to this total is a donation from Heather & Peter Ferguson, who won a £25 book voucher at the Bingo Night social, and have very kindly said they would like to gift this to the school. Thank you both for your generous donation!

RACENIGHT - SATURDAY 21 MAY

Tickets for this year's Racenight are now on sale! You should have received a booking form in your child's book bag by now, more copies are available via the school office. Please return this form to the PTFA postbox asap as tickets this year are limited! See your booking form for more info.

PTFA SUMMER FAYRE - SATURDAY 25 JUNE

Plans for the Summer Fayre are coming together! We have created a Facebook group so we can easily share ideas and start planning the day, please join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1160114367356543/>. If you are feeling a bit creative and would like to get involved in the decorations (think oodles of bunting!) then please chat to Jenny Salisbury (Nathan's Mum - year one) or join the Heights 'Create and Make for Grown Ups' Facebook group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/510999372384403/?fref=nf>. Also, another reminder that if you work for a company that offers match-funding for charities, it would be amazing if you could investigate whether they could support us! If we were able to match-fund different aspects of the fayre it would make a tremendous difference to our final total. For more info please chat to Liz or Liz, or email ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk