

THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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'Honesty is the best policy. If I lose mine honour I lose myself' (Shakespeare)
Honesty has been the value we have been focussing on this week.

Dear Parents and Carers

'The sun has got his hat on Hip, hip, hip hooray. The sun has got his hat on and he's FINALLY out to play!' Haven't the last 2 days been glorious? Long may it last. It has only been a short week but we have packed so much into it with our DfE Advisor's visit and Miller's Ark.

Reception

In Reception we have continued to be stimulated by the theme of Noah's Ark, writing entries into Noah's logbook and 'Guess Who' animal clues. We have been taking on different roles and speaking in character, counting in 10s to 100 in Maths and making sure we form our numerals correctly. We have been investigating weather, keeping a weather diary and planting out seedlings, vegetables and herbs.



Year 1

This week we have been learning about the different parts of animals. We have labelled different animals and written animal facts. We also had the amazing farm visit and got to stroke and cuddle lots of different animals. We ALL had a great time.

In Maths we have been collecting data and creating pictograms and bar charts. We have then interpreted our data! We have also been creating some fabulous aboriginal art.



Year 2

We have been working hard revisiting time in Maths and soon hope to be able to read clocks to the nearest five minutes. Please do continue to ask us what the time is! We are deepening our understanding of different texts and have been re-writing the story of 'The Wind in the Willows'. We are loving learning to play the recorder. Thanks for your patience!

MILLER'S ARK

Thank you for your support of the visit from Miller's Ark Farm yesterday. It felt so natural having pens of donkeys, goats, lambs, chickens, ducks and Peppa the Pig on our small grassy area. The children really enjoyed learning about the animals, what they eat and how to care for them and were thrilled to pet and groom them.

DfE MONITORING VISIT

Jeff Hart visited us for the fourth time on Wednesday. He was very busy observing lessons and tracking, looking at pupils' work and the progress they are making and chatting to staff, governors, pupils and parents. He was really impressed, once again, with all that we have established and achieved to date and really valued the feedback from the parents he chatted to. We are genuinely looking forward to our first full Ofsted in the autumn term.

PARENT CLASS REPS

Please note: our next Parent Class Reps meeting will be this coming **Monday 9th May at 9am** rather than Tuesday 10th.

CREATE'N'MAKE

There are a couple of spaces available on this after-school club on a Monday. If you are interested please contact Mrs Clarke on 07831 429794 or at michaela@createnmake.com.

BEAT THE STREET

Our total distance this morning stood at 801 miles and team total points 16020. Caversham Primary School is just ahead of us on average points - let's try to overtake them next week!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Children will have brought home cards about The Big Friendly Read supported by The Reading Agency and local libraries which is taking place over the summer. Apart from libraries full of books to read, children will be able to collect some beautifully illustrated Quentin Blake cards, there are online resources from www.bigfriendlyread.org.uk, and other more local events to be announced.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's have now finished giving vouchers with purchases, but we can still collect them for a few weeks. Please post any you may have lurking in the box outside the office. We are saving them for new sports equipment which will be delivered in the autumn term. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 9 th May	9am	Parent Class Reps meeting in 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 at school
Sat 25 th June	2-5pm	PTFA Summer Fayre at school

SPOTLIGHT: Our spotlight at assembly today fell on: Rose for **Brownies** achievements: Betty for **dance**; Olivia, Lily J and Elyon for **swimming**. Well done everyone!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Awards were handed to the following this week: Year 2 - Eva and Jack; Year 1 - Thom, Scarlett, Zachary and Tom; Reception - Ishan, Xavier, Elsa and Annabel. Congratulations to you all.



Karen Edwards
Headteacher

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PTFA NEWS

GREEN PARK MINI MILE - SUNDAY 15 MAY

With just over a week to go until the Mini Mile, we've still a way to go to hit our fundraising target. Please share the following donation link with your friends and family to support our little (and big!) runners efforts!
<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/heightsminimile2016/295794>.

RACENIGHT - SATURDAY 21 MAY

If you're planning to come to this year's Race Night please return your booking form with payment to the PTFA postbox ASAP! Extra booking forms are available outside the school office.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR - WEDNESDAY 25 - FRIDAY 27 MAY

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.

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.

