



Dear Parents and Carers

What an exciting week we have had! The children were inspired by the author Giles Andreae's visit yesterday and we will pop some of their own creative writing on the website as soon as it ready. We are thrilled to have John Winder and his colleagues working on the site clearing some new space and cannot wait to be able to use it after half term. A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising Race Night tomorrow: we are looking forward to hearing who the new champions might be, although Fletcher's dad is keen to retain his crown as overall winner from last year.



Reception

This week we have been writing our own lift-the-flap book inspired by *Dear Zoo* and learning to read and spell polysyllabic words. In Maths we have revised counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and used this to solve problems. In Art we have looked at the work of Piet Mondrian and used it to inspire our own art pieces of collage/mixed media pet pictures. We also enjoyed this week's Pantomimus Music session very much.

Year 1

In Maths this week we have been working on number bonds to 10, 20 and beyond. The children are really enjoying using a game to help them, which can be found at:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> or can be downloaded as an app. It is a really great way of developing mental maths recall skills and is fun too!

In English we have been reading lots of Giles Andreae books, with a particular focus on *Commotion in the Ocean*. On Thursday we had an AMAZING visit from Giles, which left both the children and staff inspired. He read some of his wonderful books to us and we worked together to write a new part to the Pants poem book! He even had a boogie with us (see photo).

Next week we will be completing lots of assessments and preparing the children for their final term in Year 1. We are SO proud of each and every one of them!



Year 2

In English this week we have been reading a range of texts independently, with partners and in small groups and have written our own questions about the texts we have read for our classmates to answer, reinforcing our comprehension.

Maths has seen us working on solving a range of problems both independently and in small groups and revising measures, geometry, data and statistics as well as problem solving.

In our Pantomimus session we learnt some more boat songs from around the world. In PSHE we thought about how each of us is special and talked about what makes our class special. We continued to learn the recorder and in PE we added throwing shot-put to our athletic skillset. On Thursday Giles Andreae opened the LRC and led poetry workshops for everyone in KS1.

PARENT CLASS REPS

Our Parent Forum date has been changed in order for more parents to be able to attend. It is now on Wednesday 8th June still at 7.45pm. I do hope you will be able to join us.

WEAR IT WILD

Our email earlier this week informed you all about plans for 'Wear it Wild' next Friday 27th May. We are looking forward to seeing some interesting dressing up and hope you will feel able to donate £1 towards our project of adopting an animal/animals to help the children learn about endangered animals.

MINI MILE

Massive congratulations to all 85 children and siblings who ran the Mini Mile and the 15 parents who ran the 10k last Sunday. It was wonderful to be there and see so many budding athletes of all ages.

COMMUNITY DAY

Many thanks to John Winder and his colleagues who are at school with Jerry today helping us clear and prepare the area behind the fence and the small playhouse. Once cleared we will be able to move the fence and significantly open up our outside play area.

BEAT THE STREET

Our total distance this morning stood at 1180 miles and team total points 23730, putting us 40th on the leaderboard (out of 66) and giving an average of 142 points per player. Overall we have reached the moon with a total mileage of 246,082- but can we help to better last year's mileage of 300,000 miles? The competition has now been extended until Saturday, 28th May, to celebrate Reading's Year of Culture and, thanks to The Rising Sun Arts Centre, the amazing Flint Giant will be playing Beat the Street in a town centre finale!

The event on Saturday, 28th May will see the 30ft Flint Giant, accompanied by the Tongues of Fire procession band parade along Broad Street in Reading from 12pm to 2pm. The giant will tap an enormous Beat the Street card onto a specially constructed over-sized Beat Box with which participants in the game will be invited to have their picture taken. As well as the procession, there will also be the opportunity to play giant pavement games such as skipping, hopscotch and snakes and ladders.

HOUSEKEEPING

Please, please, please remember to name every item your child brings into school. A lot of time is wasted allocating the correct clothing to the right children, after PE especially, and we cannot return lost items if they are not named.

We are looking for plain (white or coloured, but not patterned) unfitted sheets or pillow cases for a Reception class project. If you can help please let the office know. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 21 st May	7.30pm	PTFA Race Night at St Andrew' Church Hall
Mon 23 rd May	7.45pm	PTFA Summer Faye planning meeting at the Grosvenor
25 th -27 th May		Travelling Book Fair at school
Thurs 26 th May	3.30pm	Cake Sale in the playground
Fri 27 th May	3.30pm	Wear it Wild day School closes for Half Term
Mon 30 th May - Fri 3 rd June		HALF TERM
Weds 8 th June	7.45pm	Parent Forum - first meeting, at school
Sat 25 th June	2-5pm	PTFA Summer Fayre at school

SPOTLIGHT: Our spotlight at assembly today fell on: all the children who participated in the **Mini Mile** last Saturday. Well done everyone!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Awards were handed to the following this week: Year 2 - Zak and Jermaine; Year 1 - Umar, Sophie, Tara and Sammy; Reception - Sam, Oscar, Hamish and Ava. Congratulations to you all.



Karen Edwards
Headteacher

ENERGY KIDZ

The Energy Kidz Summer Fun Competition!

Here at Energy Kidz, we have already started our countdown to the Summer Holidays and are excited to announce our Summer Fun Competition!

To coincide with our fantastic themed weekly schedules, we will be running a 6 week competition based on Wild Woodland, Ocean Adventures, Zootopia, EK Olympics, A Taste of Fun and Famous Faces.

Every week, we will be giving away 2 x standard day passes, 2 summer survival kits and 2 goody bags.

To find out more and enter our competition, visit our website at www.energy-kidz.co.uk/summer-fun-competition.

PTFA NEWS

NEXT PTFA MEETING - MONDAY 23 MAY

Please join us at the Grosvenor from 7.45pm next Monday night, to help us plan the Summer Fayre. ALL welcome!

CAKE BAKE - THURSDAY 26 MAY

Time to dig out your tins and get ready for our penultimate cake sale of the year - planned for afterschool on Thursday 26 May. This time half of year 2 and the whole of year 1 are being asked to provide some goodies please. However, should the weather be glorious we will cancel the cakes and sell ice creams instead (we will let you know Monday/Tuesday next week once we know what the weather's doing). This time our baking families are: both Miss Hiles' and Mrs Parker-Fraser's classes, and in Year 2: Akshit, Anna, Aoibh, Eva, Finley, Freya, Georgiy, Imogen, Jack and Jayden. The sale will start once the children have been collected from classes. Please deliver on the day either at drop-off or just before school pick up - the room next to Mr Crispin's classroom will be used to store any cakes until the sale. Finally, we need 5 or 6 volunteers from Year 1 and Year 2 to help sell please (arrival 3pm-ish and for 10 mins after the sale), could you let Tracey Miller (mummy to Ruby in Miss Hiles' class) or your class Reps know if you can help please. A reminder for NO NUTS in your baking please!

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR - WEDNESDAY 25 - THURSDAY 26 MAY

A reminder to 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.

MINI MILE - THANK YOU

Finally a huge thank you to everyone in 'Team Heights' who took part in our mini-mile and 10k last Sunday. We were so proud of each and every one of you! We have so far raised an unbelievable £1896.00! We've had feedback that there were still people wanting to add their sponsorship so we have re-activated the mydonate page to accept pledges until the end of the month. Click here:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/heightsminimile2016/295794>. Don't forget, every donation will be matched by Microsoft, so every penny pledged will go a long way for the PTFA and our two chosen charities - Reading Family Aid and Caversham Good Neighbours! Also, some lovely 'official' actions shots of our Green Park runners available via <http://www.epicactionimagery.com/Royal-Berkshire-10k>, you just need your bib number to download your pictures!