

THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

Before we talk about this week let me tell you about last weekend!

On Saturday morning lots of our Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils arrived at Chiltern Edge with their Mums and Dads to run in the first of the Oxfordshire Schools Winter Series Cross Country competitions. Berkshire don't have something similar to this so we were kindly invited to join other Oxfordshire schools. The Year 1s and 2s ran just under 700m across fields, through a woody copse and up a short steep hill whilst the Y3s ran 1000m. They all did brilliantly and there were some great individual results. We were very proud of them all



Y3 - Immy, Roshni, Olivia, Anna, Vaala, Zak, Fin;

Y2 - Matilda, Isla, YingGe, Umar, Zachary

Y1 - Lily, Chloe, Theo, Karim, Rishi, Zuhair

Please note, the next Cross Country competitions will be at 10am on Saturday 5th November and Saturday 10th December at Chiltern Edge.

Then, on Sunday we had parents and staff competing in 10K and half-marathon races in Oxford and Henley and The Muddy Mayhem at Mapledurham. The latter was great fun and I can't wait for the next one!

And, so onto this week in school...

Reception

The Reception children have been wonderfully curious learners throughout the week. We loved our autumn walk and spotted so many signs of the season changing. We found leaves of all colours and LOTS of conkers! We've been talking about and comparing different sizes, finding out what is small, what is big and who is the tallest. We can't wait to sing our Harvest song to our Grandparents and in assembly next week.



Year 1



This week we visited St Anne's Church and there was a very special sense of awe and wonder as they explored the different areas and features of the building. The children have written super recounts of their visit and have written thank you cards. In maths we have explored money and have worked on identifying the coins we use. It would be great if you could continue to work on this with your children when in the shops. We have also been telling the time to the hour and are now focussing on half past.

Year 2

We have independently written our non-chronological reports about dragons and can't believe we received a letter from another dragon from a different part of the world! We've used Google to identify the best places for dragons to live in the UK and will use our findings to write back to the dragon and give it our suggestions. We've been learning to add 1-digit to 2-digit numbers and now problem-solve all the time.

Year 3

We have continued with our Egyptian topic this week and are looking forward to welcoming a qualified dance teacher into school on Monday to work with the class based around our Ancient Egyptians theme. We are also excited about the artefacts box which is arriving on Monday from Reading Museum. It will contain real Ancient Egyptian artefacts and will help the children gain an understanding of what the Ancient Egyptians were interested in and what it was like in an Egyptian tomb. We will be able to keep the box up until Christmas so the children will be able to get full use out of the objects inside.



Choir

Mark from Berkshire Maestros came and led our assembly on Monday with Mrs Fallon and introduced plans for our first choir. It's fabulous to see how excited and enthusiastic the children are. We're sorry we have to limit numbers to 40 in the first instance but hope to develop separate KS1 and KS2 choirs in the future.

School Photos

The children were fabulous while the photos were being taken on Wednesday and some of the sibling 'shots' were priceless. We do hope you like them when the proofs arrive.

School Council

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected to represent their classmates as School Councillors: Y1 - Sam, Laila, Baylen, Ralph; Y2 - Amaya, Fletcher, Emma, Rafi; Y3 - Eva and Jermaine. I was proud to present them with School Councillor badges in assembly this afternoon.

Harvest Cream Tea

We are really looking forward to hosting our first Harvest Cream Tea for Grandparents next Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The children are looking forward to singing for them. Thank you so much to the parents who are helping with the 'Teas'.

Harvest Assembly

Next Friday we will have a Harvest Assembly and each class will sing a Harvest song.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Please note that Parent Consultation meetings with class teachers will be held on Tuesday 8th November 3.45 - 5.45pm and Thursday 10th November 6.00 - 8.00pm. The appointments are strictly for 10 minutes so that all parents can be offered a meeting over the two sessions in the afternoon and evening. Sign-up sheets will be available on the noticeboard outside the school office after half-term so please select an appointment time on the relevant sheet. If any parents are unable to physically sign-up please call the school office and a member of staff will assist you.

Spotlight

Reception - Forest for achieving Level 1 in swimming

Year 1 - Lily, Rishi, Chloe and Theo for participation in the Cross Country at Chiltern Edge.

Year 2 - Isla and Mira for participation in the Cross Country at Chiltern Edge, Brooke for getting a Merit in her Ballet dance exam, Matilda for achieving Level 2 in swimming and Jenna for completing the Big Summer Read .

Year 3 - Lucy and Eva for making their Brownie Promises.

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Samuel and Isla in RSR and Jake and Betsy in RAO.

Year 1 - Xavier and Sam in 1CPF and Jessica and Ralph in 1VH.

Year 2 - Emily and Rafi in 2AM and Harry and Hannah in 2HK.

Year 3 - Joe and Freya in 3SW.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17 th October	Year 3 - Egyptian Dance and Artefacts
Wednesday 19 th October	Harvest Cream Tea for Grandparents of children in FS and Y1
Thursday 20 th October	Harvest Cream Tea for Grandparents of children in Y2 and Y3
Friday 21 st October	Professor Kent (Dragon Expert) to visit 2HK
Saturday 12 th November	PFTA Quiz Night
24 th Oct - 27 th Oct	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations for Years 1-3
Saturday 10 th December	3pm - Christmas Fayre at school
Friday 16 th December	Whole school trip to see Snow White at the Hexagon
Wednesday 21 st December	Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)



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PTFA NEWS

"Hello - is it me you're looking for?" SAVE THE DATE for The PTFA Quiz & Curry Night

12 November 2016, £12.50 per head, St Andrews Church, drinks from 7pm for 7.30 start

Those who went last year will remember sculpting the face of Lionel Richie with Play-Doh! The Heights PTFA Quiz night is like no other. Enjoy a curry, grab a drink at the bar and experience rounds of mayhem and intrigue with other parents.

Keep an eye out for emails, Facebook posts and posters around the school for info on buying tickets.

The bells are ringing - it's time to think about Christmas Cards!

Sleigh bells ring, other bells jingle and soon it will be that time of year again! All Heights Children will have the opportunity to design a Christmas card on an order form that will be sent home **IN CHILDREN'S BOOK BAGS TODAY!**

If you would like to take part, please return order forms with your child's design by **21st October (next Friday)** via the PTFA postbox by the school office. There is no commitment at this stage.

You'll receive a proof and full pricing and will have the opportunity to order the cards. More information to follow via Parentmail.

Running for The Heights!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the HENLEY 10KM & MINI MILE, MUDDY MAYHEM & OXFORD HALF MARATHON to raise money for the school last Sunday. It was a fantastic team effort. Incredibly the team have raised over £700 for the school.

PTFA Meeting: The Grosvenor, Monday 17th October, 8pm

Meet the new committee, find out about upcoming events and come for a drink to mingle with Heights parents. Hope to see you there!