



Dear Parents and Carers,

I was so excited about the prospect of snow yesterday, but my 'snow dance' in the morning clearly wasn't enough for us to wake up to a beautiful white blanket of it. I know it makes getting about even more challenging but there's something very magical about snow.

## Reception

Reception have been engrossed in their new topic of 'Journeys' and thoroughly enjoyed showing you their re-enactment of 'Going on a Bear Hunt' tin assembly. They have also made bear masks and a textured Bear Hunt map and have used all sorts of technology to find out about bears. Mrs Rizvi and Miss Odell have set a fun challenge for the children at home this term to 'find ways to melt an ice cube'. We hope you have fun exploring this together and I'm looking forward to hearing about some of their results.



## Year 1

The children in Year 1 were inspired by the visit of the poet John Foster last Friday and have learned a Space Poem that they can recite off by heart. They have been finding out lots of information about Time Peake and the 7 continents of the world.

## Year 2

In Year 2 the children had a fabulous Chocolate Workshop with a fascinating man from the Ministry of Chocolate who travels up and down the country working with Pupils in different schools. It was really interesting and taught the children so much about the properties of pure cocoa, superfoods, how chocolate is made and then helped them explore, design and create their own! He was highly complimentary about the children saying that their behaviour was exemplary and that it was a pleasure for him to spend the day with them.



## Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children started their Stone Age topic and have been doing interpretive dance to re-enact the story 'The Stone Age Boy'. They have been focussing on Poetry and personifying objects and thinking carefully about word choices to make their poems more interesting to the reader. They have continued to practice their 'Super Brain Yoga' (from their Prana Mind Sessions) and saying their positive affirmations.



## Coming Up

As you will have heard if you were in assembly this afternoon the children are taking part in Sign2Sing this term which is a charity event that raises money for vulnerable deaf children and adults. We are all learning some simple sign language and songs in preparation and you

will be invited to a special assembly on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 2.50pm where the children will perform the songs they have learned.

**Spotlight falls this week on...**

**Reception** - Imogen for getting her first ballet certificate and Oliver for Level 1 swimming.

**Year 1** - Kacper for completing Level 3 skiing and Xavier for swimming 15 metres.

**Year 2** - Fletcher for getting a purple Blue Peter Badge and Harry for recognition in skiing .

**Year 3** - Zak for getting Snowlife Level 2 in skiing, Anna for getting medals and a pin for skiing and ski jumping in the ski park, Freya for swimming 30 metres.

**Congratulations to you all!**

**PUPILS OF THE WEEK:**

**Reception** - Lauren and Callen (RSR) and Angie and Jake (RAO)

**Year 1** - Tula and Dominic (1CPF) and Lily and Dylan (1VH)

**Year 2** - Zachy and Joshua (2HK) and Scarlett (2AM)

**Year 3** - Zak and Jermaine (3SW)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception - Work With Us Session 9.30 - 10.30am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 1-3 - Work With Us Session 2.30 - 3.10am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3.45 - 5.45pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 6.00 - 8.00pm



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## PTFA NEWS

### **Happy New Year!**

We already have a lot planned for 2017!

### **PTFA Meeting:**

Monday 23 January, 8pm, Grosvenor

Join us at the next PTFA meeting to discuss our exciting plans for 2017.

### **The Mini Mile:**

21 May, Green Park, Reading

The Mini Mile is for children up to 9 years old so all Heights children are eligible to enter. Last year approximately 80 Heights children entered!

It's fun and a great fundraiser.

Adults can run with children for free and there is also a 3k for kids plus a 10k for adults.

Sign up here: <http://www.royalberks10k.com/enter-2/>

### **Childrens School Disco:**

24 February

Start teaching your children some disco moves because the Heights School Disco is being planned for February 24.

More details to follow soon.

### **Fundraising:**

Christmas Fayre

Amazingly the Christmas Fayre made a phenomenal £4,888

- with some Google match funding still tbc

We hope to see you on the 23rd January

Best wishes