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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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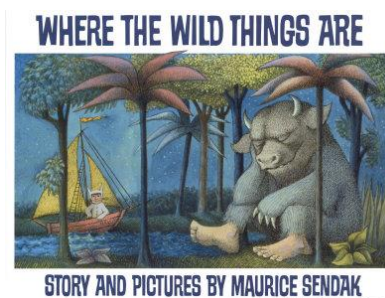


Dear Parents and Carers,

We were really excited to welcome a number of potential teaching applicants to two open mornings earlier this week. As you are aware we grow by two classes each year and are already looking to recruit outstanding practitioners for September. We will be holding interviews next month and will keep you informed of any appointments.

## Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning about the story 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We've been writing imaginative descriptions using adjectives and created some amazing textured collages. We've been busy making up number stories involving subtraction, particularly using numbers 11-20.



*Please remember that we have a meeting to explain about the online pupil learning journals that we have developed for each child on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. At the meeting you will be given details of how to login to the portal and how to access your child's profile.*

*There will also be an interactive Maths session that parents are welcome to attend on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am. There will be a short introduction by the class teachers and then you will be free to join the children in a range of different interactive maths activities.*

## Year 1

We've learned how to use similes this week and have used them in our own animal poems which we have written for a competition. We have our fingers crossed that we win! In Maths we've been busy learning about weight and using scales to find out which things are heavy and light and we've really enjoyed learning how to name and label the different parts of plants and trees.

## Year 2

Thank you so much to all the Mums and Dads who helped us make our cakes for the cake sale today. There was an incredible variety and we really enjoyed putting our maths knowledge into practice when we were selling them before and after school. As well as using our knowledge of money and change we've been busy learning about time - do help us practice this over the weekend!



### Year 3

We are really enjoying our topic of 'The Stone Age' and using our detective skills. We're trying to find out how people survived in such tough conditions and are starting to create our own art based around Stone Age animals. We hope you enjoyed the copies of our personification poems which we brought home yesterday.



### Sainsbury's



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#### Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's Active Kids is back again, launching on 25<sup>th</sup> January. This is a chance to help children in school get active with new cooking, sports equipment and experiences. Please support us by collecting Active Kids vouchers with your shopping (instore or online) and bring them into school to enable us to buy new equipment to enhance the children's learning opportunities. There will be a post box in the school reception foyer for your vouchers.

#### Spotlight falls this week on...

**Reception** - Harry for moving up to the older age group in Football and getting Player of The Week.

**Year 2** - Indi for passing level 7 Gymnastics, Emily for swimming 2.5 metres backstroke

**Year 3** - Rishona for passing level 7 Gymnastics

**Congratulations to you all!**

#### PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

**Reception** - Forest and Amelia (RSR) and Varya and Taran (RAO)

**Year 1** - Usher and Laila (ICPF) and Elsa and Kacper (1VH)

**Year 2** - George and Lily (2AM) Emma and Indi (2HK)

**Year 3** - Joe and Fin (3SW)

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January    | PTFA Meeting - 8pm at The Grosvenor                              |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January | EEXAT Learning Journal Meeting at 7.30pm - For Reception Parents |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January    | Reception - Work With Us Session 9.30 - 10.30am                  |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January   | Parent Forum - 7.30pm at school                                  |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February | Cello Concert - Year 3 at 9.15am.                                |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February    | Parent Class Reps Meeting at 9.00am                              |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February | Sign2Sing - Special Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm              |
| 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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*Please read on to page 3 for an update from the PTFA...*

## PTFA NEWS

### **Community Matters Scheme - Waitrose Caversham**

We have wonderful news: The Heights Primary PTFA has been selected as one of the 3 charities who will have a collection box in Waitrose, Caversham during February.

Community Matters is the initiative by which Waitrose branches support local charities. Each branch has £1,000 per month to be divided proportionally (as indicated by customer token votes), between three nominated local organisations.

Ask your family and friends to support the school. You should be offered a token for every shop you do in Waitrose Caversham - if you are not, be sure to ask for one.

### **PTFA Meeting**

The next PTFA Meeting will be at 8pm on Monday 23 January at The Grosvenor, we hope you can join us to discuss plans for 2017.

### **Children's School Disco**

Save the date 24 February. Miss Joanna (Principal of Wright School of Dance / Wiggle Waggle) will be teaching three dance routines to each year group in preparation for the disco. The children will be showcasing their dance moves while Miss Joanna leads the dances at the D.I.S.C.O!

### **Mini Mile**

21 May, Green Park, Reading.

Children under 9 can take part in this fun and popular fundraiser.

Sign up here if you have not done so already!

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

The PTFA Team