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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very cold, but very productive week. We are delighted to have been able to work closely with the Reading Leisure and Recreation Team and fund the development of a hard-surfaced recreation area in Westfield Park. We are looking forward to the children and members of the local community enjoying this new area.



## Reception

Thank you for joining us for the Pupil Journal and Interactive Maths sessions for parents this week. We hope you found them both interesting and informative. For those who weren't able to attend the meeting about the EEXAT Parent Portal, we have sent the relevant login information home in your child's bookbag.

The children have been really busy learning about different garden birds and thoroughly enjoyed making some bird feeders which we'll be hanging up in some of our mature trees. Do look out for them. We've also been describing emotions we feel and how these can change throughout the day.



## Year 1

We've started to create our own Solar System information booklets this week and can't believe how much we've already covered. In Maths we've been working on addition and subtraction using number lines and 100 squares and also Numicon to solve odd and even number problems. We've used the computers this week to practice keyboard skills and have been typing sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

## Year 2

Thank you so much for all the wonderful cakes and biscuits you and the children made last week for the cake sale. The children really enjoyed applying their mathematical and communication skills when they sold them. You helped raise nearly £200! As part of our 'Chocolate' topic we've been researching and making our own chocolate bar wrapper art. We're using our designs to create pop art style pieces of artwork which has been really fun. In Maths we've started to look at division which was made so much easier when we share out sweets and chocolate!

### Year 3

We were 'Rock Detectives' in our Science lesson this afternoon and looked carefully at different rocks with magnifying glasses. We described the different rocks thinking about the properties of each one. We also used 'hunter gatherer' skills when we tried to locate and hunt down different Stone Age animals hiding in the school grounds. In art we're starting to use resistance painting techniques to create fossil-like images of Stone Age animals.



#### Science

Question: How could you find out how much water is in the soil?

Answer: Look at Google

**NEWSFLASH** - Apparently there have been a number of sightings of what appears to be a woolly mammoth in the school grounds!! Keep your eyes peeled next week!!

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

**Year 3** - Zak for achieving level 3 in swimming  
Congratulations Zak!

#### PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

**Reception** - James and Annam (RSR) and Sammy and Charis (RAO)

**Year 1** - Victoria and Freddie (1CPF) and Zuhair and Sara (1VH)

**Year 2** - Sienna and Tara (2AM) and Sophie and Abigail (2HK)

**Year 3** - Olivia and Vaala (3SW)

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School Disco - arrangements to be confirmed. Reception - 4.00pm - 5.00pm Year 1 - 5.15pm - 6.15pm Year 2 & 3 - 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3.45 - 5.45pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 6.00 - 8.00pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	First Aid Course for parents (Part 1)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	First Aid Course for parents (Part 2)

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## PTFA NEWS

### **Waitrose Tokens**

Go Green in February

During February, The Heights PTFA will be one of the three charities to have a collection box in Waitrose, Caversham. £1,000 will be shared proportionally between three nominated local organisations (as indicated by customer token votes).

Get ready to collect tokens to benefit our school and please ask friends and Family to join you. Remember if you are not offered a token after every shop, be sure to ask for one.

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

24th February is the date for The Heights school disco. Under the guidance of Miss Joanna, Heights children will take to the dance floor with their dance routines.

Timings for the different year groups are as follows:

Reception - 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Year 1 - 5.15pm - 6.15pm

Year 2 & 3 - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

More details, including ticket information will follow shortly.

### **Mini Mile**

21 May, Green Park, Reading

This is a great opportunity to exercise, have fun with your child and raise money for the school.

Sign up here:

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

### **Cake Sale**

The next cake sale will take place just before half term. Check Facebook and Parentmail for further announcements.

### **The Travelling Book Fair**

23rd May - SAVE THE DATE!

The Heights Primary will host its annual Book Fair. A wide range of books will be available for every type of reader.

Each book sold will help earn free books and teaching resources for our school.

For more information, visit:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

Best wishes

The PTFA Team