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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I must start by thanking you for your incredible generosity with your donations to our 'I'm a Headteacher, Get Me Out Of Here' fundraising event. With Gift Aid and matched funding we have managed to raise just under £4,000 which will go a long way towards funding the Speech and Language Therapist we've employed to support many children this year. Thank you again to Michele Pattison, Hannah Smith and Helen Morgan and all the parents who thought up and organised the hilarious challenges and to Adrian Pattison for his company's support.

Reception

We love writing and have written some 'sorry' letters from the Wolf to the Three Little Pigs. We particularly liked Sammy's letter (RAO) which said 'I'm sorry I blew your house down. I think I will eat burgers instead'. We have been learning about risks and hazards around us and how to keep safe. Lauren designed and made her own amazing book which she shared in assembly.

Year 1

This week we've been learning about following instructions. We had to follow someone else's instructions to make a snake and have written our own instructions using time connectives. We thoroughly enjoyed creating Aboriginal inspired animal art work last week and after focussing on African Art this week we've been busy making safari silhouettes.



Year 2

We've also been very creative this week and learned and used different sketching techniques to draw shells. Do come and see our pictures on the display board in the corridor outside the hall! We've started our new science topic on plants and are looking forward to setting up an experiment on how they grow. Watch this space!



Year 3

Year 3 would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone that baked and bought cakes at our cake sale yesterday. We were overwhelmed with your generosity and kindness. The children really enjoyed manning the stall, selling the cakes and calculating the change and we have raised over



£160 which has virtually covered the cost of our Lego Super Structure Workshop! You are all amazing!

The artist Monet has helped us this week as we studied the techniques he used to paint bridges and buildings. We've been working really hard on our understanding of time and how to tell and record it and are enjoying our new focus story 'Jim and the Beanstalk'.

Assembly - Monday 8th May

In Monday's whole school assembly we are going to present Launchpad, Reading's charity for homeless people with a cheque for £275. The children were very keen that the money donated by Waitrose would go towards helping local people who are less fortunate than themselves.

Caversham Good Neighbours

Next Thursday 11th May, a group of Year 3 children have been invited by Caversham Good Neighbours to a Celebration Tea Party after school at Caversham Heath Golf Club. The money raised and donated to Caversham Good Neighbours by the children after the Mini Mile last May is funding this party and the charity are keen for the children to see how the money is being used.



Can you Host a Foreign Language Student?

If anyone is interested in learning more about hosting a language student for 6 months or a year from September please join us for a meeting at school on Tuesday 9th May at 9am.

National Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is National Mental Health Awareness Week. Good mental health is more than the absence of a mental health problem and we will be exploring with the children what it means to have good 'well-being' and how we can boost it.

Coffee Morning

I am pleased to inform you that we will be holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 16th May @9am-10am in the school staffroom. The coffee morning is aimed at any parents whose children have additional needs and/or who feel they would like the support of other parents with dealing with their child's specific needs. The parent support group is a small friendly group and is always open to new parents who would like to come along. During this coffee morning, Jenna Redmond who is an Autism advisor, will be talking about Autism and her job role. After this, parents will have the chance to talk to one another. I will also be there if you have any questions for me.



Our spotlight this week falls on...

Year 1 - Jessica (1VH) for winning 3rd place in her ski-school final day race, Theo (1VH) for Level 2 Swimming, Sara (1VH) for completing the longest urban zip wire flight in Europe and finally Audrey (1CPF) for performing as a Star Cheerleader in her dance school's annual show at Rivermead Leisure Centre.

Year 2 - Thom (2AM) for being awarded a Blue Peter Badge, Tom (2AM) for making it through the first round of the '500 Words' writing competition and finally Betty and Darcey (2HK) for performing as a Little Swan and a Snowflake in their dance school's annual show at Rivermead Leisure Centre.

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Elodie and Kaled (RSR), Charis and Oscar (RAO)

Year 1 - Ariana and Usher (1CPF), Sofia and Theo (1VH)

Year 2 - Ameya and Jonah (2AM), Emma and Umar (2HK)

Year 3 - GeWei and Jermaine (3SW)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning 22 nd May	SATS Week - Year 2
Monday 5 th June	INSET DAY - School CLOSED
Friday 16 th June	Reception Trip to Thatcham Nature Reserve
Saturday 17 th June	PTFA Summer Fair 12-3pm
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Monday 3 rd July	Year 2 Trip to Lepe Country Park
Thursday 13 th July	Early Move Up Day

Karen Edwards
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

Summer Fayre

Saturday 17 June, 12-3pm

Bouncy castles, face painting, BBQ, games and surprises, the Summer Fayre is a family fun day not to be missed!

ACTIVITY COORDINATORS NEEDED

We need help co-ordinating some activities including:

Squirt the Boat, Spinner Fun, Beat the Buzzer, Animal Skittles, The Coconut Shy, Photo Booth, Ice Cream Stand and a Hot Drinks Stand.

Leading an activity includes:

Recruiting volunteers to cover time slots and sourcing items needed. Bav and Catherine will be supporting.

CALL FOR RAFFLE PRIZES

Can you help us source big prizes for the raffle? Is there a service or item that you or your company can offer?

Please email if you can help: ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk

Mini Mile

Sunday 21 May, Green Park

Just over a fortnight to go!

We've raised £130 to date - a good start. There's a long way to go to raise our £1,000 target.

Help us by doing a big shout out to your family and friends to raise sponsorship.

You can share the link below to your networks today: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/suehepwood1>

Race Night

Saturday 10 June, Doors open 7.30pm Hemdean House

Details are forthcoming but save the date for a fun evening with other Heights parents.

'Create & make for grown ups' Facebook Page

Are you creative / do you enjoy making?

Create & Make not only make crafts to sell at school fayres but also inspire each other with individual projects.

There are informal get togethers at members houses (often involving Prosecco!).

We'd love you to join us, you can find the 'Create & Make for grown ups' Group on Facebook!

Have a lovely weekend

The PTFA Team