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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all so much for your incredible support during the final consultation on the proposal of our permanent site being on Mapledurham Playing Fields. We should learn of the results in a few weeks' time.

We have had a busy week. On Monday I joined the PTFA for their AGM. I want to thank all the committee members for their phenomenal work last year and Catherine Kiely and Bav Mistry in particular for co-chairing. As a parent body you have always blown me away with your fundraising efforts but I was speechless when I learned that you'd raised £33,000 last year alone. The money raised helps contribute towards a variety of educationally enriching experiences and resources for all the children. Amazing - thank you so much! Thank you also to Joyce Winter and Maggie Bruce (Year 4 parents) for taking on the co-chair roles this year and to other parents for volunteering for other roles.

It was great to meet with all the Parent Class Reps for the first time this year and helpful to talk through how the start of term has gone to date.

## Year 4 Residential

Mrs Thomas, Mr Bethel and I took all of Year 4 on their school's first residential to Longridge Activity Centre in Bisham/Marlow on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We had a brilliant time climbing, kayaking, orienteering, crate stacking, dragon boating and working through team challenges. You may have seen some of the photos that I tweeted on the website. Thank you to the parents who helped transport the children to and from the centre and to Mrs Thomas and Mr Bethel for their support and great humour over the two days. Finally, I must thank all of Year 4 for their wonderful 'can do' attitudes throughout the residential. They were so much fun to be with and we were very proud of their resilience and care they showed for each other. We've already booked for our current Year 3 to go next year. Bring it on!!



## Reception

We've been talking about belonging to different groups and focused on families this week. We've been ordering numbers in Maths, learning new sounds as well as the tricky word 'the'. Mrs Rizvi and Miss Dawes set us a challenge this term '...to find a way to transport an acorn across a table'. Hmmm... when we've done it we'll show you some photos.

## Year 1

We've really enjoyed using the story of The Three Little Pigs to help us develop our writing in sentences. We've been learning how to use Numicon in Maths, sorting different materials in Science and found out so much about the Great Fire of London already.





### Year 2

We're loving our Dragon topic and have spent some of this week learning about Wyverne dragons and how to write a non-chronological report about them. We're starting with appearance and habitat sections. We've been ordering numbers from smallest to biggest and comparing two and three digit numbers using ( $<$   $>$ ). We've really enjoyed using our new sketching techniques to draw our own dragon eyes and different mediums to colour them.

### Year 3

We've had a right giggle writing our own version of Chapter 4 of 'There's a Pharaoh In Our Bath' and tried really hard to add tension and excitement. We've used role play to explore how people lived and farmed through the different seasons in Ancient Egypt and are using different techniques and materials to create Egyptian portraits.

### Year 4

As well as our incredible trip to Longridge we've worked hard to finish and publish our autobiographies and self-portraits. We've been solving problems in Maths using our knowledge of place value and learning about vertebrates and invertebrates in our topic of Habitats and Living Things. Here's Olivia's self-portrait!



### Meeting for FS Parents

Thank you to Mrs Rizvi, Miss Dawes and Mrs Fallon for running the information session for Foundation Stage parents on Wednesday evening this week. We hope you found it helpful.



### Welcome

Congratulations to the Green and Kendall families on the birth of their babies. We can't wait to meet the new additions and have a cuddle!

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception -James and Aoife (RED), Eva and Milo (RSR)  
Year 1 - Charis and Zayn (1AP), Lily and George (1VH)  
Year 2 - Joe and Finn (2HK), Ava and Lily (2SB)  
Year 3 - Isla and Indi (3AM), Daisy and Nathan (3SW)  
Year 4 - All of year 4!

### Spotlight

Year 1 - Harry (1VH) for having a go at Bell Boating at the Regatta in Henley and Charis (1AP) for achieving Level 2 swimming.

Year 2 - Ava (2SB) for being 'Street Dancer of the Week'.

Year 3 - Alyssia (3AM) for getting a Distinction in her Junior Modern Dance Test.

**Finally well done to everyone who completed the 'Animal Agents' Summer Reading Challenge.**

Congratulations to all of you!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Parent Talk 6.30-7.30pm (School Hall)
	KS2 Parent Talk 7.30-8.30pm (School Hall)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	'Come and watch us learn' Years 1-4 2.30-3.10pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations in School (Years 1 to 4)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto - Hexagon

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## PTFA NEWS

### PTFA AGM

A great turn out at the PTFA AGM on Monday, thank you to everyone that could make it. The annual report will be available shortly. We would like to say a special thankyou to all the committee members for their support over the past year and welcome the new committee members. Good luck!!!

The new committee members for 2017-2018 will be as follows. Please support them in their efforts which benefits the children, parents and school in so many ways.

PTFA Committee members 2017/2018

Role	Nomination
Co-chairs	Maggie Bruce / Joyce Davies
Deputy Chair	Available
Co-Treasurers	Nicky James / Sarah Collins
Secretary	Crystal Man
Marketing	Melinda Stefan / Jo Childs
Digital	Barney Smith
Social Events Fundraiser (Adults) Quiz night	Sharon Freeman Smith / Louise Hughes
Other events	Julie Pantelli , Hilary Brailey, Kathy Brown
Social Events Fundraiser (Children)	Liz Spall / Annie Ellison
Craft/Product Fundraiser	Aalia Bhatti / Carli Jordan
Christmas Fayre Fundraiser	Liz Mackereth and a group of year 4 mums
Summer Fayre Fundraiser	Available
Corporate / Trust Fundraiser	Liz Spall
Running Team Fundraiser	Vanessa Mann / Suzanne Howes
Cakes and Treats Fundraiser	Liz English