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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe how quickly this first term has flown by. We've packed so much into it and have had the most amazing week to top it off.

Thank you so much to all the parents who helped make our understanding and celebration of Diwali incredibly special. Sonia (Krishan's Mummy) had the children (and staff) in Reception completely enthralled with her Bollywood dancing session and Runita (Alekh's Mummy) made the most delicious food for us all to taste and enjoy. Diwali has been a fabulous experience and celebration that we've all gained so much from.



## Reception

As Mrs Edwards mentions above, we had had an incredible week 'The best week ever!!' exploring and learning about Diwali. We learned and retold the Diwali story and have written Diwali cards to our friends and family. We've created amazing Rangoli Patterns and made clay Diyas which has helped us understand about repeating and symmetrical patterns.

## Year 1

We've had a busy week completing different assessments, looking at our marvellous mistakes and learning how to use our purple fix-it pens to make corrections. We've been making Slope Monsters based on 2D shapes and their properties and have really enjoyed learning songs about the Great Fire of London. Thank you so much for coming to our 'Watch Us Learn' session. We loved having our Mums and Dads in school with us.

## Year 2

We've completed some assessments this week in Maths, Spelling, Grammar, Reading and Science but have really enjoyed preparing poetry about Dragons. We were sooooo excited by Dr Vango's visit today. We were expecting Professor Kent, a Dragon expert but his boss decided HE wanted to come instead because he'd heard so much about us being such 'dragon experts' in Year 2. We also loved welcoming parents into our class for the 'Watch Us Learn' session and are looking forward to our trip to Windsor Castle straight after half-term.

## Year 3

We have had the most creative week making Egyptian collars and headdresses. We are also really enjoying our violin lessons with Berkshire Maestros and our Hockey and Rugby PE lessons.

## Year 4

This week we have been inspired by Guatemala and rainforest sounds. We had a lot of fun on our river walk on Wednesday and gained a lot of knowledge about the habitats and potential threats to these along the river. Thank you so much to Ms Lowson for accompanying us.



### **Wear it Pink!**

Thank you for supporting 'Wear it Pink!' today in support of Breast Cancer. The children (and staff!) looked fabulous in pink!



### **Photographs**

Many thanks to Alice McCarthy for all her time and efforts this week taking individual and sibling photos in school. She is aiming to have the proofs ready for parents immediately after half-term.

### **Parent Consultations**

We will be holding our Parent Consultations on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Meetings will be with your child's class teacher and will be for 10 minutes. **Appointments should be made online via ParentMail.** A new option is available from your ParentMail account and will be open for bookings at 7pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember to sign up for an appointment.

### **Cross Country**

The next Cross Country competition will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Chiltern Edge School from 10am. We're hoping to field a bigger team this time and I will be leading some practice sessions throughout out the week after half-term.

### **Poppy Appeal**

We will be selling a variety of goodies to raise money for the annual Poppy Appeal after half-term. Children in Year 4 will be selling the items



### **What an achievement...**

Look out for seven year old Oscar this Sunday and his dad who will be walking 100,000 steps from Caversham to Marlow and raising money for Launchpad, one of our chosen charities. They'll both be wearing bright yellow Launchpad T-shirts - you can't miss them! Oscar has already raised almost £700 - you can see how brilliantly Oscar is getting on with his fundraising here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alice-mccarthy1>

### **PUPILS OF THE WEEK:**

Reception - Oishani and Joe (RED), Dominic and Hayden (RSR)

Year 1 - Miah and Leon (1AP), Oscar and Izyaan (1VH)

Year 2 - Oliver and Elliott (2HK), Dylan and Darcey (2SB)

Year 3 - Rishwith and Joshua (3AM), Rhys and Zoya (3SW)

Year 4 - Finlay and Tom (4CT)

### **Spotlight**

Reception - Dominic (RSR) and Hannah (1VH) for passing Bikeability Level 1 cycling.

Year 1 - Miah (1AP) for improving her cycling skills and riding without stabilizers, Robbie (1AP) for achieving Level 1 swimming

Year 2 - Kacper (2SB) for achieving Level 4 swimming

Year 3 - Zachary (3AM) for competing in the Step Up 4 Good Mini Mile and finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> position. Emily (3AM) for being invested in Brownies, Emily (3SW) for achieving Level 7 Gymnastics

Congratulations to Olivia and Dylan for being published in 'Wildlife World' magazine for saving a 5cm Stag Beetle from the claws of their family cat!

Finally, well done to Bavishya and Roshni for earning their Pen Licences this week!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 3.50 - 6.30
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 6.00 - 8.30
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations in School (Reception to 4)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Quiz Night 7.30-11.30pm (Details to follow)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	KS1 and KS2 Road Safety Talk
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fair 11am-2pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto - Hexagon



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