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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! I can't believe it's the 1st December already and the first Sunday of Advent this weekend. Now it really does feel that we're building towards Christmas, particularly after making an Advent Wreath last night. We'll be lighting a candle in each of our Celebration Assemblies before the end of term and can't wait to share our Christmas productions and performances with you over the next three weeks. I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fayre on Sunday and want to thank Liz Mackereth and all of you who have helped to organise it, make crafts and volunteer for a 'stint' on a stall.



Reception

This week we've been learning and writing about different jobs people do, including our parents and relatives. We had fun talking about jobs we think we might like to do. We've used the iPads to program BeeBots and have worked hard to understand and use positional language in Maths. We've been practising our Nativity play and can't wait to perform it to the school, grandparents and then our parents.

Year 1

We really enjoyed our POBBLE challenge this week which was to independently write a story about a last mission for two retired superheroes. Look at the photo we used for inspiration! Linked to our Great Fire topic we've talked about Samuel Pepys and why his diary was so important. We've drawn pictures of what we think he saw from his window in 1066 and enjoyed writing our own diary extracts.



Year 2

In Year 2 we've been innovating part of our Dragon Painter story and improving the quality of our sentences by using adverbs. In Maths we've been learning different strategies to divide and share equally and in RE we've been focussing on Advent and what it means. We thoroughly enjoyed the **Bikeability** assembly on Monday and can't wait to complete their Level 1/2 course in the spring. We've been rehearsing for our KS1 Production and can't wait to perform it in St Andrew's Church next week.

Year 3

We're thoroughly enjoying the Michael Morpurgo story 'Coming Home' and learning parts of the story to perform. We've been looking at fractions in Maths and are working hard in our violin lessons. We've started to make our Egyptian Death Masks and took part in a food tasting experiment.



Year 4

We had fun exploring the Mayan number system and using Mayan numbers to solve problems. We also enjoyed tasking one of the Mayan people's favourite foods, tortilla bread and investigating different fillings. We've added new parts to our LEGOWEDO robot 'Milo' and gave him new instructions for his mission to find new plant life.

Junior Music Festival - 'Beyond the Sea'

Well done to all of the children in the Junior Choir who took part in the Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon last Thursday. The singing was amazing and the children made me incredibly proud.

Cross Country

Wishing all the children taking part in the next Cross Country event at Chiltern Edge tomorrow the best of luck! We hope it's not too chilly for you all.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box will be available next week under the outdoor stairs for children to post their Christmas cards to their friends.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Samuel and Toby (RED), Gia and Leo (RSR)

Year 1 - Alex and Daisy (1AP), Lizzy and Oliver (1VH)

Year 2 - Amelia and Freddie (2HK), Baylen and Elsa (2SB)

Year 3 - Emma and Tom (3AM), Sienna and Brooke (3SW)

Year 4 - Bea and Jack (4CT)

Spotlight

Reception - Rioghan (RED) for achieving his 10M swimming badge, Ben (RSR) for achieving his Level 3 'Learn to Swim' badge.

Year 1 - Matthew (1AP) for gaining his purple Martial Arts belt, Forest (1VH) for receiving a 'Dancer of the Week' award, Lauren (1VH) for making her Brownie Promise, Alice (1VH) for gaining her 10M and Stage 2 swimming badges and also her purple Karate belt and finally to Samuel (1VH) for earning his Orange belt in Martial Arts.

Year 2 - Theo (2SB) for completing 22 2km Park Runs, Chloe for completing 11 2km Park Runs, Jessica (2SB) for earning a Green Blue Peter Badge, Ralph (2SB) for gaining his Level 2 swimming badge

Year 3 - Fletcher (3AM) for receiving 'Lodge Leader' and 'Cooks' badges from Beavers, Rhys (3SW) for coming 1st 25M Breaststroke, 2nd 25M Backstroke and 5th 25M Freestyle in the Reading Swimming Gala.

Gymnastics Level 2 - Matilda (3AM).

Gymnastics Level 4 - Amelia, Tula (2HK), Sofia (2SB).

Gymnastics Level 6 - Alex, Scarlett (3SW), Lucy (4CT).

Gymnastics Level 8 - Lucas (RED), Elspeth (1AP).

Violin Lessons - Scarlett (3SW) and Amelie (1AP) for practicing over 1 hour a week for 10 weeks.

The Heights Primary School - for The Collective's Scoot-athlon!

Congratulations to you all - well done!

Walmsley Christmas Card Competition

We are delighted to announce the winners of this year's Christmas Card Competition run by our local Estate Agency, Walmsley:

1st - Bhavishya (4CT)

2nd - Miah (1AP)

3rd - Rhys (3SW)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 2 nd December	Cross Country at Chiltern Edge
Sunday 3 rd December	PTFA Christmas Fair 11am-2pm
Tuesday 5 th December	KS1 Christmas Songs at St Andrews Church - 5.30pm (Grandparents)
Wednesday 6 th December	KS1 Christmas Songs at St Andrews Church - 5.30pm (Parents)
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Christmas Performance (Grandparents) - 9.30am School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	Reception Christmas Performance (Parents) - 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December	PTFA Cake Sale after school
Friday 15 th December	Pantomime at The Hexagon (whole school)
Monday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Songs in the Park - 3.45pm Year 2 Cake Sale - Fundraiser for Chocolate Workshop

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Edwards'.

Karen Edwards
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