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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the grey days and dreadful traffic, we've had a fabulous week. We were heartened on Tuesday evening by the Sub-Committee's response to the Consultation results and the EFSA's proposal for our permanent site to be located on Mapledurham Playing Fields and now await consideration of a landscape masterplan. Many thanks for Kerry Parr for her eloquent and positive speech on the night. As you may be aware there has been a flurry of media interest in the school again, resulting in an article on ITV news this evening at 6pm.

The children (rightly so) have haven far too busy to be distracted by our site issues.



Reception

In Reception we have continued to learn and enjoy 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', writing speech bubbles for characters and sounds in the story. We've made bear masks and sensory bear hunt maps and programmed the Beebots to travel across the different terrains. We've looked at personal goals and targets for this term and are already working hard towards them.

Year 1

We love our new topic of Space! This week we've been looking at the different features of non-fiction books and have started to write different pages for our own Space Booklet. In Maths we've been learning about mass and weight and used different scales to weigh different objects. In Art we've explored and recreated Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' and are using Scratch Junior to create our own moving Spaceman.



Year 2

We had an amazing visit from Carl, a 'Chocologist' on Wednesday. He led a workshop on chocolate and we learned SO much. Did you know that the Swiss are the biggest consumers of chocolate, with the Republic of Ireland being second and the UK being third? Also, white chocolate isn't bad for you - it's terrible because of all its ingredients (what a shame!). We learned about how chocolate was made, where cocoa beans are grown and about Fair Trade. It was a brilliant day. Thank you to Carl, our teachers, staff and parents (Saadia, Lada, Susan J) for helping on the day. Mrs Edwards felt especially proud when Carl said that he had never led a workshop with such an interested, engaged and polite group of children and he hopes he can come back next year!

Year 3

We've started our Stone Age topic and can't believe how long ago this period was! We've enjoyed our new book 'Stone Age Boy' and are using empathy and how the author creates a setting to help us write our own descriptions. We're using the iPads and Desktops to research Stone Age animals and in Art are looking at how people at the time used charcoal to create hand images. Maths has been pretty challenging with ordering numbers to 1000, partitioning and comparing numbers using $<$ $>$ and $=$ symbols. We had our second swimming lesson today and are hoping to perform a violin concerto parents in February.



Year 4

We've had so much fun in Science this week, learning about the digestive system, types and functions of teeth and food webs. It was hilarious when Bea wore an 'Organs Bib' and the children took her apart and put her back together again. We've worked collaboratively to write questions relating to tooth decay and planned our investigation in detail including what our controlled, independent and dependent variable will be. Watch this space!



School and Eco Council

Mrs Fallon and I met with the School and Eco Councillors and we all agreed some exciting focuses for this coming term including Bea's suggestion of us participating in the Great Garden Bird Watch between 27-29th January, supporting the Kids Against Plastic campaign (thanks Sophie Spall) and having a whole school community litter pick.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - James and Krishan (RED), Gia and Hayden (RSR)

Year 1 - Leon and Robbie (1AP), George and Hanga (1VH)

Year 2 - Jack and Dominic (2HK), George and Elsa (2SB)

Year 3 - Greta and Fletcher (3KF), Ruby and Brooke (3SW)

Year 4 - Anna and Roshni (4CT)

Finally, congratulations to Eva and Jermaine in 4CT for earning their pen licences!

Spotlight

Year 2 - Ishan for earning Level 4 Swimming.

Year 3 - Zachary for earning Level 3 Swimming, Harry and Daisy for completing their improvers skiing week and learning how to do parallel turns.

Congratulations to you all - well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Deadline for Applications into Reception Sept 2018	Monday 15 th January
Parent Class Rep Meeting	Monday 15 th January at 9am
Reception - Height & Weight Measurements	Friday 26 th January & Friday 2 nd February
Reception - Eye Tests	Thursday 22 nd February
World Book Day	Thursday 1 st March
Living Eggs Delivery	Monday 19 th March

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