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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It may not feel like it with the cold winds that have been blowing this week, but Spring is on the way. The daffodil stems are shooting up and we'll soon have a sea of yellow across Westfield Park. I can't wait - it's beautiful! As I write this, 3SW have filed out of the school, chatting excitedly as they walk to Queen Anne's for their swimming lesson. They're done of walking this week as we strode up the hill to get to The Hill Primary for some Tag Rugby and Football matches on Wednesday afternoon. We were made to feel so welcome by all the children, parents and staff and had a gorgeous afternoon. Many thanks to everyone at The Hill and to all the Heights parents who helped walk the children there and back. A special thank you must also go to Chris Ellison who walked up with us and refereed some of the matches. We're looking forward to returning with children from our other year groups to play fixtures against them.



So, what else have we been up to?



Reception

We've been talking about learning behaviours and how we can be Persevering Penguins and Independent Eagles. We've made all sorts of space paintings, rocket collages and loved learning about the 'Blue Moon' in our journeys to space topic.

Year 1

We've nearly finished our Non-Fiction Space Booklets and are really proud of them. It was pretty tricky writing index and contents pages but we think we understand it now. We loved our science investigation of plants and learnt so much on Mrs Powell's Market Stall. We also spent time completing some observational drawings and paintings of daffodils. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Miss Claire Nott who is leaving us today following her teacher training with us in Year 1. We wish her all the very best for the future.



Year 2

We've been planning our short stories for the 500-Word Competition and learning how to spice up our writing with different adjectives and similes. We're starting to learn about money and the value of coins in maths and Aztec designs for printmaking. We're delighted to welcome Mrs Christina Mihailovic who is teaching in 2HK in Mrs Kennedy's absence. Mrs Kennedy is very grateful for everyone's warm wishes and the lovely flowers from 2HK parents.

Year 3

We're also been planning our short stories this week and are excited about entering the 500-Word Competition. We've been looking at how Stone Age people created clothing and jewellery and are going to design our own. We've been working hard in our violin lessons and can't wait to perform to you all at our concert next Wednesday 7th February at 9.15am in the Hall. We loved going to The Hill on Wednesday afternoon and can't wait to return.



Year 4

We're really enjoying using the new Chrome Books. This week they've helped us with our research about Roman places and roads. We're designing our own mosaic and are looking forward to making it together. Our focus in PSHE is Dreams and Goals. As part of this we've talked about what we've done recently that we've felt proud of and learnt the song 'Proud' by Heather Small. We really enjoyed performing it in assembly this afternoon.

Litter Picking

We are all going on a community Litter Pick this coming Monday 5th February from 1.30pm. The youngest children (Reception) will remain on site, with Year 1 collecting litter on St Anne's field, Year 2 in Westfield Park and Years 3 and 4 across the road in Christchurch Meadows.



Sign2Sing Assembly

As you know, we have all been learning to Sign and Sing over recent weeks and are looking forward to signing them to you next week. Reception and KS1 will sing in an Assembly on Wednesday 7th February at 3pm and KS2 (Years 3 & 4) on Thursday 8th at 3pm. We do hope some of you will be able to join us and help us raise money for the Sign2Sing charity.

Tag Rugby Festival - Half-Term Coaching

As a Primary School we work in partnership with Performance Sports to deliver much of our PE and After School Coaching provision. This is a short note to make you aware Performance Sports are running a Tag Rugby festival during February Half Term at nearby Henley Rugby Club on Friday 16th February. A wonderful opportunity for a fantastic morning of tag rugby. The morning is for children in Years 1 - 3 and is led by Performance Sports Head Coach Chris Ellison with an action packed morning of fun and games in store.

Great value at just £18 per child or bring along a mate at £30 for the pair and enjoy three hours of high quality coaching from 9:30am - 12:30pm.

For booking and more info contact Jeremy on jeremy@performance-sports.org.uk or [click here](#).

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Max and Joe (RED), Milo and Harry (RSR)
Year 1 - Khaled and Betsy (1AP), Freddie and Lizzy (1VH)
Year 2 - Freddie and Misa (2HK), Baylen and Sofia (2SB)
Year 3 - Eddy and Hannah (3KF), Isaac and Emily (3SW)
Year 4 - Jack and Rose (4CT)
Congratulations to you all!

Spotlight

Year 1 - Annam for achieving Level 3 Duckling in Swimming.
Congratulations - well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cake Sale - Year 3	Thursday 8 th February
Sign2Sing Assemblies	Wednesday 7 th February at 3pm (Reception & KS1) Thursday 8 th February at 3pm (KS2)
PTFA School Disco	Friday 9 th February Reception 4.30 - 5.30pm Years 1 & 2 - 5.45 - 6.45pm Years 3 & 4 - 7.00 - 8.00pm
Watch Us Learn - Year 3	Tuesday 20 th February 2.30-3.15pm
Watch Us Learn - Years 1, 2 and 4	Wednesday 21 st February 2.30-3.15pm

Eye Tests - Reception	Thursday 22 nd February
Watch Us Learn - Reception	Friday 23 rd February - 9.15-10.00am
West End in Schools - World Book Day Dance Workshops for the whole school	Tuesday 27 th February (pm) Wednesday 28 th February (all day)
World Book Day	Thursday 1 st March
PTFA Heights Scarecrow Trail	Sunday 4 th March
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 6 th March 3.50 - 6.20pm Thursday 15 th March 6.00 - 8.20pm Details for booking appointments will be sent in due course
Earth Trust Visit - Year 3	Thursday 8th March - Details to follow
Y1 & 2 Choir - Spring Concert (Caversham Music Centre)	St Barnabus Church 6-8pm
Living Eggs Delivery	Monday 19 th March
Y3 & 4 Choir - Performance at Reading University	Monday 19 th March 7pm
Green Park Mini Mile & 10K	Sunday 20 th May



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