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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had many cold, but beautiful sunny days this week and have packed as much as we could into them. The children were so positive and enthusiastic about making a difference during our whole school Litter Pick in the local community on Monday afternoon. We had Reception children clearing litter caught in our hedgerow on site, Year 1 were doing the same on St Anne's field, Year 2 were on Westfield Park and Year 3 and 4 over the road in Christchurch Meadows. We collected 18 black bin bags of rubbish in less than an hour. Many thanks to all the children and to Mrs Reimer, Mrs Gomez, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Pattison for their help and support.



Violin Concert

Our Year 3's treated their parents to a short violin concert on Wednesday, demonstrating what they've learned in their Berkshire Maestros lessons over the past 15 weeks. It is amazing how far they have progressed in their whole class lessons in such a short time. Their enthusiasm and enjoyment shone through as they performed. We are really grateful to the Violin teachers from Berkshire Maestros who have been inspirational.

Sign2Sing

Thank you to all of you who manage to attend our KS1 and KS2 Sign2Sing assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The children have really enjoyed learning to Sign2Sing new songs this year and feel very passionate about supporting the charity. If you would like to make a donation, please feel free to drop it into the school office. Thank you for your support.

Reception

In Reception this week we've been learning and re-telling the space story 'Whatever Next?' and have started to plan and write our own space journey story based on it. We really enjoyed our Group Junk Rocket Modelling Challenge and have been solving trick problems involving doubling. We loved learning the signs and words to the songs for Sign2Sing and are super excited about the disco this afternoon.

Year 1

We have been busy completing assessments this week and applying our knowledge across different subject areas. We've created Space posters using non-fiction books and have enjoyed designing and creating rockets. We are really looking forward to our trip to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium after half-term.

Year 2

We're really proud of the Chocolate information booklets we've written and will be sharing them with Year 1. We've been working hard on our topic of money. We'd like to keep practising adding the cost of different items and counting change over half term. Please can we go shopping with you Mum and Dad?



Year 3

We have also been completing different assessments this week and are hoping these will reflect the progress we've made throughout the year. We've worked hard on telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and have told our teachers we will continue to practise this at home over half-term. We're learning so much about the Stone Age and how people lived in that time period and have particularly enjoyed using our new skills to help us tell a story through drawings. We so proud of our Violin concert and hope our parents enjoyed our performance as much as we did.

Year 4

Look at our Kensuke's Kingdom display board! We're really proud of the work we've done for it. We're developing our work on decimals and solving problems using fractions in Maths. We had a class Kahoot Quiz on the Mayans using the Chrome Books in our IT session on Wednesday and loved it. We're looking forward to using the Chrome Books more and exploring different activities in Google Classroom.



Thank You

Many thanks to Neve Taylor for securing charitable donations of £404.99 from Google.

Cake Sale

Thank you for all your generous donations of cakes for yesterday's Cake Sale and special thanks to the parents how stood out in the cold after school selling them to everyone.

Disco

Many thanks to the PTFA for organising the Disco for all the children this afternoon and evening. The children are really excited and have been telling me about it this morning.

Mr Bethel - Anything Goes!

Mr Bethel is performing in 'Anything Goes!' at the Hexagon between 16-19 May. Performances are at 7.30pm every day and on 19th May there is a 2.30pm matinee performance. Tickets can be bought from the Hexagon or directly from Mr Bethel which will be at least £2 cheaper. Please contact Mr Bethel via the school office if you would like to buy tickets. He will need to know the number of tickets required, date required and payment.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amelia on the safe arrival of her baby sister Frankie, born last week!



PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Ada and Alex (RED), Bella and Holly (RSR)
Year 1 - Tom and Zayn (1AP), Annam and Elodie (1VH)
Year 2 - Joe and Laila (2HK), Jessica and Zia (2SB)
Year 3 - Isla and Joshie (3KF), Samuel and Sienna (3SW)
Year 4 - Aoibh, Joe and Vaala (4CT)
Congratulations to you all!

Spotlight

Reception - Max for being 'Star of the Week' in Gymnastics.

Year 2 - Sofia and Audrey for achieving a Bronze in their Freestyle Dance Exams, Sofia for achieving Beige in Ballet and Natalia for achieving her Blue Ballet Rosette. Finally, Audrey for making her Brownie Promise.

Year 3 - Darcey for achieving a Distinction in her Ballet Exam.

Congratulations - well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 8 th 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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