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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the Easter Holidays. I hope you all enjoyed a fabulous break and as excited as we are about the term ahead.

We have so many wonderful experiences and events for the children and whole school community played.

Every year group has started a new topic and we will be regaling you with tales and information about Animals, Pirates, Superstructures and the Wild World over the coming weeks. Speaking of 'Wild World' we have birds nesting in both our bird boxes - despite attempts of our squirrel population to 'break in'. They get up to a lot of mischief on our site and we have discussed a possible need for an ASBO for 'SQASBO'...!



Bike Bus

It was brilliant to see our Bike Bus in action yesterday. Thank you so much to Dawn Rosser for leading this initiative and training of parents. Thanks also to Alex McLaren for helping Dawn on the first 'Bus' ride. We're really excited about the Bikeability days that Dawn has originated for our Year 4 children at the end of this month and look forward to developing a programme of bike skills and confidence as they progress throughout the school.

North Reading School's Art Competition

Thank you to all the children who have sent in their amazing entries to this local competition so far. The deadline is next Wednesday for anyone who has not yet finished their 'work of art'.



Reception

In Reception the children have focussed on story telling linked to their Animals topic. They've role played the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and drawn and painted scenes from it. They've investigated a variety of building materials and techniques and tested them for their 'wolf-proofness'. The children have completed some amazing pre-cursive writing and we can't believe how quickly they've taken to it.

Year 1

We couldn't believe our eyes when we arrived at school on Monday and found a huge box on a crate in the middle of our playground from Marwell Zoo. What a fun way to start out Amazing Animals topic! We've used it to help us develop our letter writing and measuring skills. We're really enjoying painting the rocks that Mrs Powell's husband brought into school with different animal designs and can't wait to visit Marwell Zoo this term.

Year 2

Pirates! What a topic! We've been using the theme Pirates to help us make our writing more exciting and are looking forward to using the story 'Pirates Love Underpants' to design the best pair of underpants for a pirate. Thank you to all the parents who came to the SATS (and subsequent RSE) talk on Tuesday evening. We do hope you found the sessions useful. If any parent would like to join us on our trip to the coast on the 8th June, please let the school office know.

Year 3

As we finish last term's Stone Age topic and move into this term's focus on 'Superstructures' there seems to be a natural crossover with Stonehenge. We're really enjoying learning about this prehistoric monument and designing and creating silhouettes of it. We've been working hard on improving our grammar, looking at the present tense and the determiners 'a' and 'an' and have been using our place value knowledge to help us complete addition questions.

Year 4

We've had a cracking first week back with an amazing visit to VICON this week to be 'mocapped'. Academy award winning VICON are the world's largest supplier of precision motion capture and tracking systems serving customers from a range of arenas such as computer generated animation, object tracking, virtual realities, biomechanics and sport. Many thanks to Andy Ray and the team at VICON for making it such an interesting and memorable day and to Mrs Thomas, Ms Reynolds and Mr Gillick for leading the trip. We're looking forward to kick-starting our 'Wild World' topic with a visit from Roger Brugge on Monday. Roger is a professor in the Meteorological Department at the University of Reading. We've got some sporting competitions coming up over the next couple of weeks (Rounders, Cricket and Cross Country) and we are really excited about our Bikeability Cycle Training at the end of the month.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Anna and Toby (RED), Edward and Theo (RSR)

Year 1 - Imogen and Noah (1AP), Harry and Oscar (1VH)

Year 2 - Annabel and Finn (2HK), Lucy and Dylan (2SB)

Year 3 - Zachary and Aryan (3KF), YingGe and Rafi (3SW)

Year 4 - Sebastian and Eva (4CT)

Congratulations to you all!

Spotlight

Martial Arts

Matthew & Kit (1AP) - Blue Belt

Alice (1VH) - Yellow Belt

Samuel (1VH) - Green Belt

Karate

Kacper (2SB) - 9th Kyu Certificate

Easter Charity Piano Recital

Rishi (2SB), Samuel (3SW) and Aoibh and Roshni (4CT) for performing over Easter.

Swimming

Jumping In Award - Eva (RSR)

Preliminary Safety Skills - Rishi (2SB)

Duckling Level 3 - Hayden (RSR), Hannah (1VH)

Level 2 - Isaac (1VH)

Level 3 - Alice, (1VH), Theo (2SB), Lucy (2HK)

Level 4 - Lucy (2HK), Roshni (4CT)

Level 5 - Tom (1AP)

10 Metres - Ben (RSR), Lucy (2HK)

Gymnastics

Eva (4CT) - Level 1

Oscar (2SB) - Level 3

George (RSR) - Level 7

Indoor Skydiving

Eva, Oscar and George for defying gravity at iFLY.

Skiing

Zachary (3KF) for coming third in a skiing competition on a red run route.

Cara (RSR) and Finn (2HK) for completing Ski School over Easter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Green Park Mini Mile & 10K	Sunday 20 th May
Bikeability - Year 4	Monday 23 rd April Tuesday 24 th April
Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo	Wednesday 6 th June
Year 3 - Lego Workshop	Thursday 7 th June
Year 2 Trip to Lepe Country Park	Friday 8 th June
Year 4 Beaches Trip	Thursday 14 th June



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