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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's evening time as I write this from Longridge. I'm with Year 4 on their Residential and I can hear a few whispers and giggles from some children in their dormitory... All the children in have had the most amazing time with their friends and have challenged themselves to try all sorts of new and exciting activities. They've kayaked, climbed a huge wall, orienteered, paddled a Dragon Boat, crate stacked and generally had great fun. Mrs Thomas, Miss Reynolds, Mrs White, Mr Bethel, Mrs English and myself have been so impressed with them all and thoroughly enjoyed their company.

I would like to thank all the children for making the most of their Residential and being so caring, supporting and understanding of each other. I'd also like to thank all the staff who have helped make it such a memorable experience for them all. Some wonderful quotes:

Dani - "But I want to live here forever!"

Jenna - "Can I climb the wall again?"

Hannah - "Can we jump off our Kayaks into the freezing water?"

Many of them - "This is the best day ever!"

Many thanks to all the staff back at school, particularly Mrs Fallon helped to ensure everything ran so smoothly in all our absences.

Reception

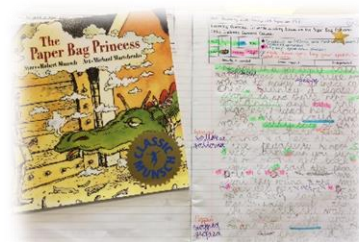
In Reception we really enjoyed talking about all the different groups we belong to such as family, community and school. We're already beginning to put sounds we've learned together, to read 2 and 3 letter words and have been ordering numbers and solving different number problems. Reception have experienced their first Celebration Assembly this week and I'm sorry to have missed it. Thank you to Mrs Fallon for leading it this week. Thank you also to all the parents who came to the FS Parent Information Talk led by the Foundation Stage Team on Wednesday evening. We hope you found it useful.

Year 1

Mrs Edwards said she and her visitors laughed when they came into our classrooms on Tuesday morning because all they could see were our shoes. She said she thought we'd 'spontaneously combusted' when actually we'd gone for an autumn walk in the park in our wellies. As well as the lovely walk, we've been learning about non-fiction writing, adding and subtracting numbers from 1-20 and exploring the differences between Tudor and modern-day houses. We're also investigating different materials in Science. Thank you to all the parents in Years 1 and 2 who came to the Parent Information Talk led by the KS1 Team. We hope you found it informative.

Year 2

We're really enjoying our Castles topic and have been labelling different parts of different types of castles. We've been investigating materials and their properties and are looking forward to deciding which materials could and should be used to build the strongest and most 'efficient' castles. We're learning to code and are creating algorithms in Computing and have involved our teachers with our expanded noun phrases in our writing in English.



Year 3

Our class novel is inspiring us to try and start our sentences in different ways and include powerful description in our writing. We've been adding and partitioning 3 digit numbers in Maths and really enjoyed learning about why the River Nile was so important to Ancient Egyptian farming.

Year 5

We've continued to enjoy 'Beowulf' and are looking forward to writing our own Beowulf Myths next week. In Science we're investigating how best to provide insulation for hot and cold objects and liquids and are trying to identify what good insulators are. In History we've been discussing where the Anglo-Saxon settled and what their villages looked, sounded and smelled like.

Prospective Parent Visits

'Tis that time of year again when we start showing prospective new Reception parents round for the 2019-20 intake. If you already have a child in the school are one who will be joining us in September 2019, please do feel free to make an appointment to join other parents on a tour. Tours are running on Tuesday mornings at 9am and 10am until Christmas. Please speak to the office book.

Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament at JMA

Congratulations to Tula, Jack, Amelia, Xav, Oscar, Lily, Luke, Kacper, Freddie and Joe for their enthusiasm and strong performances against seven Year 4 teams in yesterday's Inter-School Football Tournament at the JMA. They were the youngest team participating and really did the school proud. Many thanks to Jeni and Alice for driving the children to and from the tournament and to Performance Sports for managing and supporting them as a team.



Vehicle Idling Campaign

Many thanks to Reading Borough Council's Environmental Health Team and Green Gumption for running a Clean Air Awareness afternoon at school on Monday. The children gained a lot from the assembly and Snakes & Ladders 'Clean Air' game. Thanks also to Mrs Fallon, Dawn Rosser, Katie Brett and Karen Roach for completing the volunteer training. Our aim is to try to help ensure we take responsibility as a school to have cleaner air in the community by using our cars less and not leaving our engines idling.

Parent Class Rep Meeting

I will be meeting with Class Reps on Monday 1st October at 9am - I hope many of you can come along.

Key Stage 2 Parent Information Talk

Just a reminder that we are holding the following talks for parents next week:

Monday 1st October 6-7pm - Year 3

Monday 1st October 7-8pm - Years 4 and 5

The PTFA Annual General Meeting will follow the Year 4 & 5 Talk at 8pm.

We hope you can come along.

Cross Country

The next Cross Country meeting will be at 10am on Saturday 6th October at Chiltern Edge.



Parent Governor Nominations

Thank you to those parents who have submitted a nomination form to become a Parent Governor. We have received more than two nominations so will therefore be holding a ballot - a letter will be sent home on 5th October with further details.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Talia, Lewis, Ralfie and Zara (RSR) and Elsa, Shaliya, James and Eva (RED)

Year 1 - Harry, Joe, Holly and Ramona (1AP) and Eryn, Leo, Charlotte and Noah (1CG)

Year 2 - Hanga, James, Lizzy and Samuel (2VH) and Jake, Taran, Betsy and Varya (2SB)

Spotlight

Reading Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who completed the reading challenge this summer.

Martial Arts

Matthew and Kit (Year 2) for earning Orange Belts.

Alice (Year 2) for earning Green Belt.

Joe (Reception) for earning Yellow Belt.

Cross Country

Well done to all the children who took part in the South Oxon Cross Country Tournament recently at Greys Court.

Swimming

Noah and Gia (Year 1) and Freddie (Year 2) for earning their Level 2 Badges.

Amelie and William (Reception) for earning their Level 1 Badges.

Dance

Amelie (Year 2) for achieving a Merit in her Imperial Classical Ballet exam.

The Monument

Sophia (Year 1) for climbing the 311 steps of The monument in the City of London.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Class Reps Meeting	Monday 1 st October 9am
Year 3 Parent Talk	Monday 1 st October 6pm
Year 4 & 5 Parent Talk	Monday 1 st October 7pm
PTFA - AGM (Everyone welcome)	Monday 1 st October 8pm
Cross Country at Chiltern Edge	Saturday 6 th October 10am
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th October
Hallowe'en Disco Years 1-5	Friday 2nd November at St Andrews Church Hall
Hallowe'en Disco Reception	Friday 9 th November at school (New Hall)
Parent Consultations	6 th November and 8 th November - times to be confirmed
INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils	Friday 23 rd November



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