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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems strange writing this newsletter on a Friday with no children in school. We've had a really productive day though, learning more about how we (and the children) can use our Smartboards in really creative and exciting ways.



Road Safety Week

Thank you for your support of National Road Safety Week this week, particularly Dawn Rosser who was a whizz at sourcing all sorts of high-viz accessories and Road Safety Leaflets.

Class Reps

Many thanks to all the Parent Class Reps who met with me this week, it was really helpful and very constructive. Particular thanks to Kayleigh Gilkerson for taking the minutes which will be sent on early next week.

KS2 Forensic Science Club

Following Hayley Scott's fascinating assembly yesterday, please look out for more information about the Year 4/5 club she will be running after Christmas.



Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle

Year 2 are really looking forward to their trip to Windsor Castle this coming Monday 26th November. Many thanks to the Year 2 team for all their efforts organising the trip and to the parents who have volunteered to support it.

Cross Country

It's the final of the Autumn term's Cross Country Competitions next Saturday 1st December. It would be brilliant to have teams of 3 or more boys and girls in each age group as we can then earn team points. We'll send out a ParentMail with more details next week.

Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival

The children in Year 3 are looking forward to their Tag Festival at Queen Anne's School next Wednesday morning. Huge thanks to Chris Ellison and his team from Performance Sports for organising it.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property (some un-named) outside the school office. Please do come and check for any lost items. We hope to start putting lost property outside on a table, every other Friday to try and ensure items make it back home.

Walmsley Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to three pupils whose artwork was chosen by Walmsley Estate Agency for their Christmas Card artwork. Arianna won 1st prize, Callen won 2nd prize and 3rd prize went to Roshni. Well done everyone!



Reception

We've been talking about our houses this week. We've described them to each other, designed our fantasy home and made them out of cereal boxes. We were thrilled to take them home with us. We've also been recognising and naming 2D shapes and couldn't believe how many we spotted on our 'shape walk' around the school!

Year 1

We're continuing with our Poetry theme and have started to learn 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' by Clement Clarke Moore. We're looking forward to writing our own Christmas poems over the next couple of weeks. Mrs Powell and Mrs Giacomelli have arranged for some Caversham Road Firefighters to come to speak to us about their work and role next week. We can't wait to have a look at one of their Fire Engines and compare it to what was used at the time of The Great Fire of London.

Year 2

We have worked hard on our non-chronological reports about our chosen Castle and are really proud of them. We've enjoyed developing our research skills by using the Chromebooks and sketching castles in Art. It's finally time for our trip to Windsor Castle on Monday - whoopee!

Year 3

Like Year 2, we've also been writing some non-chronological reports, but ours are about The Heights. Here are some of the things we included in one of the reports:

'Does your child want a school but doesn't have a good one? The Heights is the best, and it's outstanding! If you want to go to The Heights, I think it's a good idea! The Heights is a very cool place. Read on to have an adventure and find out more about The Heights.'

Values

'At The Heights we are happy, we are safe, we are confident, we take risks and we make marvellous mistakes. We always try our best every day. The Heights Primary School is a place full of adventure. At The Heights we are nice and careful and learn.'

As you can tell, we're pretty proud of our school. In addition to our work in English we've been looking at fractions in Maths, the skeleton in Science and Egyptian death masks in our topic work.

Year 4

We had a great time continuing our work on vertebrates and invertebrates and exploring the school grounds looking for them. In Maths we've explored the divisibility of numbers based on our multiplication knowledge and in English we have published our ancient Mayan Creation stories using our plans that we edited last week.

Year 5

This week in English we have been discussing whether the Vikings were raiders or traders! Please ask us what we concluded! In Maths we have been continuing to develop our knowledge of long multiplication, in preparation for us to move onto short division. In RE we have finished off our performances related to Rama and Sita and have evaluated each group's work. We have also developed our gymnastic/dance skills in PE to make Viking ship shapes with our bodies! Please ask us to demonstrate!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Year 3 - Darcey, Lucy, Baylen and Rishi (3FH), and Frances, Audrey, Victoria and Lucy (3SW)

Year 4 - Mira, Tara, Sammy and Jonah (4CT), and Abigail, Alyssia, Holly and Umar (4RR)

Year 5 - Phoebe, Daniel, Anna and Vaala.

Spotlight

Blue Peter

Hannah and Ffion for earning Green Blue Peter Badges.

Gymnastics

Eva and Roshni for achieving Bronze.

Finn for achieving Level 8.

Rishi for achieving Level 2.

Oscar for achieving Level 1.

Piper for starting to learn how to do a front flip into the pit!

Swimming

Oscar for earning Level 5.

Tristars

Scarlett for winning the training award by putting in great effort every week.

Football

Kacper for being awarded Player of the Match.

The Monument

Chloe and Theo for climbing the 311 steps of The Monument in London.

Well done everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils	Friday 23rd November
Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle	Monday 26 th November
Cross Country at Chiltern Edge	Saturday 1 st December
Year 5 Trip to Reading Museum	Thursday 6 th December
KS1 & KS2 Choir Performance	Monday 10 th December 9.30am (School Hall)
KS2 Carol Concert at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 11 th December 6.30pm (Confirmed)
Whole School Trip to the Panto	Thursday 13 th December
Christmas Jumper Day!	Friday 14 th December
Musical Theatre Club - Performance for Parents	Monday 17 th December (during club time) (Years 1 & 2) Wednesday 19 th December (during club time) (Years 3-5)
FS Dress Rehearsal to KS2	Tuesday 18 th December 9.30am (School Hall)
FS Dress Rehearsal to KS1 & Grandparents	Wednesday 19 th December 9.30am (School Hall)
FS Production to Parents	Thursday 20 th December 9.30am (School Hall)
KS1 Production at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 18 th December 6.30pm Wednesday 19 th December 6.30pm
School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 19 th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st December, school finishes at 1.30pm
Start of Term 3	Monday 7 th January 2019



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