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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to celebrate the first 'Sunday of Advent' a couple of days early on Friday. The Key Stage 1 children had so many lovely contributions to make to our discussion about the Advent Wreath I made and it really felt like the start of the build up to Christmas. I am looking forward to celebrating the next 3 weeks of Advent with all the children.

## Reception

In Reception, our theme this week has been 'Growing and Changing'. We have discussed and explained how we have all changed physically and emotionally since we were babies. We've written Then and Now captions to go with the photos we brought into school and loved meeting babies and toddlers with parents to find out about and compare what they can do, eat and play with.



## Year 1

In Year 1 we've continued to work on making our Tudor houses. We're really enjoying developing our sawing skills and do you think Father Christmas might consider popping a saw into our stockings? Mrs Edwards says she's hoping for a power drill after her work in the New Block over the summer! We're looking forward to sewing our own Christmas stockings next week and creating our own Christmas decorations - watch this space!

## Year 2

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Windsor Castle on Monday and couldn't believe that the Queen was actually there, in the Castle when we arrived! We learned so much and even though we had to walk a lot during the day it was worth it as we were able to write really interesting reports with loads of detail when we returned to school. Thank you so much to all our teachers, teaching assistants and parents who helped organise and make the trip so enjoyable. As well as our fab trip, we have worked hard on fractions this week and are pretty confident about finding halves and quarters of amounts and shapes. We also auditioned for roles for our Christmas Production and are looking forward to performing it to everyone in a couple of weeks.



## Year 3

We have also been working on fractions this week - counting up in quarters and finding fractions of different amounts. We ended the week adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and finding which fractions make a whole. We celebrated Parliament Week by learning more about Democracy and then forming our own arguments for and against a motion. We have loved designing and making our Egyptian Death Masks in our topic lessons and learning about exoskeletons and endoskeletons in Science and discovering which animals have which type. Despite the weather, we had a brilliant time at the Tag Rugby Festival and are really grateful to Performance Sports for organising it and to Queen Anne's School for hosting. Mrs Edwards says we did really well with a few of our teams coming top of our league tables. We can't wait for the next festival!

## Year 4

Thank you so much for supporting our Cake Sale on Thursday and Friday. We really enjoyed helping our parents sell the cakes and cookies and raised a lot of money towards our trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace in March. Many thanks to everyone who made the cakes, brownies and flapjacks....mmmm! Aside from cakes, this week we finished reading 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' and have used this to help us revise our grammar and techniques. We cracked on with multiplication and the divisibility of numbers based on our multiplication knowledge and loved tasting tortilla fillings (linked

to our Ancient Mayan topic). In Science, this week and next, both classes are taking walks by the river to look at changing habitats and we really enjoyed performing our 'Bare Necessities' dance to other classes.

### **Year 5**

In English, we've been comparing the Legend of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight to other Legends in preparation for our next 'Big Write'. We've continued working on formal methods for division in Maths, changing materials in Science (including irreversible reactions) and learning about the Jewish Festival of Hanukah in RE. We have been really interested to learn about the differences between the UK and countries in the developing world in PSHE.

### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to all the children in Year 1-5 who competed in the Cross Country competition on Saturday. The weather was pretty wet and miserable, but the beaming smiles and gutsy efforts of our children were simply amazing. We had 4 runners in Year 1, 3 boys (Oscar, Joe and Lucas) came 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and Eva came 3<sup>rd</sup>! Harry represented Year 2 and ran superbly as did Abigail and Jack (Year 3), Ben, Jonah and Lily (Year 4) and Zak (Year 5). Well done to them all!



### **Year 4 Cake Sale**

Huge thanks to the Year 4 parents and pupils for running the Cake Sale in support of their up-coming trip to Fishbourne Palace in March.

### **PUPILS OF THE WEEK:**

**RED** - Dexter, Freddie, Isla, Freya and Emilia

**RSR** - Anna, Esmae, Musab and Fynn

**1AP** - Abigail, Ben, Ellie, Gwen, Oscar and Sofia

**1CG** - Ivy, Joe, Keira and Stella

**2SB** - River, Alex, Noah, Robbie, Quinn and Harry

**2VH** - George, Hannah, Harry, Lauren and Mia

### **Spotlight**

#### **Gymnastics**

Phoebe for being awarded her Bronze certificate in Apparatus.

Matthew, Hannah, Anna, Cara, Ellie, Charis, Oliver and Stella for all achieving Level 8.

Quinn for achieving Level 3.

Marianna for being Star Gymnast of the Week.

#### **Swimming**

Elsa for completing Starfish 5.

Dominic for swimming 20 metres.

Ben for swimming 15 metres.

Zara for swimming 10 metres.

Henry for swimming 5 metres.

Ralf for earning Level 1

Freya for earning Level 2.

Noah, Ellie and Eva for earning Level 3.

Harry and Ben for earning Level 4.

Joe for earning Level 5.

Sofia for earning Level 7.

#### **The Monument**

Freddie, Ellie Charlotte and Cara for climbing the 311 steps of The Monument in London.

#### **iFly Skydiving**

Eva for defying gravity!

#### **Ninja Zone**

Elliot Fisher for picking up new skills really quickly and good effort.

#### **Rainbows**

Gia for making her Rainbow Guide Promise at 1<sup>st</sup> Caversham.

#### **StageCoach**

Charis for taking lead role in the StageCoach Production of Cinderella.

### Art Competition

Harry for winning Highly Commended certificates at the North Reading Inter School Art Competition in both Portrait and Landscape categories.

### Bikeability

Oliver for completing the Learn to Ride program.

**Well done everyone!**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



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