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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Ms Chanel Mckie today who has left The Heights to start an Early Years Teaching Qualification. We wish her all the very best and are looking forward to welcoming her back to complete some of her teaching placements with us. It is always uplifting to see passionate and natural practitioners wanting to move into the teaching profession.

We were delighted to welcome Mr James Rose to The Heights this week. He will be 'taking the place of' Ms Mckie working as one of our teaching assistants in 3SW. He has already settled quickly into life at The Heights and is a fabulous addition to our staff.

Consultation Meeting - Relations and Sex Education Policy and Programme

Thank you to all the parents who attended the consultation meeting on Monday and who raised or sent in separate comments or questions. We will forward our comprehensive, progressive whole school PHSE and RSE (JIGSAW) programme to all parents again this coming week.

Ladders at Home

Thank you also to those of you who came to the brief session to look at the updated Parent Portal for pupils in Year 1-5 (Ladders at Home). If you have not yet received an email inviting you to log on to the site, please do let the office know.

Reception

This week it has all been about 'Going on a Bear Hunt!'. We've found out so much about bears and loved our barefoot Bear Hunt, making bear masks and decorating bears using mixed media. We wrote labels and onomatopoeias on the map of the bear hunt and really enjoyed retelling the 'Bear Hunt' story to parents in assembly.

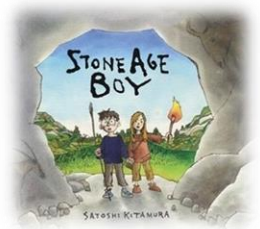


Year 1

We've started to write our Solar System Booklets using non-fiction books and 'voyaging' to the different planets in our Solar System to find our facts. We've been learning about Neil Armstrong who was a significant individual in the 'Space Race' and are looking forward to focusing on other key people. Over the coming weeks we're really excited about researching the designs of different rockets so that we can create our own. In Maths we're starting to look at weight, using both balance and digital scales and will be comparing the weight of objects and learning to record the information using the correct unit of measure.

Year 2

Our Chocolate topic is SO interesting! We sampled different chocolate and learnt how to comment on taste, texture and smell. We learnt about alliteration and similes in English and then tried to use them in the Chocolate Poems we wrote. We can't wait for our Chocolate Workshop on Monday 28th January. In Maths, we're learning more about Place Value and in Science, about how animals grow.



Year 3

This week continued with our Stone Age topic and we have been looking at how the Stone Age got its name and thinking about how people (and animals) survived during this 'Age'. We started to look at the challenges early man faced and how tools changed and developed to enable successful hunting. We're enjoying the book 'Stone Age Boy' and are looking at how we can use powerful language and imagery in our writing. We're looking forward to sketching animals using chalks and charcoal and investigating if there is a correlation between arm lengths and throwing distances in Science. We LOVED our first swimming lesson at Queen Anne's despite the chilly walk there and back!

Year 4

It's been a week of 'two halves', or so it's felt with all the work we've been doing on fractions. We've been adding simple fractions and identifying equivalent fractions using magnetic rods, fraction action pie charts and bars to support our investigations. We're enjoying 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and our focus Michael Morpurgo's writing style and techniques. Following on from our fabulous Roman Day, we've generated LOTS of questions about the Romans that we'd like to find the answers to. We've also had fun looking at different examples of Roman Mosaics and thinking about how we'll design our own! In Science, we've been identifying appliances that use mains and battery power and considered the dangers linked to electrical appliances as well as steps that can be taken to stay safe.



Year 5

We're loving this term's topic 'To Infinity and Beyond' and have been researching the African American NASA scientist Katherine Johnson this week, learning about how she is a maths genius and how she impacted on the success of the first and subsequent U.S. manned spaceflights but also learning about the barriers she faced with prejudice. In Maths we have started to look at Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and in Science we started to think about forces, both balanced and unbalanced to help us understand gravity. In Art, we used oil pastels to recreated the work of Peter Thorpe, an interesting artist who creates spectacular science fiction artwork.

Headteacher Awards

RED - Elijah, Arthur, Freya and Paloma.

RSR - Fynn and Ralf.

1AP - Lily, Max and Joe.

1CG - Joe, Rowan, Molly and Leo.

2SB - Aaron, Amelia, Harry and River.

2VH - Elodie, George, Annam and Kit.

Spotlight

Swimming

Paloma (RED) for completing Level 1.

Quinn (2SB) for completing Level 2.

Jake (2SB) for completing Level 3.

CycloCross

Well done to sisters Hannah and Gia for taking part in the Under 8's CycloCross at Abingdon Airfield. Gia finished in 5th position and Hannah 1st!

Skiing

James (RED) for completing Piou Piou Ski School.

iFly

Alekh (1AP) for defying gravity!

The Monument

James (1CG) for climbing the 311 steps of The Monument in London.

Well done everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Year 3 Violin Concert | Wednesday 23 rd January at 9.15am |
| Reception Heights & Weights Screening | Wednesday 23 rd January (morning) |
| Year 3 Cake Sale Fundraiser for Earth Trust Trip | Friday 25 th January after school |
| Year 4 Cake Sale Fundraiser for Fishbourne Palace Trip | Thursday 31 st January after school |
| Year 2 Chocolate Workshop | Monday 28 th January 2019 |
| Reception Eye Testing | Thursday 7 th February 2019 |
| Individual School Photos (Tempest Photography) | Monday 11 th March 2019 |
| Year 4 Visit to Fishbourne Palace | Wednesday 6 th March 2019 |
| Year 3 Visit to the Earth Trust | Thursday 14 th March 2019 |



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