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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was such a shame we were unable to open on Friday due to the snow. We were really looking forward to having a fun-packed day with the children in it. I do hope you managed to make the most of the snow and want to thank all the parents and children who came into school yesterday morning to help us clear and grit the site ready for today.



## End of Year 6 Expectations Information Evening

Many thanks to all the Year 5 parents who attended the Year 6 expectations information evening on Tuesday and for all your positive feedback. Thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mr Gillick for leading it.



### Reception

As we continued with our overall topic of 'Journeys', our theme this week was based around the story 'Who sank the Boat?'. We had so much fun writing speech bubbles for new animals to join Mr Grumpy's outing and telling boat themed stories to our friends using props. We did some investigative work predicting which animals would make different boats sink and then testing our ideas. We wowed Mrs Edwards with our river scene pictures and can't wait to bring them home to share with you.

### Year 1

This week we've been finishing writing our Solar System Booklets. We enjoyed learning how to create a contents and index page and finding out about Katherine Johnson's ground-breaking achievements. She earned a reputation for her mathematical prowess and her work contributed to sending the first American to Space and NASA transition to using computers. She was 100 years old in August 2018 and has really inspired us!

### Year 2

Our Chocolate Workshop on Monday was great fun! We learnt so much about chocolate from Derek, the Chocolatier and thoroughly enjoyed working in our groups to design and make our own chocolate creations. In Maths this week we've learnt about how to collect data in different ways and have looked at pictograms, tables and bar charts to explain what information they tell us.

### Year 3

This week we've been working on finishing and publishing our own pieces of descriptive writing based on a Stone Age Hunt. We've started to design our own pieces of Stone Age jewellery and can't wait to start making them. We're excited about our new Science topic 'Rocks' and are looking forward to identifying and describing the properties of lots of different types of rock. Thank you to all the Year 3 parents for the Cake Sale last week, an amazing £180 was raised towards the Earth Trust trip in March! In PSHE, 3FH designed and prototyped ideas for their craft sale, which is to be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February after school. Here are a few of the prototypes!



### Year 4

Michael Morpurgo's 'Kensuke's Kingdom' has really inspired us. This week we wrote letters in role as Michael, to his parents and will be sharing our writing with children in Year 1. We've focused on ordering decimal numbers in Maths, Christian Miracle Stories in RE, developing our mini animations in Computing and composing a piece of music to accompany a film. In Science we've enjoyed planning and carrying out an investigation into which materials are electrical conductors and which are electrical insulators. Thank you to everyone who made, bought and sold cakes on Thursday. Both our Year 4 Cake Sales have really cut the cost of our planned trip to Fishbourne.

### Year 5

Following our theme of 'To Infinity and Beyond', we've been writing diary entries about the moon landings and Apollo II Missions. We've continued our work on fractions, Decimals and Percentages in Maths and our investigative work on levers and pulleys through looking at pivot points in see saws. We've revised compass points in Geography and had a mini Netball tournament with Mrs Edwards in PE. We were

disappointed that our inter-school tournament was cancelled on Tuesday but are looking forward to entering two teams into the rescheduled event at the JMA on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Headteacher Awards

**RED** - Amelie, Isla, Zack and Charlie

**RSR** - James, Izzy, Musab and Noah

**1AP** - Rioghan, Gwen and Ben

**1CG** - Shia, Charlotte, Ella and Krishan

**2SB** - Tom, Noah, Jake and Betsy

**2VH** - Angie, Lauren, Marnie, Mia

#### Spotlight

##### Swimming

Imogen for achieving Level 3 and 4.

##### Gymnastics

Paloma for achieving Level 8.

##### Art Competition

Imogen for winning a 'Highly Commended' category in the North Reading Inter-Schools Art Competition.

**Well done everyone!**

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Individual School Photos (Tempest Photography)	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 <b>** CORRECTED DATE **</b>
Reception Eye Testing	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Year 5 Netball Tournament @JMA	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2.30-5.00pm (Rescheduled)
Year 4 Visit to Fishbourne Palace	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Year 3 Visit to the Earth Trust	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Green Park Mini Mile	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 9-1.00pm
Sports Day - Years 3, 3 and 5	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 9-1.00pm



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