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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, I blinked and must have missed this last short term! It has quite literally raced by! And what a mix of weather. Yesterday the morning started with a hard frost and thick fog and then by lunchtime it was beautifully sunny at 11+ degrees. Spring is definitely on the way!

Individual Photos

The children had individual and sibling photos taken by Tempest on Monday. The proofs should be with us to pass on to you after half-term.



Sports Festivals

Congratulations to the Year 4s and 5s who participated in the Reading Inter-School Football and Basketball tournaments this Tuesday and Thursday at the John Madejski Academy. They worked really hard, really enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school. Many thanks to Chris Ellison and all the parents who helped transport, manage and support all the children who took part.

Fundraising for Bhoke's Charitable Work in Mexico

Thank you to Mrs Harrison. The Year 3 and 4 staff and all the Year 3s for their Garden Craft Fayre this week. The children made some gorgeous 'crafts' including Jars of Happiness and Seed Pouches. They raised over £117 which will go towards Bhoke's 6 month stay in Mexico where she will be working in an Orphanage.



Sign2Sing

Thank you for your wonderful support of Sign2Sing and for those of you who were able to come to the KS1 and KS2 special assemblies this week. The children really enjoy learning the words and signs to the songs and performing them to everyone.

Reception

In Reception this week we've focussed on the story of Rosie's Walk and have really enjoyed re-telling it in different ways. We've used small world props to act it out, written about it as a story map with captions and made mixed media farmyard pictures representing it. We loved learning how to program Blubots and getting them to a variety of destinations using a set of instructions. We were so excited and proud to share our work with the Year 5 pupils on Thursday afternoon.

Year 1

Corrr..... we've worked hard this week, completing all sorts of different assessments. We had great fun learning about capacity in Maths, filling bottles with water and estimating the size the puddle they will create. Our papier mache planets are really coming along and we'll be painting them to create our own class Solar System.

Year 2

We've been editing the Independent Writing we did last week and fixing our Marvellous Mistakes. We've also started to plan our own Chocolate Information Text using a range of fact sheets and have been learning to sketch a cocoa plant and flower from a cocoa tree.

Year 3

We have also completed different assessments throughout the week and spent quite a lot of time focussing on money in Maths and solving money problems. We've finished our pieces of Stone Age jewellery in DT and carried out a test to find out which rocks are permeable and impermeable.

Year 4




This week in Science we've continued to investigate switches. We've revised fractions and decimals in Maths and learned how to name parts of the body in French. We completed our Roman mosaics in Art and are looking forward to our trip to Fishbourne Palace on 6th March.

Thank you so much to everyone who bought some of our Roman Pots in the Garden Craft Sale this week. We were thrilled to raise so much money to support Bhoke in her work at the Mexican orphanage.

Year 5

We spent our English lessons writing picture books about Katherine Johnson to share with the children in Reception. They loved them when we took them to their classes yesterday. We've considered and investigated water resistance and streamlining in boats in our Science lessons.

Why is Good Attendance So Important For your Child?

School children have 179 non-school days each year to spend on holidays, family visits, dentist trips, and other activities. Our school attendance target for all children is 95%		
<p>Your child has the best chance of making good progress at school and having a firm friendship group!</p> 	<p>Your child has less chance of making good progress and may find it more difficult to maintain close friendships</p> 	<p>Your child is likely to find it very difficult to make progress and be part of a friendship group</p> 
<p>186 school days = 100% attendance 7.5 days off school = 96% attendance</p>	<p>10 days off school = 90% attendance 28 days off school = 85% attendance</p>	<p>37 days off school = 80% attendance 46.5 days off school = 75% attendance</p>

Forensic Club

Thank you to Hayley Scott for running a very successful and extremely popular Forensic Science Club - the children have absolutely loved it. The second 6-week club will run after half-term.



TLC Afternoon

We will be running a community TLC session between 12 and 2pm on Saturday 2nd March for children, parents, grandparents, friends to help with litter picking, clearing the path outside school and general tidying up in the local area. If you would like to volunteer your time we would really appreciate your support.

Headteacher Awards - Carried forward from last week

- 3FH** - The whole class!
- 3SW** - Oliver, Jack, Sam and Lucy
- 4CT** - Thom, Scarlett, Reem, Sammy
- 4RR** - Holly, Isla, Joshie and Harry
- 5JG** - Rachel, Bhavishya, Bea and Ethan

Spotlight

Violin

Anna (Y5) for being awarded Level 1 with Distinction.

Gymfinity

Reem (Y5) for being Star of the Week and achieving Level 3.

NinjaZone

Fletcher (Y4) for being Star of the Week.

Well done everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 2 Cricket Festival at the JMA	Thursday 28 th February 2019
Year 4 Visit to Fishbourne Palace	Wednesday 6 th March 2019
Year 3 Visit to the Earth Trust	Thursday 14 th March 2019
Green Park Mini Mile	Sunday 19 th May 2019
Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 27 th June 9-1.00pm
Sports Day - Years 3, 4 and 5	Wednesday 3 rd July 9-1.00pm

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