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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a lovely week, with SO much to celebrate. It was a 'Flipping' great Shrove Tuesday marking the beginning of Lent, a wonderful Wednesday where Year 4 visited Fishbourne Palace, an exciting World Book Day on Thursday and a super competitive Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival at The Hill.

Parent Class Reps

Thank you to all the Parent Class Reps for their time at our meeting this week. We discussed many different issues, suggestions and questions raised by parents in their classes and I hope you will see the result of this in different steps taken by the school since then. Your views and concerns continue to be important to us.

World Book Day

Thank you all so much for your and the children's support of World Book Day yesterday. Their outfits looked amazing (as did the staff's) and it really brought the school together with the children confidently and happily walking up to each other and talking about their book characters. I do confess to changing out of my Wee Willie Winkie outfit at lunchtime to brave the wind in the park whilst on duty and then walk our Year 5's to The Hill for their Tag Rugby Festival!



Travel Survey

Further to the ParentMail we have sent out about your mode of transport to and from school, we would like to thank all of you who have responded to-date. We are eager to gain as many responses as possible which will help us further develop our Travel Plans for both our temporary and permanent sites.

PTFA Upcoming Events

The PTFA have confirmed dates for a couple of events for your diary:

Parent Social at Hemdean House - Saturday 30th March from dusk 'till 11.30pm.

2019 Scarecrow Trail - Sunday 28th April, with a 'Movie Magic' theme.

Further details will be issued over the coming weeks.

Reception

This week in Reception, our theme has been 'Whatever Next'. We've really enjoyed making up our own oral stories based on the 'Man in the Moon' book and designing and making junk model rockets with our friends. It was brilliant this week as we had a photo taken of us and inserted it into an astronaut picture with a sentence about where we're planning to travel to in Space.

Year 1

We've had such a fun week with our 'Spectacular Space' topic, using adjectives to create our own alien characters and write about an imaginary planet where they live. In Maths we've been revisiting position and direction and concentrating on writing and giving instructions to direct a rocket, using vocabulary such as half-turn, three-quarter turn and whole turn to describe their movement. In Music we've started to learn how to use a Boomwhacker.

Year 2

This week we've been writing to different chocolate companies to ask for information about their packaging designs and we've been starting to design our own packaging for a chocolate bar. In Maths, we've been learning about expanded addition and how to add tens and ones separately to aid their addition.

Year 3

We've continued to look at our text, 'Stig of the Dump' and have completed a 'slow write' description of Stig's cave trying to ensure we stopped to think before constructing sentences. It's been really interesting learning about Stonehenge and using this to start to create pieces of silhouette art based on this prehistoric monument. We've found telling the time on analogue clocks pretty challenging due to digital clocks being so commonplace and are going to practise this key skill at home. We are really looking forward to our school trip to the Earth Trust next Thursday.

Year 4

This week we linked our story of 'The Butterfly Lion' to the use of animals in a circus and spent time researching this. We then discussed and wrote about whether animals should be used in circuses. We had an amazing time on our trip to Fishbourne Palace on Wednesday and thoroughly enjoyed sharing some of our experiences with the rest of Key Stage 2 in Celebration Assembly. We had fun on World Book Day, as we were put into teams, named after BFG characters and had to answer Maths questions linked to Roald Dahl books.



Year 5

This week we started by focusing on Science Fiction Writing and researching the genre to make posters. We then looked at script writing using Dr Who as a stimulus. We have begun our 'Earth and Space' topic and have been investigating what we know about Earth in Space and why. In DT we've begun to design model rockets and are really looking forward to going to the London Science Museum in a few weeks' time. Mrs Edwards and her son Rhys took nine of us to a Tag Rugby Festival at The Hill yesterday afternoon. We warmed up by walking 'up the hill' and then played four games. We were a bit apprehensive as it was a Year 5/6 event and we're still Year 5 but we quickly settled into the games, supported brilliantly by Master Edwards and won two games, drew one and lost one. We were so pleased with our performance and so were Mrs Edwards and Master Edwards!

Headteacher Awards

3FH - Megan, Dylan, Oscar and Lily.

3SW - Elliott, Karim, Ishan and Tula.

4CT - Daisy, Zoya, Ameya and Nathan.

4RR - Sophie, Amelia, Aryan and Hannah.

5JG - Tom, Aoibh, Anna and Jack.

Spotlight

Skiing

Sammy (4CT) for completing his Bronze Level.

Girl Guides

Aoibh (5JG) for being invested as a Girl Guide.

Children in Need

Misa, Elliot and Tula in 3SW for raising £50 towards BBC Children in Need.

Tag Rugby

Tula (3SW) for receiving a medal at the Performance Sports Tag Rugby Event during half-term.

Well done everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Consultations	Tuesday 12 th March 15:50 - 18:20
Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival at The Hill	Tuesday 12 th March 2019
World Book Day Themed Dance Workshops	Wednesday 13 th & Thursday 14 th March 2019 (Details TBC)
Year 3 Visit to the Earth Trust	Thursday 14 th March 2019
Parent Consultations	Thursday 14 th March 2019 15:50 - 18:20
Science Week	Week of 18 th March 2019
Living Eggs Delivery	Monday 25 th March 2019
Year 5 Bikeability - Level 2	Monday 25 th March to Thursday 28 th March 2019 (Details TBC)
Year 1 Visit to Winchester Science Centre	Wednesday 27 th March 2019
PTFA Parent Social at Hemdean House	Saturday 30 th March 2019 from dusk 'till 11.30pm
Year 4 Bikeability & Fun Ride - Level 1	Monday 1 st to Thursday 4 th April 2019 (Details TBC)
Year 5 Visit to the London Science Museum	Wednesday 3 rd April 2019
After School Learn to Ride Session at The Weller Centre - Any age welcome	Friday 5 th April 2019 (Details TBC)
Last Day of Term	Friday 5 th April, school finishes at 1.30pm

Start of Term 5	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
Scarecrow Trail - 'Movie Magic'	Sunday 28 th April 2019
Green Park Mini Mile	Sunday 19 th May 2019
Reception Visit to Thatcham Nature Reserve	Thursday 13 th June 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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