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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, I don't know how everyone else feels, but that wind has been pretty exhausting this week. After running to school yesterday morning (into the wind and rain), I felt like I'd completed a resistance training session! Fortunately, it doesn't seem to have really made a difference to the children at all.

We started the week on Monday with Mrs Bentley, Mr Bethel, Mrs Fallon and Mrs Lawson taking 9 of our Year 5 Choir Members to perform with 1800 others at the Royal Albert Hall. Yes, you did read that correctly, they travelled up to London by coach with Choir Members from The Hill Primary School and had an incredible experience. They were all wonderful ambassadors for the school and we are all very proud of them. I'd like to pass on my thanks to the girls who performed, and Mrs Bentley and the staff who planned and led the trip.

Tag Rugby

Sadly, Tuesday's Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Festival was cancelled because of the rain. We had planned to take four teams to participate so there were a lot of disappointed children. All of Year 4 will have a Football Festival to look forward to though at Emmer Green Primary School next Tuesday morning and there will be other opportunities for different inter school festivals and events for children in Years 1-5 before the end of the academic year.

Wow - Let's Walk to School

Well done and thank you to all the children who took the time to enter the Living Streets 'Wow - Let's Walk to School' Challenge. The badge design theme was 'Inventions that Changed the World' and some of the entries were really powerful and thought provoking. We have submitted three entries on behalf of The Heights, from Phoebe (4RR), Tara (4CT) and Jack (3SW).



Dance Workshops

All the children took part in West End Dance Workshops with their classes on Wednesday and Thursday. 'Ash', their Dance teacher for the day really helped to bring books such as 'How to Catch a Star', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Kensuke's Kingdom' to life through the workshops. Many thanks to the PTFA for funding this experience for all the children.



Science Week

We're celebrating Science Week next week with fun assemblies, workshops and experiments. We can't wait to share all our experiences with you!

Red Nose Day - Comic Relief

Thank you for helping us support this event today by buying a nose or making a voluntary donation. If or when the children tire of their noses, we like to recycle them and use them to make a Red Kite collage.

Parent Consultations

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Parent Consultation evenings this week. We hope you found them positive, helpful and informative.

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property outside the school office. Please pop in and reclaim any items. Please can we remind you that all items should be named. Any lost property which remains at the end of this term will be recycled or sent to charity. Thank you.

Skern Lodge Meeting

We have a meeting about the Year 6 Residential at Skern Lodge (October '19) at 3.30pm next Thursday 21st March. The meeting will be held in Mr Gillick's office.

Reception

We've been handling data this week and learnt how to use a tally sheet when we carried out a traffic survey from Westfield Park. We've also been investigating forces using different ramps and vehicles.

Year 1

This week we've been learning to write poetry and how to use rhyming words and then performed our poems to each other. We've been learning more about 2D shapes and their properties in Maths as well as different fractions and quantities of things. In Science we've been busy planting herb seeds and are recording our findings in Herb diaries as we investigate growth.

Year 2

Maths has been tricky, but fun this week. We've been learning how to subtract one and two digit numbers from two digit numbers and then used our knowledge to solve subtraction problems. In Science we've been learning about different food groups and how to create our own healthy food plate. Do ask us about the similarities and differences between Mexico and England as we've been discussing these in our Geography lesson.

Year 3

Our trip to the Earth Trust this week really helped bring our topic to life. It has been so interesting looking at the Bronze and Iron Ages and seeing how they differ to the Stone Age. We enjoyed wind, sun, rain and hail but still had a great time. Many thanks to all the Year 3 staff for organising it and leading the trip and to Jill Watts for helping on the day.



Year 4

We have been working hard on our discussion texts about whether animals should be used in circuses. After debating the issue, we all took a vote and will, over the coming week, spend time writing to the Government to persuade them that our point of view is correct and ask them to respond accordingly. Following our trip last week, we've been completing our guide books on Fishbourne Palace. We've also really enjoyed looking at the box of artefacts we borrowed and completing different activities in it.



Year 5

We are really enjoying our focus on Science Fiction writing and have started to write Dr Who play scripts. We've been considering the movement of planets in our Earth and Space topic and are really looking forward to visiting the Science Museum at the beginning of April. As part of our Healthy Me topic, we're starting to learn about Emergency Aid and are pleased we'll get the chance to have a First Aid training session in the summer term.

Headteacher Awards

RED - Elsa, Aadi, Phoebe and Emilia.

RSR - Anna, Agatha, YuanLi and Hughie.

1AP - Ben, Harry, Max and Dominic.

1CG - Eva, Gia, Leo and Milo.

2SB - Amelie, Elspeth, Imogen and Zayn.

2VH - Hanga, Lilly, Isaac and Freddie.

Spotlight

Beavers

Rioghan (1AP) for being invested into Beavers.

Skiing

Edward (1CG) for completing his Green Level Ski Award over half-term.

Well done both of you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Science Week	Week of 18 th March 2019
Skern Lodge Meeting for Year 5 Parents	Thursday 21 st 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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