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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I had to smile at dinner last night when our two daughters said 'Where on earth did May go?'.... and they weren't talking about the Prime Minister. As 18 and 21 year olds, they are also feeling weeks and months rushing by.

We've packed a lot into this very short term, with exciting new class topics, First Aid Training, the Scarecrow Trail, Cross Country and Football events, the Mini-Mile and more. We are very excited about the differed trips, events and activities we have planned for term 6 and hope you'll be able to join us for many of them.



Mini Mile

It was wonderful to see so many Heights children, younger siblings and Parents running the Mini Mile, 5K and 10K last Sunday at Green Park. It was a fabulous family event and there were some incredible performances. Well done everyone and thank you so much for all your running and fundraising efforts.

Modeshift Stars

As I tweeted earlier this week, we are thrilled to learn that we are the first school in Reading to achieve a Silver Modeshift STARS award - a national scheme which recognises schools which have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. In order to achieve Silver accreditation, we have carried out an additional five school consultation activities, 10 travel initiatives, and five supporting initiatives, as well as demonstrating increases in sustainable travel use over the past 2 years. We're undeniably proud!

Farewell

We are sad to say goodbye today to Aarna and her family who are moving to Swindon but we wish them all happiness and hope they settle well.

Reception

This week has been quite simply a-maz-ing! It's been Superheroes Week and the children have been 'rapt'. They've been so focussed on ideas to stop the Supervillain from doing 'unspeakable' things that we had to postpone our Lockdown Practice, for the fear that they would think s/he was responsible. The children have been inspired and have written descriptions of their own superpowers, letters to the Supervillain and designed and made their own costumes. They were amazing at the 'Superheroes Games' and Training Camp and looked fabulous in their capes and masks in assembly this afternoon.



Year 1

We completed some different assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths this week and then created our own giant junk model animal in Art. Many of us brought in the junk modelling we needed and we used non-fiction books to help us think about the animals and what they looked like. We've continued to learn about different habitats and the animals that live in them in preparation for our trip to Marwell Zoo after half-term. We've also really enjoyed decorating our rocks and selling them after school this week and using Scratch Junior to create an animal scene where multiple animals move.

Year 2

After all our 'Biscuit Tests' last week have had a relaxed, fun-packed week. We've been writing exciting story openers using our knowledge of conjunctions and adverbs and tried to solve lots of mysteries using our mathematical skills. We've enjoyed designing a pair of pirate pants in Art and have been developing our coding skills using Code.Com.

Year 3

Following the success of our letters to Mrs Edwards last week, we have honed our skills and written letters to our teachers persuading them that we should go on a trip to a famous superstructure! Wouldn't that be amazing! We've been locating well-known UK superstructures on a map and using the atlas index to find major UK cities and completed our superstructure prints. We are really looking forward to our Lego Workshops after half-term.

Year 4

We have had lots of fun preparing for and running our scone and tea sales over the past couple of weeks. Thank you so much for being so supportive of them. The money we raised has made a big difference to the cost of our trip to West Wittering Beach after half-term. In preparation for this trip, we've been exploring watercolour paintings in Art, learning how to mix colours and create thick and thin brush strokes. We'll then paint our own landscapes of West Wittering Beach. We've been busy learning about newspaper articles in English and will be looking to plan and publish our own articles based upon the our class book 'The Giant's Necklace'. In Science we're starting to learn about the water cycle.

Year 5

We're really excited about the poetry competition we're going to have in our class after half-term. This will entail us learning a poem by heart and performing it. I'm sure we'll perform some of them in our Celebration Assembly. We're also looking forward to our Greek Feast where you'll be able to read our Greek Hero Myths stories which have lots of twists and turns in them.

Headteacher Awards

RED - The whole class for being fantastic Superheroes in Training!

RSR - Ella and Ella, Ralf and James and the whole class for also being fantastic Superheroes in Training!

1AP - The whole class for amazing animal poetry and for showing such incredible improvement in their handwriting.

1CG - Rowan, Anna, Krishan and James.

Year 2 - The whole year group for their huge efforts last week with the Biscuit Tests.



Spotlight

Beavers

Noah (1CG) for being invested in Beavers.

Green Park Mini Mile

Well done to all the pupils who raced last weekend and received medals.

Rugby

James (RED) for winning a medal from Abbey Rugby Club.

Theatre Train

Holly (1AP) for performing in the summer play.

Swimming

River (2SB) for achieving Stage 5.

Indi (RSR) for achieving Ducklings Level 2.

Ninja Knights

Elliot (RSR) for being Star of the Week and successfully completing the Yellow 4 Ninja Mission.

Skiing

Lauren (2VH) for successfully completing Level 1.

Well done all of you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Start of Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo	Tuesday 4 th June 2019
Year 3 Lego Workshops	Thursday 6 th June 2019
Reception Trip to Thatcham Nature Reserve	Thursday 13 th June 2019
Pyjama Day	Friday 14 th June 2019
INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	Monday 17 th June 2019
Year 4 Trip to West Wittering	Tuesday 18 th June 2019
Welcome Meeting for New Reception Parents	Wednesday 19 th June 2019 7.30-8.30pm
Summer Fayre	Saturday 22 nd June 2019 12-3pm
Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 27 th June 9-1.00pm
Year 5 Greek Day	Friday 28 th June 2019
Sports Day - Years 3, 4 and 5	Wednesday 3 rd July 9-1.00pm
Mini Tri-Athlon at Queen Anne's School	Friday 5 th July 2019
Whole School Art Exhibition	Tuesday 9 th July 2019 (Details to follow)
Year 5 Day at Highdown	Wednesday 10 th July 2019
Early Move Up Day	Friday 12 th July 2019
Whole School Music Concert	Tuesday 16 th July 2019 (Details to follow)
I'm a Headteacher, Get Me Out of Here!	Thursday 18 th July 2019 (**REVISED DATE**)
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th July 2019 at 1.30pm

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