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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Bank Holiday and Half-Term Break together. Can you believe it's June already? We've had a fabulously busy first week back and Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Marwell Zoo and then found the energy to join so many other Heights children at the Green Park Mini-Mile Awards on Tuesday evening. We were so proud to see so many of our children from Reception to Year 4 receive many of the Individual and Team Awards! Congratulations to them all!

Yesterday, our Year 3's thoroughly enjoyed their LEGO Workshop, linked to their Superstructures topic. Many thanks to the Year 3 staff team for organising this. Ten of our Year 4's participated in a Caversham School's Football Tournament organised by Caversham AFC and hosted by St Anne's Primary School. The children were a credit to themselves and The Heights and came 3rd overall. Our Year 5's then participated in the Year 6 tournament in the afternoon. Their attitude, effort, resilience and conduct was exemplary and whilst they didn't win the tournament, they won the Fair Play Award. I'm incredibly proud of all the pupils who represented the school and grateful to Chris Ellison and Rhys Edwards for supporting and managing the teams.

Reception

This week, our theme has been Pets. We've researched and talked about how to look after them using iPads, the internet and non-fiction books. We've painted and sketched pets and designed and made junk model felt pet homes. We particularly enjoyed writing reports about how to look after chosen pets and we are very much looking forward to our trip to Thatcham Nature Reserve with our Teddies next Thursday.

Green Park Mini Mile

Girls (Age 3-4)
Paloma - 1st Place
Mathilda - 3rd Place
Girls (Age 5-6)
Eva - 2nd Place
Charlotte - 3rd Place
Girls (Age 7-8)
Lily - 3rd Place
Boys (Age 3-4)
Fynn - 1st Place
Boys (Age 5-6)
Oscar - 2nd Place
Girls Team Race (Age 3-4)
Paloma, Mathilda and Ella - 1st Place
Girls Team Race (Age 5-6)
Eva, Charlotte and Gia - 1st Place
Holly, Aoige and Ellie - 2nd Place
Zara, Agatha and Esmee - 3rd Place
Girls Team Race (Age 5-6)
Lily, Amelia and Hannah - 2nd Place
Holly, Chloe and Lucy - 3rd Place
Boys Team Race (Age 3-4)
Fynn, Aadi and Matthew - 1st Place
Boys Team Race (Age 5-6)
Oscar, Joe and Dominic - 1st Place
Joe, Luca and Noah - 2nd Place
Riaghan, Max and Ben - 3rd Place
Boys Team Race (Age 7-8)
Oscar, Zachary and Baylen - 2nd Place



Year 1

The highlight of our week was our trip to Marwell Zoo. We had a super day and learnt so much about all the animals and loads of facts about giraffes. Did you know a giraffe's tongue is prehensile so it can grasp vegetation and is as long as an adult's forearm, from the tip of your finger to your elbow! It did rain a little but as you can see we still had fun! We've been writing recounts about it using adjectives, verbs and adverbs. We've created Safari Sunsets in our Art sessions, drawing and cutting out the silhouettes of different animals and have been learning how to add voice recording sounds to our animal scenes in Computing.

Year 2

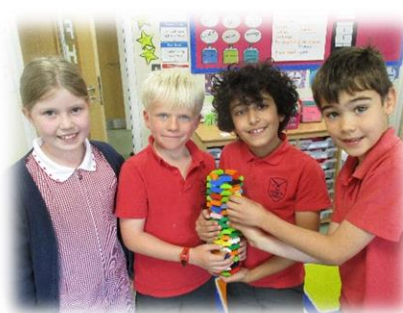
We've been exploring the portal story of 'Something Fishy' this week. We've acted out the story and used freeze frames to discuss what happens during different parts of the story. We've focussed on solving missing number problems about fractions in Maths and have been investigating seeds and bulbs in Science.

Year 3

We've been looking at newspaper reports this week, identifying the purpose, structure and key features of them. We have particularly enjoyed looking at quotes and how they are used and have been used. Our LEGO Workshop was amazing and helped us learn techniques for building our own superstructures, as well as developing our team work and problem solving skills. The children had to complete 3 challenges in teams:

- 1) Build a bridge across the river with only 3 structural supports
- 2) A tower building challenge
- 3) Build a hotel in groups to go at the top of the tower.

In Science, we've started to learn about the dangers of the sun and how we can protect ourselves from harmful UV rays.



Year 4

We've been learning about newspaper articles this week. We've looked at the Boscastle floods in 2004, focussing on how the local council have put measures in place to prevent future flood damage. Today, we wrote a newspaper article based on a Hawaiian volcanic eruption. In Science we've continued to learn about states of matter as we've looked at heating and cooling. We particularly enjoyed observing chocolate melting and mixing this with cornflakes and then observing it cool and become solid.

Year 5

We have had an amazing week - starting with performing and evaluating our poetry performances that we learned over half-term. We can't wait to share these with you at our next Key Stage 2 Assembly. In Maths we've been converting metric measurements, including using appropriate equivalences to convert metric and imperial units of measure. We're close to finishing our vases in Art and 9 of us had an amazing experience at the AFC Football Tournament yesterday.

Pyjama Day

We are supporting the Ronald McDonald Pyjama Day to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House which is based at the John Radcliffe next **Friday 14th June**. The children can come into school wearing their Pyjamas, school shoes with a light, waterproof coat in case of inclement weather. Please note that the children do not have to come into school in Pyjamas if they prefer not to - they are welcome to wear school uniform as usual. Suggested donation for wearing Pyjamas is £1.

Modeshift Stars

As I mentioned before half-term, we are delighted that we have received our Silver Modeshift Stars Award. The award will be presented to the whole school in our assembly on Monday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Start of Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2019
3SW Caversham Bridges Walk	Tuesday 11 th June (am)
3FH Caversham Bridges Walk	Thursday 13 th June (am)
Reception Trip to Thatcham Nature Reserve	Thursday 13 th June 2019
Pyjama Day Fundraiser	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
Year 2 Trip to Lepe Country Park	Tuesday 25 th June 2019
Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 27 th June 9-1.00pm
ECO Day	Friday 28 th June 2019
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
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th July 2019 at 1.30pm



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