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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, another week has shot by and boy, have we had some rain!

Thank you for helping us support Ronald McDonald Children's Charity with our Pyjama Day today. There was something rather cathartic about coming into school in Pyjamas - although I did get some unusual looks! Thank you to Ffion Jones who put forward the suggestion of holding this dressing up (or down) day in aid of the charity that's very close to her heart.

Young Play Leaders Award

Fifteen of our Year 4 and 5 pupils took part in some Young Play Leader Training on Wednesday, led by Becky Anderson from the Reading School Sports Partnership. They gained so much from the training and will be using their skills to set up and facilitate activities for our younger children at lunchtime.



Year 5 Eco Presentation

Mrs Fallon and I took 6 Year 5 pupils to a local company 'Work Day' to make a presentation to their staff on 'The importance of and impact on our Oceans'. Bea, Lucy, Jermaine, Tom, Eva and Phoebe all volunteered to develop the presentation and drew it altogether in their spare time. The children were such a credit to our school and we are incredibly proud of them.

Reception

Our theme this week has been 'Pets' and we've really enjoyed talking about the pets we'd like to have and what they'd need to be happy and healthy. We had great fun on our trip to Thatcham Discovery Centre yesterday even though a few of our Teddies got a little wet. Thank you so much to all the staff and parents for organising and supporting on the trip.

Year 1

Apparently, we have 'blown away' the Year 1 staff, Mrs Fallon and Mrs Edwards with our amazing achievements in the Phonics Assessments this week. We all really know our Phonics so didn't find it that difficult at all! This week we've begun to research our chosen animals, looking at all sorts of interesting facts about them. We're going to be creating a Zoo Keeper notebook and learn how to write a non-chronological report. In Maths, we've been re-capping fractions, looking in particular at fractions of a shape and quantity.

Year 2

This week we've been looking at the portal story 'Something Fishy' and it's been great fun acting it out. We've been learning about the jobs on board a Pirate Ship and can't wait to showcase our Recorder and Singing skills to our parents on our Pirate Day on 10th July. We're also excited about our trip to Lepe Country Park on 25th June.

Year 3

We've been starting to pull together ideas for our Newspaper Reports this week. It's been really interesting thinking about what we need to include to be successful journalists. In Maths, we've been looking at division and we thoroughly enjoyed walking to the Caversham and Reading Bridges which helped us think about our local history and how these bridges have impacted our community.

Year 4

In Year 4 we've been exploring poetry and poetic techniques, such as imagery, rhythm, rhyme, alliteration and onomatopoeia. We're using a poem called 'The Water Cycle' as our example text. We've been focusing on multiplication and division problems in Maths and States of Matter (heating and cooling) in Science. We're really excited about our trip to West Wittering next Tuesday.

Year 5

Mr Gillick has worked us so hard this week! We've completed some mock SATs - phew! In Science, we've started a topic 'Humans and Animals', looking at changes that occur in childhood. In History, we'll be considering what Democracy is and what it looked like in Ancient

Greece compared to the UK today. We're completing the final designs of our Greek theatre masks and have just been introduced to the rap from the Fresh Prince of Bel Air.

Headteacher Awards

3FH - George, Zuhair, Ava, Megan and Jessica.

3SW - Usher, Milla, Tula, Oliver and Jack.

4CT - Jonah, Daisy, Ben, Sophie.

4RR - Isla, Darcey, Sophie and Tom.

5JG - Aoibh, Daniel, Bea and Inigo.

Spotlight

Little Princess Trust

Ruby for donating her hair to children and young people affected by hair loss.

Triathlon

Scarlett for coming 3rd in the Open Water Triathlon run by Thames Valley Tristars.

Gymnastics

Roshni for earning Floor Bronze and Rishi for earning Fitness Bronze.

Brownies

Isla and Amelia for becoming 2nders at Brownies.

Football

Emily for taking part in an Under 9 Tournament run by Tilehurst Panthers and coming 5th out of 15 teams.

Little Welly

Audrey for taking part in the latest Little Welly event.

Well done all of you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 2 Pirate Day	Wednesday 10 th July 2019
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
Return to School - Term 1	Thursday 5 th September 2019



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