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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, the penultimate week of term certainly didn't disappoint! We had our whole school Art Exhibition, Year 2 Pirate Day, Year 5 Day at Highdown, Year 4 Den Making and Early Move Up Day... oh, and of course some special visitors! It is clear that our temporary site isn't just popular with our pupils. When I arrived at school, early Monday morning, it was a big surprise to discover a swarm of bees who had made a new home under our awning outside the back door to our hall. After cordoning off the area, we called a Bee Specialist, Chris Pye who came to 'relocate' them. It was fascinating to watch and we are delighted that the 20,000 strong 'swarm' now have a new abode.



Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at the Annual Meeting for Parents on Monday. We hope you found the plans and pictures of the permanent site helpful and interesting. We will make these pictures available to all parents over the next few days.

Reception

We couldn't 'bee-lieve' it when we saw the swarm on our site because our theme this week was minibeasts. We really enjoyed finding out about different minibeasts and writing a fact file about a minibeast we chose. We learned about what an insect is and can now sort minibeasts into insect/not an insect. We were so excited to move up to Year 1 and spend the day with our new class and teacher on Friday. We felt SO grown up! We hope you liked our minibeast artwork when you came to the exhibition on Tuesday.



Year 1

In English we recapped what makes an exciting story and tried to use this in our Big Write. We've been learning new techniques for art using an online painting tool on the Chromebooks and loved showing you all the habitats we made for the Art Exhibition.

Year 2

This week was all about preparing for our Pirate Day on Wednesday. It was so much fun and Mrs Edwards said our pirate costumes were so authentic. She told us that we looked just like pirates from a couple of hundred years ago. Thank you for coming to our Pirate Assembly and playing the different games we made. Mrs Bentley and Miss Hiles were amazed when we made £60 on all the 10p activities.



Year 3

Carrying on with our theme of Superstructures, we've been designing and building bridges in DT. In Maths, we've been looking at and identifying perpendicular and parallel lines in shapes and learning about the life cycle of a flowering plant and seed dispersal in Science.

Year 4

We really enjoyed this week's Soundscape Arts Project which included building a den that can be used as a relaxation space and composing music and sounds that can be played into this space. Thank you SO much to Mr Bentley for helping to organise it all. As well as the Den Making, we've been writing and publicising our explanation texts on Volcanoes and collecting data on temperature and presenting this in a line graph.



Year 5

This week, we've continued to 'hone' our debating skills by learning to use 'points of information' to interrupt opponent speakers. We've written letters to pupils in Year 4, telling them about what it's been like to be in Year 5 and enjoyed participating in the music project run by Mr Bentley. We enjoyed showing parents our artwork during Tuesday's Art Exhibition and had a great time at Highdown during the Year 5 Day on Wednesday. Mr Cook came into school to teach us on Friday, during the Early Move Up Day - wow - what a week!

Reports

All the children's End of Year Reports were sent home last Monday. Thank you to those of you who have already returned your Parent Comments form. If you haven't yet returned your comments, we would be really grateful if you could spare a few minutes to share your feedback with us.

Reuben's Retreat

A huge 'well done' to Scarlett in 4CT for requesting charity donations for her 9th birthday in place of presents. Scarlett raised a massive £210 - how thoughtful and humbling!

Music Concert

Our Music Concert will take place on Tuesday 16th July from 9.15am. Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon are really impressed with the standard of all the children who will be performing.



Final Assembly

Our final assembly of the year will take place on the last day of term (Friday 19th July) from 9.15am. Please pray for dry weather as we are planning for the whole school to be out on the playground, along with parents. The assembly will be short as the main 'event' will be the 'I'm A Headteacher, Get Me Out Of Here' experience.

Headteacher Awards

1AP - Alekh, Elliott, Oscar and Joe.

1CG - Ella, Shia, Theo and Milo.

2SB - Arthur, Amelie, Amelia and Betsy.

2VH - Lizzy, Hanga, James and James.

Spotlight

Swimming

Marek (REB) and Henry (RSR) - Learning to swim 5 metres.

Hayden (1CG) - Water skills Level 1.

Sam (RED), Ramona (1AP) and Ada (1CG) - Level 1.

Aoife (1AP) - Level 2.

Henry (RSR) and Toby (1AP) - Level 3.

Zara (RSR) - Level 5.

Martial Arts

Aadi (REB) for earning his Yellow Belt.

YuanLi (RSR) for completing White 1 Ninja Mission and being Star of the Week.

Max (1AP) for completing Ninja Missions 1-4.

Gymnastics

Noah (RSR) for being Star of the Week.

Elliot (RSR) for his bar work and learning a new skill.

Ellie (1AP) for earning Level 6.

Ella (RSR) for earning Level 8.

Piano

Toby (1AP) for recognition of brilliant piano playing.

Street Dance

Charlotte (RSR) for being Street Dancer of the Week.

Cycling

Borna (RSR) for learning to ride a bike.

Rainbows/Brownies

Ellie (1AP) for making her Rainbows Promise.

Jake (2SB) for being invested into Beavers and earning two badges for camping and water activities.

Musical Theatre

Jake (2SB) for being Star of the Week.

StageCoach

Ella (RSR) for performing in 'Trolls'.

Football

Lauren (2VH) for participating a local football tournament.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Water Fun Sessions | Reception & KS1 Monday 15 th July KS1 Thursday 18 th July |
| Whole School Music Concert | Tuesday 16 th July 2019 9.15am |
| Year 3 Violin Concert to Parents | Wednesday 17 th July 9am |
| End of Year Assembly and I'm a Headteacher, Get Me Out of Here! | Friday 19 th July 2019 9am |
| Last Day of Term | Friday 19 th July 2019 at 1.30pm |
| Return to School - Term 1 (Years 1-6) | Thursday 5 th September 2019 |
| Reception Children Start (half day) | Monday 9 th September |



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