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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a week! Not only have our new Reception children amazed us with how quickly they have settled into being at school full time but we've celebrated and supported Jeans 4 Genes and Climate Strike Day. Thank you so much for your support with both of these events. We raised just over £278 for the Jeans 4 Genes charity, which is brilliant!

## Climate Strike Day

We were delighted to be able to mark this day with our two neighbouring schools, St Anne's and Thameside. It was wonderful for the children to be able to come together, united in their support and determination to make a difference to our planet. They made posters out of recycled boxes and sang the 'Climate Song' with a real passion. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us either on Christchurch Meadows and Westfield Park and to the pupils and staff of St Anne's and Thameside.



## Reception

This week we have toured different areas of the school to learn more about what is where and can't wait to show you our classrooms next Wednesday at 3.30pm. We've spent some time talking about how we can make our classroom a good classroom and agreed our own class rules. We visited Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon in their office and even met Hector!

## Year 1

We have had so much to get used to over the past couple of weeks but are feeling much more settled now. We're excited about our theme of 'The Great Fire' this term and have so many questions we're looking forward to finding the answers to. We wrote about our summer holidays last week, and have begun to explore number, number bonds and place value and enjoyed creating our own hopscotch and learning about traditional games children played in 1666.

## Year 2

Our themes this term are 'Castles and Dragons' and 'Seeds and Bulbs'. We've been reading 'The Egg' by M.P Robertson in class and have discussed and plotted the castles around the UK and Ireland. We've also discussed the Oceans off the British Isles and located the countries in the UK. We've started Yoga and Football in PE and loved showing you our classrooms on Tuesday. We have an exciting trip to Windsor Castle coming up after half-term - we can't wait!

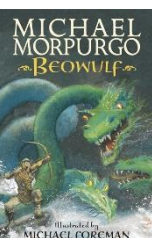
## Year 3

Our theme this term is 'Fantastic Pharaohs' and we're really enjoying our class book 'There's a Pharaoh in our Bath!' by Jeremy Strong. We're looking forward to writing the introduction of the book from the main character's point of view. In Maths, we're developing our understanding of place value, exploring the value of each digit in a 3-digit number and partitioning large numbers. We've been looking at Egyptian style portraits in Art and investigating forces in Science.



## Year 4

Our theme this term is 'Marvellous Maya' and we've been researching Maya Gods and religion. We've started to write our stories which have been inspired by Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So' stories and are looking forward to sharing them with each other and children from other classes. We've learnt about French cities and used phrases about where we live in French and have been ordering and comparing 4 and 5-digit numbers in Maths as well as thinking about rounding and what it can be used for. We're looking forward to tasting different herbs and spices to use in our tortilla recipes next week and can't wait for our Residential trip to Longridge next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday!



## Year 5

We've enjoyed reading 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. Last week we explored the character of Beowulf and wrote a character description. This week we revised the features of newspaper articles and wrote an article about the Monster Grendel. We've been rounding numbers to the nearest 10,100,1000,10,000 and 100,000 in Maths and in Science we're planning and carrying out investigations for the organisers of Camp Bestival and including finding out the best material for insulating drinks. We do hope you will be able to come and have a look around our classrooms next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm.

## Year 6

Our topic this term is the First World War and we've started to read our class text 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo. We've used a range of primary sources to gain a deeper understanding of people's views of Britain's involvement in the conflict. We've been writing autobiographies in English and looking at evolution and inheritance in Science. We're super excited about our week long residential trip to Skern Lodge in a couple of weeks.

### Congratulations and Thank You

We held the PTFA Annual General Meeting last night and I would like to thank all the Officers for their incredible hard work and of course yourselves for supporting the different events. A whopping £31,000 was raised last year!!! Particular thanks must go to outgoing committee members, Maggie Bruce who was Co-Chair for two years with Joyce Davis, Mark Challis - Treasurer and Carol Mould - Secretary. A very warm welcome extends to new members as follows:

Chair - Hannah Smith

Secretary - Helen Morgan

Co-Treasurers - Katie Freeman & Alex Brown

Merchandise Co-ordinator - Karen Roach

Marketing & Communications - Tamsin Pagella

IT Advice - Barney Smith

Sporting Events Co-ordinator - Vanessa Mann



### Parent Coffee Morning

The Heights SEND Support Group is having a Coffee meet up on Friday 27th September at 9:30am at the Alto Lounge. The group is a friendly, welcoming support network, made up of Heights families of children with SEN, educational, emotional, physical or behavioural additional needs. Indeed anything, that makes it a struggle for them to come to school. The group's aim is to bring together these families for regular social meetings (with coffee and cakes!) to chat, moan, laugh (and cry!) and help support them through their children's time at The Heights. The group plans to meet the last Friday of every month in Caversham.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Meet the Team - Years 1 & 2	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 6-7pm
Meet the Team - Reception	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 7-8pm
Come and See our Classroom - Years 5 & 6	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.15pm
Come and See our Classroom - Reception	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.15pm
Year 4 Residentials to Longridge	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
SEND Coffee Morning	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 9.30am
Meet the Team - Years 3 & 4	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 6-7pm
Meet the Team - Years 5 & 6	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 7-8pm
Come and See our Classroom - Years 3 & 4	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 3.30-4.15pm
Year 6 - Skern Lodge Residential	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 10am
Parents' Evenings (Times to be confirmed)	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6 Trip to London (Imperial War Museum)	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 10am
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November ** REVISED DATE **
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 10am

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