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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a particularly busy week for KS2 parents this week and I'd like to thank you for your support and attendance at the Information Talks on Monday and Tuesday and the Year 3 and 4 classroom visits on Thursday. We hope you have found these sessions useful.

## Parent Governor Elections

We can confirm that 3 parents have been nominated for the 2 Parent Governor roles available. Please look out for the ballot papers in your child's bookbag and return your votes no later than **midday on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**.



## Reception

In Reception this week we started learning to recognise, write and say the phonemes s, a, t and p. We'll learn a new phoneme every day and then learn to blend them together. We've been focussing on counting things and used our skills to count peas on our plates at lunchtime. We also talked about families and really enjoyed looking at different photos of everyone's families.

## Year 1

We're using our theme of 'The Great Fire' to help us develop our sentence writing and make them descriptive. We've also created our own autumn poems. We loved learning how to create silhouettes of London in 1666 and how to sing our 1666 song with supportive sign language. Science has been really interesting as we've been exploring day length and why it changes.



## Year 2

We've continued with Dragon poems and read 'There's a Dragon in My Classroom' before writing our own version, trying to use great adjectives and noun phrases in our description of the Dragon. We loved designing and making our own clay dragons and can't wait to paint them. In Maths, we've been subtracting ten from any number and ordering numbers from the biggest to the smallest and smallest to biggest. We started Yoga in one of our PE lessons and really enjoyed it.

## Year 3

This week we've been identifying what we've done well and what we can improve in our diary writing. We're looking forward to publishing these! We've been learning about farming in Ancient Egypt, making cardboard tools and using them to role play the farming seasons. We've also learned by the land around the Nile is so fertile. In



Science, we will be investigating the effects of friction using spinning tops.

Giacomelli and Mr and Mrs Ellison are thrilled that so many of us are taking part in the running club at lunchtimes. We regularly have over 30 pupils attending!

Mrs Edwards, Mrs

## Year 4

Following our fabulous Year 4 Residential last week, we have been writing persuasive leaflets about Longridge and then moved on to write about why we should stop deforestation. We've been ordering timelines in History and comparing the time the Maya lived in to other time periods of History. We've started to make presentations using Google Slides to inform of internet safety and in French we've been learning how to count in tens and 'calculer' in French. In DT, we've planned the recipes for the tortillas we will be making next week and can't wait to eat them!

## Year 5

We have been inspired by our Beowulf stories and used a range of figurative language to produce some excellent descriptions of a dragon in its lair. We've continued to look at bus and train timetables and want to practice reading them when we're out and about. We've also been learning about square numbers and cube numbers and used trial and error to work out the square route of numbers. In Science, we've continued with the Camp Bestival Theme and have been investigating which paper makes a good bag for greasy food.

## Year 6

We're all finding our World War 1 topic very powerful and this week, wrote instructions for how to 'go over the top'. We also looked at the changes in military tactics during the War and the inventions that came about as a direct result of these changes. We've explained the use of silhouettes to represent wartime scenes and have started to create our own masterpieces using pastels. We're sooo excited about our Residentail next week and will be getting on the coach at 6.30am on Monday morning. Mrs Edwards says she will keep everyone updated with what we're up to with loads of Tweets. See you all a week on Monday!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Skern Lodge Residential Y6	Week commencing 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Tempest - Individual School Photos	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Half-Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum, London	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 3.50-6.30pm Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00-8.30pm
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
Junior Music Festival at the Hexagon - Choir	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 12-2.30pm
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 10am
Panto - Whole School Visit to see Cinderella at the Hexagon	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (morning)



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