

The Heights Primary School
82 Gosbrook Road
Caversham
Reading RG4 8BH
Tel: 0118 357 0123
Email:
info@theheightsprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs Karen Edwards

THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
Responsibility and Excellence

29th November 2019 – Issue 206



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wet and muddy but wonderful week, which ended with me lighting the first candle of our Advent Wreath with Key Stage 1 in their assembly - marking the beginning of Advent. We also had a non-uniform day in support of Charlie Ilsley and his immunotherapy treatment programme. Thank you all so much for your generosity - we raised £550 which was match funded by Sue Hepwood's company, and the PTFA very kindly donated another £900 from raffle at the Christmas Fayre to make a final staggering donation £2000. Thank you so much to everyone for your generosity, this has made a huge impact to Charlie and his family.



We then celebrated our Christmas Fayre on Saturday. It was a fabulous day and I would like to thank Liz Mackereth, Tiffany Fisher and ALL the Year 4 and other parents who organised it and helped on the day. There was something for everyone and it was a very special school Community event. Thank you also to Mrs Fallon, Mrs Bentley, Mr Bethel and the Choir members, and also to Claire Street of Musical Theatre for the wonderful songs.

On Monday, Mrs Leach and I took the Year 4-6 Netball Club to St Anne's for some training matches. We were so warmly welcomed and had so much fun that we went back yesterday afternoon to play with them again. Thank you so much for hosting us St Anne's!

Quiz Night - Apology!

I need to apologise to Cathy Brown for omitting her on my thanks in Highlights last week so I'd like to say a big thank you to Cathy for her part in organising the recent Quiz Night at Hemdean House.

Panto

We are looking forward to taking all the children to the Pantomime at the Hexagon next Thursday - Oh yes we are!! This year's show is 'Cinderella' and the last time we watched this particular show the Ugly Sisters were hilarious!

Reception

This past week, our theme has been 'My Senses'. We started to learn Phase 3 sounds and to recognise, write and say the phonemes j, v, w and x. We also learnt how to blend them together to read words like j-a-m. We've started to read words and simple sentences, including ones about our senses. We learnt to order the numerals 1-10 correctly and solved problems by finding missing numbers. Our role play area is a café and we used it to develop our role play skills with our friends. We also started to learn some songs for our Nativity.

Year 1

In English last week we completed a Big Write and are getting better at reflecting on and editing our writing. We learned about repeating patterns and number sequences in Maths and enjoyed creating our own. We focussed on special times for Christians in RE and celebrated being different in PSHCE.

Year 2

We were busy writing our non-chronological reports about Windsor Castle last week. We also had great fun in a practical science lesson investigating what materials would be best for making a roof of a castle. We investigated shape in Maths and used technical vocabulary such as 2D, sides, corners and right angles.

Year 3

Following our assembly to all of Key Stage 2 and Parents, we completed and published our non-fiction reports about Mummification, which are now being sent to Egyptologists. We extended our learning of fractions and have identified tenths of shapes and labelled tenths on a number line. We really enjoyed designing our Ancient Egyptian death masks and learning about the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates.

Year 4

Last week we continued our work on Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and using this to create mini-biographies based on Roald Dahl's life. In Geography, we discussed the concept of Fairtrade and wrote persuasively about why it is important and needed. We started to make Maya Glyphs in clay and are more confident to use directional language in French.



Year 5

In English, we looked at narrative poems and discussed the similarities and differences between a narrative poem and a story. We read two narrative poems - The Walrus and the Carpenter and The Lady of Shalott and recited verses and answered comprehension questions on them. In Maths, we focussed on multiplying 2 and 3-digit numbers by 2 digits, using the column method. In Science, we looked at irreversible changes and observed the chemical reactions which occur when baking. In Topic, we looked at life in Viking Britain and considered why the Vikings chose to settle in Britain. We looked at different sources of information and learned about customs and ways of life they brought with them.

Year 6

In English, we wrote recounts, as if we were Charlie Peaceful making his way back to the trenches after an unsuccessful attack. We also looked at the World of War from the perspective of the early 20th century woman including changes to their lives, from pre- to post-war and how they contributed to the war effort. We're still looking at classification of Science measurements in Maths.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 6 Christmas Songs at St Luke's	Tuesday 10 th December (am)
Key Stage 1 Production (Y1 & 2) at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 10 th December 5-6pm
Key Stage 1 Production (Y1 & 2) at St Andrew's Church	Wednesday 11 th December 5-6pm
Panto - Whole School Visit to see Cinderella at the Hexagon	Thursday 12 th December (morning)
Year 5 (5RR) Christmas Songs at St Luke's	Friday 13 th December (am)
Reception Nativity - Dress Rehearsal at school	Tuesday 17 th December 9.30am
Year 5 (5CT) Christmas Songs at St Luke's	Tuesday 17 th December (am)
Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Singalong (Years 3 & 4) at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 17 th December 6-7pm Wednesday 18 th December 6-7pm
Reception Nativity - For Key Stage 1 and Grandparents at school	Wednesday 18 th December 9.30am
Reception Nativity - For Parents at school	Thursday 19 th December 9.30am
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 th December School Finishes at 1.30pm

Karen Edwards
Headteacher