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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, this certainly has been an eventful week. We've had rain, sleet, sun, smoke, trips, consultations, Modeshift STARS news, oh... and of course formal updates about Covid-19 a few times a day. A lot of the week has been positive but I'm certainly ready for the weekend and am sure you are too!

On Tuesday, our Year 1s visited the Winchester Science Centre as part of their topic on Space. They had an amazing day and I'd like to thank all the staff who organised, led and supported the trip and made it such a success.

ModeShift STARS Gold Award

On Wednesday I completed and submitted evidence to the Modeshift STARS team which should enable us to achieve the National Gold Award. We should receive confirmation very soon and I would like to thank you all for your amazing support and commitment to our sustainable travel initiatives and efforts in the school. We hope to be able to encourage more schools to sign up to the Modeshift STARS programme as many are already doing so much to promote sustainable travel in their communities. Let's spread the word together!

Parent Consultations

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Parent Consultations this week. We hope you found them helpful and always welcome constructive feedback. Thank you also for your understanding when we had to reschedule the appointments for Reception to Year 3 on Tuesday. These appointments have been rescheduled for before and after school on Wednesday 25th March.

Science Week

It's Science Week next week and we are looking forward to welcoming Professor Fallon back to school and taking part in different scientific investigations.



Building Site

Today, a Gift Box of biscuits was hand delivered to the builders & contractors who are building our new school at MPF. Highlighted at the last Class rep meeting was what a great job they were doing, always with a smile and friendly manner. Thanks to the children who made a lovely card and to the PTFA for funding.

Reception

Our theme of 'Journeys' this week has really tied in with the school's work towards the Modeshift STARS Gold Award. We've been discussing our journeys to school and what we hear and see along the way. We've then used this knowledge to help us draw maps and label shops and houses. We're enjoying catching and throwing different sized balls in our PE lessons and playing with the water, guttering and boats outside. We've had some great discussions about cause and effect, floating and sinking.

Year 1

We've had a great week and have loved learning to write Poetry and how we can use rhyming words. It was fun performing our poetry across both classes and we had an amazing time at the Winchester Science Centre. We've continued to investigate plant life cycles and growth and record our findings in our Herb Diary and we're looking forward to learning how to use a Boomwhacker.

Year 2

We started learning a funny, traditional story from across the world this week - called 'Papaya That Spoke!'. We used our senses to describe the Papaya and then learnt the story with actions. Our challenge now is to map the story and write it in our own words. In DT we looked at the ingredients in Rocky Road 'nibbles', tasted some that Mrs Edwards had made and discussed what makes a good confectionary.

Year 3

We completed an independent poetry writing activity this week, and have focussed on telling the time to the nearest minute and converting to the 24-hour clock. In our Stone Age topic, we've been learning about round houses and how housing changed from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age.

Year 4

We are really enjoying our 'Roman Britain Revealed' topic and we've completed our planning and design of our aqueducts and are looking forward to building them next week. We've also been busy composing a piece of music for a silent film taking into consideration all we've learned so far this term. In Maths, we've been ordering decimals and fractions and learning how to act assertively to resist peer pressure from others in PSHE. Hector has joined us for lessons this week!



Year 5

We absolutely loved our DT projects this week and worked together collaboratively to build lunar buggies. Here are a couple of photos of our creations and you will find more of both the buggies and our trip the Winchester Science Museum on our class page of the school website.

Year 6

In Science this week, we've been conducting experiments to investigate how light moves. We're enjoying our work on Algebra and focussed on sequences and how to write algebraic formulae to generate terms in those sequences.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court	Monday 16 th March 2020
Science Week	Monday 16 th March - Friday 20 th March 2020
Living Eggs	Monday 23 rd March 2020
Year 6 Trip to Path Hill	Tuesday 24 th March 2020
Rescheduled Parent Consultations (Reception to Year 3)	Wednesday 25 th March 2020
Reception Eye Tests	Thursday 26 th March 2020
Year 3 Trip to the Earth Trust	Tuesday 31 st March 2020
Year 2 Visit to St Andrew's Church	Wednesday 1 st April 2020
Last Day of Term	Friday 3rd April 2020 (1.30pm finish)
Easter Holidays	Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April 2020
Start of Term 5	Monday 20th April 2020
Bikeability - Year 5	Tuesday 21 st April to Friday 30 th April 2020
Tempest Photographers - Class Photos	Friday 24 th April 2020
Year 5 Information Workshop re: Year 6 & SATS	Tuesday 28 th April 2020 7pm
Bikeability - Year 6	Tuesday 23 rd June - Friday 26 th June 2020

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