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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a gorgeous week, in so many ways, helped by some lovely warm Spring weather which we've tried to make the most of.

The KS1 children have been working incredibly hard, completing some of their SATs, and should be really proud of themselves.

We've also had two great mental health assemblies led by the Lily Jo Project and were really impressed with the efforts and achievements of the Year 3 and 4 children who participated in the Cross Country at Emmer Green on Wednesday. Then there was today's 'I'm a Teacher/Staff Member, Get Me Out of Here!' 'extravaganza' this afternoon... but we'll come to that later...! Aside, from the above...

Reception

In our Phonics this week, we've been focussing on graphemes and consonant digraphs and have been introduced to Phase 4 CVC words. We're really enjoying the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have used our knowledge of it to write captions for key events. In Maths, we've been building up on composition of number, by looking at different numbers 6,7,8 and 9. We've taken any number from 1 to 10 and looked at what the number is composed of. As part of our learning about 'Jack and the Beanstalk', we've been decorating a castle for our bean plants and planting grass heads. We're enjoying learning a Beanstalk song and developing our cricket skills in PE.

Year 1

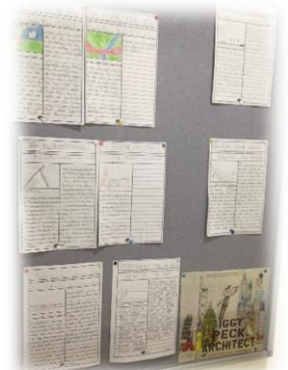
Following the creation of our own fables last week, we continued our work on narratives this week with the story 'Handa's Surprise!' We had fun sharing the story together and having a go at acting it out in small groups. In Maths, we've been focussing on subtraction, using what we know about number bonds and fact families to solve all different types of problems. In Science, we've continued our topic work on 'Amazing Animals', learning about animal diets, herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and we had great fun learning to throw the Nerf rocket in Athletics.

Year 2

We've been really busy completing our 'special tasks' this week and have also been learning about sea shanties. We've been learning to sing along with some and are looking forward to performing this to Year 1 and Reception children next week. We've explored positional language and direction, learning the terms clockwise, anti-clockwise, left, right, quarter turn, half turn, three quarter turn, full turn and using these to follow and give instructions. We've been completing a Queen's Jubilee Project in our topic lesson and developing our Cricket and Athletic skills in PE.

Year 3

As part of our 'Superstructures' topic, we've been working with the text 'Iggy Peck, Architect' and have been editing the newspaper reports we wrote last week. We've been locating different superstructures around the UK, using maps and atlases and have both planned our superstructures print template and painted the background. We're looking forward to printing them next week! In Science, we've been learning



about layers of soil underground and have put soil into jam jars with water, to see how different layers separate.

Year 4

We've been having a fabulous time learning all about newspapers. And to mark the auspicious occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we've been writing and editing our own articles about this really special event. In our topic work, we've been learning about cartography! It's been fascinating learning about the profession and Ordnance Survey maps and symbols. We used this to carry out some Geography fieldwork in our local area, plotting Ordnance Survey symbols onto a map of Caversham Heights along the way. Many thanks to all the staff and parents who helped with this excursion. In Science, we identified and sorted materials into electrical conductors or insulators. We then explained why some materials conduct electrical currents and why others do not. Was anyone awake during the amazing lightning storm on Wednesday night?

Year 5

In English, we've been reviewing our planning from last week, to check that we've included all the key ingredients for an ancient Greek myth, such as: ancient Greek setting, heroes and villains, dilemmas and resolutions. We're looking forward to writing up our myths and then performing them. We've also been identifying similarities between ancient Greek democracy and current UK democracy. In Maths, we've continued our learning on decimals, by adding and subtracting decimals, including identifying number bonds to 1 and in Science, we've been describing how humans grow and develop as they age.

Year 6

Oooo! We've really been enjoying learning about the life and adventures of the explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. We've immersed ourselves on story extracts, video clips and drama role plays and are using these to plan, write, edit and polish pieces of writing for different purposes. We're hoping to make use of all the technical and creative skills we've learnt, to produce pieces of writing that showcase our writing abilities. In Art, we've been using clay to create a small figurine or bust of Queen Elizabeth II and creating some Madhubani Art inspired by the North West regions of India and Nepal. In IT and Topic, we've been exploring the key driving factor behind the Digital Revolution: transistors and microchips. We've been comparing modern computer technology with older counterparts and been discussing how these changes made an impact on the way we live today.



Year 3 & 4 Cross Country

Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 4 children who participated in the Caversham Primary Schools Cross Country competition on Wednesday. It was fabulous for children from 8 local schools to gather, compete and support each other in this event. I am incredibly proud of all our children who took part - they were a credit to themselves and the school. We had some wonderful individual and team results too... with podium places for Xander (1st in Y3), Reece (2nd in Y4) and top 10 places for Finn, Lewis and Paloma (Y3). The Year 3 and 4 boys also came 2nd in the team event. We're really looking forward to next year's event!

Caversham AFC U9's Cup Final

The boys placed really well in their Cup Final last Saturday and really seemed to be the stronger team. They were closely beaten 1-0 by the Maidenhead Vikings and should be really proud of their efforts and achievements, not only last weekend but throughout the season.

Scarecrow Trail

Huge thanks and congratulations to all the families who made scarecrows this year. They were really impressive! Special congratulations to the four scarecrow who were highly commended: 'Paddington' (at the Caversham Rose), 'Smed and the Smoos', 'Peace at Last' and 'Code Name Bananas'. Runner up goes to 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and the overall winner goes to 'Alice in Wonderland'. Thank you also to Katie Rigg, Shamna Kamma, Liz Mackereth and Laura Mines for their incredible hard work organising the trail and to Maggie Bruce and everyone who made such delicious cakes.

Heights Appeal

Thank you once again for all your generous donations to-date for the Heights Appeal, which we launched recently- we've now raised 72% of our target and there is still time to donate if you can support us - the link is here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022 Please feel free to share this link with family and friends.

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Dates for the Diary

Jubilee Celebration Day	Wednesday 25 th May
May Half Term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Additional INSET Day - School Closed (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)	Monday 6th June
Year 3 Superstructures Lego Workshops	Friday 10 th June
Bags2School Collection	Wednesday 15 th June
Year 5 Enterprise Day	Thursday 16 th June
INSET Day - School Closed	Friday 17th June
Year 3 River/Bridges Walk	Tuesday 31 st June
Year 5 Greek Day	Thursday 23 rd June
Sports Day - KS2	Wednesday 29 th June (morning)
Summer Fayre	Saturday 2 nd July
Early Move Up Afternoon	Tuesday 5 th July (afternoon)
Year 2 to Lepe Country Park	Wednesday 6 th July (details to follow)
Reception Vision Screening	Thursday 7 th July (morning)
Early Move Up Afternoon	Thursday 7 th July
Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 6)	27 th June - 8 th July
Sports Day - Reception & KS1	Friday 8 th July (morning)
Year 6 Leavers Party	Friday 15 th July
Last Day of Term	Friday 22nd July (1.30pm finish)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards