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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, I think it's safe to say that this has been the hottest week I've ever taught in a school, for all my 32 years in Education. The children have coped with the heat incredibly well, particularly when they are already so tired at the end of the school year and so, should I say, have the staff. The highlight of this week has been the Year 6 production of *Beauty and the Beast*, which all the children and staff have had the opportunity to watch. It has been incredibly special, watching the children grow in confidence and blossom in so many ways throughout the whole experience of preparing for and then performing the show.

Reception

We are really excited about performing 'Going On A Bear Hunt', to you next Wednesday. We've been practising all the words and actions this week and think it's going to be our best performance of the year! We were inspired when we watch the amazing Year 6 performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. We've also been doing some observational drawings, using pictures of bears that we have learned about this term, including the spectacled and sun bears. In Maths we've revisited the concept of comparing quantities, using mathematical language like, more/less than and have been enjoying doing this with different things at home too. We're going on a trip to Bucklebury Park on Tuesday. It's going to be so much fun!

Year 1

In Maths this week, we've been focusing on problem solving and reasoning across all of the topics we have covered this year, including addition, subtraction, fractions, position, direction and more! We've been reviewing all that we've learnt in our 'Animals Including Humans' Science topic and been exploring and talking about change and different ways we can cope with changes. We also watched the Year 6 production and can't wait to do a production like that ourselves as we move up through the school.

Year 2

We've had so much fun this week. We've been learning about the jobs of Pirates and filled in application forms, imagining that we were going to interview for one of the jobs. We then created a job advert to recruit a new ship mate! Our pirate day was brilliant on Wednesday - didn't we all look amazing in our outfits?! It was funny to see the looks on the faces of the parents and guests who came to watch the Year 6 production at the same time that we watched it. They were obviously only expecting members of the cast to be dressed up.

In our Science lesson this week, we completed an experiment to investigate what plants need to grow. We drew and labelled diagrams of different bulbs and seeds and then investigated different types of seed dispersal.



Year 3

This week we've spent time editing and publishing our leaflets on Caversham/Reading. In Maths, we completed an arithmetic and reasoning paper to show what we have learnt across this past term and we also continued our work on measurements by comparing volume and capacity and adding and subtracting volume and then revised Roman numerals. Here's a photo of our 3D city that we made this week. We designed and made our own superstructure then we created a cityscape with them. We had to think about the design of our building (windows and doors) whilst the nets were flat so we really had to use our visualisation skills to think about direction and orientation! There are more photos on the google classroom. We've also nearly finished our PowerPoint presentations arguing which superstructure is the best.



Year 4

We have really enjoyed constructing 3D models of rivers this week. Thank you for sending in cardboard to help us with these. We've also been exploring renewable energy and discussed the environmental, economic and political effects of continued use of fossil fuels. In IT we've been putting the finishing touches on our Scratch quizzes and have started to 'have a go' at each others.

Year 5

We've really been enjoying the humour and silliness of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. This week, we continued to work collaboratively on our play scripts for a modern day version of the play, then rehearsed and performed our favourite scene to the class. We then got to watch the Year 6s perform Beauty and the Beast. It was really impressive and we are excited about what production we might perform at the end of next year. In Maths we've been converting different units of measurement and time and in Science, we've been identifying the processes of sexual reproduction in mammals. We are really proud of our Ancient Greek projects and presentations and of our applications and interviews to become Year 6 Ambassadors. Here is an 'Amazing Ancient Greek City' model made by Alex, Jake and Robbie in Chestnut. On the farm they have planted wheat and barley, grape vines, artichokes and olive trees. These were watered by an underground system!



Year 6

Wow! What a week it's been. We have been performing our production of Beauty and the Beast every day, (sometimes twice a day) from Monday to Thursday. We have felt nervous, sick, exhilarated, excited and elated but have really loved the whole experience! Thank you so much to all the Year 6 staff who helped us to make it such an amazing production and memorable experience for us, the staff and our parents. Yes, we did do more than simply perform this week. We've been exploring sculpture in Art, using some different materials to create our own depictions of animals and in our globalisation topic, we've been looking at how the world works in unison, to combat the challenges facing us as a species and making direct comparisons to the nationalism and isolationist policies that dominated previous time periods.

Sports Day

Well, after two exciting mornings of track and field Athletic events for KS1 and KS2 over the past couple of weeks, the points have been totted up and the results are as follows:

SPORTS DAY RESULTS 2022	Cadogan	Cusden	Marshall	Simonds
TOTAL	274	357	313	368

Sponsorship - Finger Knitting!

Well done to Cara and Holly in Year 4 for raising £20.37 for the Royal Society of Blind Children by finger knitting - blindfolded! The girls decided to do this to see what it was like for Ida Sofie Myking Veseth who was blind, yet managed to break the world record for the longest solo finger knitting.



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Dates for the Diary

Reception Trip to Bucklebury Farm	Tuesday 19 th July (details to follow)
Last Day of Term 9.00am KS2 Assembly (Year 6 parents only please) 10.45am KS1 Assembly (One parent/per child only please)	Friday 22 nd July (1.30pm finish)
Return to School For Term 1	Tuesday 6 th September

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards