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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has raced by and it will be the month of May next week. Let's hope it arrives with some glorious sunshine, or at least some dry weather as the Year 5s are starting their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability training. Huge thanks to Dawn Rosser and her colleagues for organising and leading this incredibly important training.

Eco Day

Thank you again for all your support of our Eco Day last Friday. We raised £250 at the plant and cake sale, for WWF and the Woodland Trust.



Reception

This week we have been learning about poems and learning to recite some off by heart. We also looked at rhyming words, identified them in different poems and then worked together to construct our own poem. We've been working on the correct letter formation of v,w,x and z in our handwriting lessons and learning about doubling numbers up to 6 in Maths. We had great fun doubling ladybirds with paint to explore 'getting the same again' by folding them in half and are really enjoying our Athletics lessons with Performance Sport.

Year 1

Ooh we've been busy this week. Our new text for this term is called 'Tidy' and we've been getting to know it through story mapping and acting. We've continued working on our 2s, 5s and 10s times tables in Maths, adding equal groups, making arrays and exploring doubling. In DT we've been learning to cross stitch so that we can create a cross stitch quilt for the King's Coronation and in Art we've been studying Andy Warhol and are producing self-portraits in his style. Our Science lesson linked to our Animals Topic. We started to look at different features of animals this week and then created our own animals before recording our results in a table.

Year 2

We continued our Ocean Explorers topic this week, by looking at the beautiful picture book 'Flotsam' We explored and discussed the various settings in the book and generated adjectives and shared ideas. We then chose our own favourite setting to write a description of, thinking about what a successful setting description might look like. In Maths, we continued to look at different methods we could use for subtracting 2-digit numbers, crossing boundaries and in Science we've been investigating different ocean habitats and environments.

Year 3

As part of our Superstructures topic, we used Google Earth to locate different superstructures and then identify them on a world map. In Science we continued our learning on 'rocks, fossils and soil' and completed a scratch test to investigate the hardness and softness of different rocks. In French we've been reading the French version of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' which has really helped us with our learning of the days of the week and different fruit. We're looking at newspaper reports as a text type in English and continued our unit of learning on 'division' in Maths.



Year 4

We found it really interesting this week, comparing Reading to a town in Italy called Bresica. The town is in northern Italy with a similar population to Reading. In Science we've been learning about things that create sounds and how these can sound different to each other and in Maths, we've been learning about hundredths and how these can be represented as a decimal and on a place value grid. In RE we've been focussing on Islamic pilgrimages, looking at Hajj in Mecca and in computing we began our topic about spreadsheets using Google Sheets.

Year 5

We really enjoyed planning and writing our own fable, based on Aesop's fables. We have spent time considering the audience and purpose and are looking forward to publishing them. As our theme for the term is Ancient Greeks, we have been learning more about this topic in history. This week, we learnt about the Olympics in Ancient Greece and how these link to the modern Olympic Games. In our Science lessons this term, we're going to be learning more about animals, including humans. We've started to conduct some independent research to find out about the different lengths of gestation periods in animals. In Maths, we're continuing with our block of learning about shape, including calculating angles around a point and on a straight line.

Year 6

As well as sitting a number of Mock SATs papers this week, we've also written our first draft of our balanced argument on Deforestation and have been revising and refining our arguments to ensure that we are presenting an objective view. As we continue our topic of the Digital Revolution, we have been learning about the key invention that started the rapid development in modern technology: the transistor. It was really interesting learning about how machines and technology were powered in the pre-digital age and how this compares to transistors in their infancy and in the modern day.



Stonor X Country

I'm looking forward to seeing all those who will be running in the Stonor Park X Country races on Sunday morning. This will be our final weekend X country event of this academic year, though we do have the Caversham Schools Yr 3/4 and 5/6 events at Emmer Green next Wednesday and Thursday after school. Good luck to all the runners!

Wind in the Willows at the Hexagon

Mr Bethel will be dancing onto the Hexagon stage between the 17th and 20th May as he performs in a production of the 'Wind in the Willows' with his Musical Theatre group The Sainsbury Singers. If you would like to show your support by going to see him strut his stuff, then you can follow the link to the ticket page here: <https://whatsonreading.com/witw>

Also, Mr Bethel's Musical Theatre group are running a competition around their show and inviting children between the ages 6-16 to create portrait pictures, using whatever means they wish, of animals that feature within the Wind in the Willows story. With winning entries, of each of the 3 age group categories (6-9, 10-13, 14-16), featuring inside of the show programme and also receiving 2 free tickets (1 Adult, 1 Child) to a show of their choice. More information on this and how to enter can be found here: <https://sainsburysingers.org.uk/competition/>

Online Safety and RSE information session for parents

For those of you who were able to attend the session on Wednesday evening, we hope that you found it useful. We hope that the documents we sent to you last week, relating to these areas were also helpful.

Are you the owner?

Do any of these items belong to you or your child?

If they do, please come along to the school office or email info@theheightsprimary.co.uk



The Heights Summer Fair

The Year 4 parents are excited to announce that this year's Heights Summer Fair will be taking place on Saturday, July 8th in the afternoon. More details will be shared soon, but in the meantime, the fair organisers are **looking for match funding for this event**, which can significantly boost the school's fundraising efforts.

Please can you get in touch with Millay Vann at MillayV@gmail.com if you are able to offer any assistance or signposting around this.

Email address reminders

- If your child is absent, sickness, has a medical appointments etc. please email attendanceandabsence@theheightsprimary.co.uk
- For queries regarding your child's learning or specific pastoral questions, please use the contact group email addresses in the following link <https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/parents-forms-and-information>
- If you have a change in regular collection arrangement for your child on the day, please use the google form in the following link <https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/parents-forms-and-information>

Twitter

Please follow [@AtHeadteacher](https://twitter.com/AtHeadteacher) for updates!

Dates for the Diary

Stonor race	30 th April
Year 5 Bikeability	2 nd , 4 th , 9 th & 10 th May
Year 5 Reading Station trip	3 rd May
Year 3 & 4 X Country at Emmer Green	3 rd May
Year 5 & 6 X Country at Emmer Green	4 th May
Kings Coronation Celebrations	5 th May
Year 6 SATs	9 th - 12 th May
Year 4 Bikeability	11 th & 12 th May
Last day of term - wear sparkles/silver to school for UNICEF celebrations	26 th May
Year 3 Lego workshop	16 th June
Year 3 River walk trip	20 th June
The Heights Annual Scarecrow trail	w/c 10 th June
Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	21 st June
KS1 Sports Day	7 th July - am
KS2 Sports Day	14 th July - am
The Heights Summer Fair	8 th July - pm

Best wishes



Mrs Edwards