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Dear Parents and Carers

It may have been a shorter week, but we have made the most of every minute of it!

I was delighted to be able to watch and support so many members of our school community taking part in the Stonor Park X Country races in Assendon last Sunday. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part, including Josh, a sibling who will be joining us in September, who won the nursery race and all the children from every year group up to Year 5. Special congratulations to Austin and Cedric, who came 2nd and 3rd in the Reception race, Thomas and Aurelia who came 2nd in the Yr 3 boys and girls races and Gilly Meeks who came 2nd in the 'grown ups' race.

This week saw some of our Year 5s completing their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability training. Many thanks to Dawn Rosser and her team for leading such important training for the children, which they loved!. All the Year 5s also walked to Reading Station on Wednesday, with Year 5 staff, and travelled on a train between Reading and Didcot Parkway Stations and learnt all about them. Again, it was a really interesting and enjoyable curricular enriching experience for them.

I was very proud to support all the Year 3-6 children who represented the school in the Caversham Cluster Primary Schools X Country events hosted by Emmer Green on Wednesday and yesterday. They were a credit to the school.



The children have spent time this week learning about the Coronation of King Charles, about King Charles himself and what the Coronation will entail . It has been a very creative week and we enjoyed sharing and celebrating their efforts, work and creations with you first thing this morning and then in our whole school assembly! Thank you so much, for those of you who were able to join us.

Reception As Mrs Edwards mentioned above, we have been learning about King Charles this week and completed some writing about him. We have also created our own crown, a collaborative rosette and our own finger print flag.

In Maths we've been looking at British coins, focusing on their appearance and value when using money at a shop.



Year 1

In English, we have continued to get to know the story 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett, by making story mountains and concentrating on the problems and resolution. We also spent time discussing the audience and purpose which helped us when we started writing our own stories. In Maths, we've been looking at how to divide, using equal groups and in DT, we learnt how to cross stitch and have used this knowledge to finish off our quilts for the King's Coronation. We also created some portraits of King Charles and really enjoyed showing these to you in our celebrations this morning.



Year 2

This week, some of us have been completing Secret Agent Tasks (if you take the 'k' out of tasks, this may give you a clue. We're sorry that we can't let you know more about this, but are sure that you understand why. We've also been busy preparing for today's celebrations and have had a fabulous day!



Year 3

In Science this week, we continued our learning on rocks and soils and completed an investigation to see which rocks are permeable or impermeable. In Maths we recapped our learning on written multiplication and we also created our own banner with a stitched logo, to celebrate the Coronation.



Year 4

In English this week, we have been learning more about the features of newspaper reports and explored time conjunctions and how they can be used effectively. In Maths, we've continued with our unit about decimals and learnt to divide one and two digit numbers by 100. We then learnt how to add decimals to make whole numbers. In our Rounders lesson, we have been applying our bowling, hitting and fielding skills in the games we're playing and in our topic lesson, we've been learning more about the UK and its location, including different counties and cities. We really enjoyed painting the 'Coronation' plates we made last week and showing them to you this morning.



Year 5

As Mrs Edwards mentioned earlier, it has been a really busy week for us. Some of us have had our Bikeability training, we all visited Reading Station and packed in lots of Coronations activities too!

In our Maths lessons, we started a block of learning on Position and Direction and developed our understanding of how to read and plot coordinates. In Science and PSHE, we've been learning about the changes that occur to the body during puberty and in PE we have really impressed Mrs Edwards with our hitting and fielding skills in Rounders after only a few weeks!



Year 6

This week, we have focused on refining our final draft of our balanced arguments, perfecting our skills of reading comprehension and revising all areas of the Spelling and Grammar curriculum. We've also revised our problem solving techniques and strategies, as we will be using these when we complete our SATs papers next week. In IT and Computing, we have continued to explore the functionality of a range of software and have learnt to make simple input and equations on spreadsheets. We have really enjoyed exploring the sculptural properties of clay and creating a bust of King Charles III in one of the regal robes that he will wear at the Coronation.



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/>

The Mini Mile is Back

After a covid break The Heights Primary children and parents can run/walk/skip/hop (mainly run) the 1 mile race at Green Park on **Sunday 4th June** and get sponsored for doing it.

This has been a great fundraiser for the school in the past and we used to have the vast majority of the children taking part. Parents can run with the little runners but you won't get the (extremely bright) t-shirt the children get, or the medal. But parents, fear not, you can enter the **10K** race which takes place after and get your t-shirt and medal!

The older children in the school may like to enter the Mini Marathon which is **3K**.

Here's the link to enter:

<https://www.greenparkreading10k.co.uk/>

Entries close 20th May!

Here's the sponsorship link if you would like to donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/TheHeightsPrimaryMiniMile>

It would be great to have as many Heights children and parents racing and supporting!

Any questions please contact Jeni Carter: jeni@teamcarter.net

Rabble Theatre

There are still spaces in Rabble Theatre - if your child is interested in joining, please see the attached flyer

Twitter

Please follow **@AtHeadteacher** for updates!

Dates for the Diary

Year 5 Bikeability	2 nd , 4 th , 9 th & 10 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
Inset Day	19 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
Deadline for Eco or School Council poster	26 th June
KS1 Sports Day	7 th July - am
KS2 Sports Day	14 th July - am
The Heights Summer Fair	8 th July - pm

I hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.



Mrs Edwards