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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and Coronation celebrations. It was lovely to hear all the children talking about the different garden and street parties and events that they'd been to.

It's been another short, but busy week. We've had many of our Year 5s taking part in Bikeability Level training this week. Thank you to Dawn Rosser, for designing a bespoke day of cycle training for the Year 4s and to her and her team for delivering all of the sessions in such a fun and supportive way.

The Year 6 pupils have been sitting their SATs all week. They have all worked incredibly hard, leading up to and during the assessments. We are immensely proud of them. Thank you to Mr Cook, Mrs Rogers & all the Year 6 staff team for teaching and supporting the children throughout the year and for running a very popular breakfast club for them all this week before they sat the papers. Wow, what appetites! I'd also like to thank them for organising for the children to celebrate the end of their assessments with pizzas and lollies on the playing fields this afternoon and to the Year 6 parents for their contributions.

Thank you to Miller and Carter

Huge thanks to Miller and Carter, for kindly donating some of their old benches for our outside areas. Thank you also to Stuart and Jerry for collecting them and Stuart for jet spraying them clean.

The Gurkha Ladies

We would like to extend our thanks to Pam, Lisa and all who volunteer at the Café on Thursdays afternoons at the Pavillion for inviting some of our year 3 and year 4 children in to meet the Gurkha ladies. The children loved hearing about Nepal, Gurkha culture and their new fantastic recipes in their cookbook. It was a great culturally enriching experience for the children.



Reception

This week, we've continued to practise our phonics and use our knowledge to blend, to read words and segments and to write words. We have also been learning to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs, with actions and focused on using traditional story language and our voices to practise our expression. We've had fun creating our own hand print pigs and learning to build houses with all sorts of materials and have been looking at doubling in Maths. We're learning lots of skills in our PE lessons and can't wait to show you them when we take part in Sports Day on the 7th July.

Year 1

This week we started to plan and write our own narratives based on Emily Gravett's book Tidy. We are going to be using all the skills we have learnt, to write amazing stories, which we are then going to send to King Charles for him to read. We've been starting to learn about fractions in Maths and have been finding and recognising halves in quantities. We were really proud of our Coronation quilt and have been learning about different types of sewing, which has helped us to design and start making a small purse. In Art we've been learning about the medium of chalk and we made a colour wheel in preparation for our animal pictures.

Year 2

We have been completing **Secret Agent Tasks** throughout the week - shhhh. Inbetween these, we've been creating our own setting using a choice of Art media. We've been inspired by our English focus book, Flotsam and are looking forward to writing a setting description to go with our artwork. In PE, we're developing our Cricket skills and we've started to use glockenspiels to investigate simple patterns and notes in Music.

Year 3

We've been continuing to learn about newspaper reports. At the beginning of the week, we created a headline, including language features such as alliteration, to make it catchy. We then wrote the introduction and second paragraph. In Maths, we've also started a unit on fractions and have been learning how to compare and order fractions with the same denominator and then add them together. Our topic work saw us planning our superstructure print template in preparation for creating the print next week.

Year 4

We've been learning more about the features of newspaper reports in English and have started to plan a report about the Coronation. In Maths, we've continued our unit on decimals and have been learning how to write them and in topic, we've been learning more about countries from around the world and using Atlases to locate them. We really enjoyed our cycle training and are excited about the Cricket Festival we'll be participating in next Friday morning on MDPF and the Rounders tournament some of us will be playing in at Shiplake College, the same morning.

Year 5

Our Bikeability training was brilliant and we can't wait to complete the Level 2 and 3 Days next year when we're in Year 6! As well as this, we started work on writing our own Greek Myths in English and have been problem solving with coordinates in Maths. In Science and PSHE, we've been learning about the changes that occur to the body during puberty and in Computing, we've been developing our own Internet Safety website using HTML coding.

Year 6

Well, who thought that the SATs week would be so much fun?! We loved meeting up for Breakfast Club and eating yummy toast, cereal and fruit before the exams. Mrs E said that she was really impressed with our appetites - oh, and of course how well we actually worked in the assessments too!

In Computing, we have been looking at spreadsheets and learning how to make simple input and equations and how to appropriately present data in a table and in Art, we focused on the art of the Ukrainian artist Lyubov Panchenko who celebrates her identity through folk art collages.



Living Streets - Walk to School Week

We are looking forward to supporting and participating in the Living Streets Walk to School Week next week. The theme this year is 'Walking with Wildlife' and we hope that as many members of our community as possible can walk all or part of the way to and from school throughout the week. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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/>

Koosa Kids

KOOSA Kids are delighted to invite your children to our May Half Term Holiday Clubs (30th May - 2nd June) where we'll be hosting a tea-riffic Festival of Britain, celebrating everything the wonderful kingdom around us has to offer. Our holiday club programme is jam-packed full of sporting, creative and enriching FUN! Bookings are open now! Please see flyer attached for more details.

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



Modeshift STARS Reading Primary School of the Year

We are very proud to have been awarded this title for the 5th year running.



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Dates for the Diary

Year 6 SATs	9 th - 12 th May
Year 4 Bikeability	11 th & 12 th May
Year 4 Cricket Festival	19 th May
Year 5 Look, Draw, Build Workshop	24 th May
Last day of term - wear sparkles/silver to school for UNICEF celebrations	26 th May
Year 6 Enterprise Day	15 th June
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
Year 6 Bikeability	3 rd - 7 th July
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 lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards