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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a difference the dry weather makes! We've been able to enjoy a feast and fest of Sports events and activities this week. Congratulations to all the Year 6s who played in a number of Netball matches against Caversham Primary yesterday afternoon. The children from both schools really enjoyed the opportunity to play



against each other. Congratulations also to the Yr 4s who participated in the Yr 4 Rounders Tournament at Shiplake College and the Year 4 Cricket Festival here at MDPF this morning. They were all a credit to themselves and the school. Huge thanks to Shiplake College and Performance Sports for organising these events.



Reception

This week, we've continued to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs, with actions. In our writing sessions we have been writing speech bubbles for the pigs, as well as other facts about pigs that we have learnt. In Maths we've been comparing the weights of different bricks and using the language heavier and lighter and in KUW we've been discussing different types of homes and their similarities and differences. In EAD, we've been learning how to use pastels to create a picture of a pig and in PE we have continued to learn and practise the skills we'll need for the events on Sports Day.

Year 1

We have continued to write our amazing narratives this week and finished them by writing the resolutions and endings. In Maths we've been investigating quarters, recognising and finding quarters in an object or shape. We then moved on to quantity. In Science we have been learning about the classification of different vertebrate animals and thinking about the features of the groups, e.g are they cold blooded? Do they have wings? In Art we have started our animal pictures, by making a background scene and then adding a silhouette and in DT we have started sewing our own purses and have loved it! Next week we will be adding a button and decoration.



Year 2

We have continued to complete Special Agent Tasks this week and are really proud of our efforts and achievements. We have also been learning (and singing loudly), about sea shanties.



Year 3

This week, we have been finishing our newspaper report by writing the conclusion.

We continued our learning in our topic of 'Superstructures around the world' by locating UK superstructures and revising the four countries and seas of the United Kingdoms. In Art, we have created our finished print by adding ink to our print template and then printing it on to our painted background and in Science, we've been sequencing the process of how fossils are formed over millions of years.



Year 4

We began the week learning more about the features of newspaper reports and then wrote our own, about the coronation. We've been learning to compare, order and round decimals in Maths and about how pitch and frequency affect sound in our Science lesson. We were really interested to compare Reading to Cachoeiro De Itapemirim, (a city in Brazil), in our topic work and thoroughly enjoyed the Cricket Festival we took part in with children from Caversham Primary this morning. Thanks so much to Mr Ellison and Performance Sports for organising and running it. Some of us were also invited to and took part in a Yr 4 Rounders tournament at Shiplake College with Mrs Edwards this morning. It was great fun and Mrs Edwards said she was really proud of us all. Thanks to Shiplake College for organising it and to the parents who helped transport us there and back.

Year 5

We really enjoyed our Bikeability sessions last week. Mrs Rosser and her team, said how much they enjoyed working with us all too! We can't wait for the Level 3 course next year!

This week, we've been planning our Greek Myths and have started to write a detailed description of a character and the setting. In Maths we've been covering lines of symmetry and reflection in horizontal and vertical lines and in Science we've focussed on how humans change and develop as they get older.

Year 6

This week and next, the focus is on writing moderation. We've been publishing our Balanced Arguments and have begun writing a descriptive piece about our 'Creature Comforts'. In our topic work, we've been exploring the key driving factor behind the Digital Revolution: transistors and microchips. We have been comparing modern technology with older counterparts and discussing how these changes made an impact on the way we live today. We've also been learning the history of and difference between the internet and the World Wide Web. In Science, we had great fun learning about the circulatory system in a very practical way.

The children have also been sharing with the class their home presentations. Below are pictures of some of them.

- Amelia who created a slide presentation about her namesake Amelia Earhart - the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic - complete with a handcrafted model of the plane called The Canary!
- Mia who created her own artwork by juxtaposing her favourite art form, Pop Art with Native American people.
- Sriram who used the program Canva, which he learnt in Computing, to create a persuasive leaflet featuring many attractions in North America.



The Heights SEND Coffee morning - Wednesday 7th June

The SENCO team at the Heights have organised the next coffee morning and an informal information session run by Jenna Redmond on Making Sense of Autism. This session is available for all parents and families of Heights children, not just those on the SEND register. Parents are welcome to bring along younger siblings. Please email sencoam@theheightsprimary or sencotvs@theheightsprimary.co.uk if you will be attending so that we have an idea of numbers.

Wind in the Willows

Mr Bethel would like to thank everyone who has been to see (or is going to see this weekend) his performance of Wind in the Willows at the Hexagon. The support shown towards the show has blown Mr Bethel away and he says it has been such a lovely feeling knowing that, during every performance, there is always someone from the Heights within the audience. There are still 3 shows left to go (Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening) so if you would like to show your support still then you can do so by following this link: <https://whatsonreading.com/witw>

Green Park Mini Mile

Only 3 more days to enter the Green Park Mini Mile on Sunday 4th June! You can also enter the 3K and the grown ups can run the 10K. www.greenparkreading10k.co.uk

Let's see how much sponsorship money we can raise for our school.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/theheightsprimaryminimile?fbclid=IwAROLKjeIxpfgqCy3jiR7nlKhLDHbckTfVI4V00lqJOZ_LG64aMjnFAOhClq

Lost Property Trunk

Please can we encourage all parents to look in the Lost Property trunk for any missing items. At the end of next week the contents will be going to charity.



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



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

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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
Bags2School collection	23 rd June (9am)
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 wonderful weekend.



Mrs Edwards