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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a lovely half term in the wonderful weather. We're now in our final term of this academic year and it is going to race by as we have so many exciting events, trips and activities planned.

Reception

Our topic for this term, is 'Wild and Wonderful in the Woods'. Linked to this we have been learning the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt' this week and created a picture of it using all sorts of different materials. We celebrated World Oceans Day by learning how we can look after our oceans and we also learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We've been recapping our number bonds to 10 in Maths and have also been learning about capacity.

Year 1

We have begun our work on non-chronological reports this week and have been focusing on animals. We've been learning how to use question marks correctly, how to identify the features of non-chronological reports, find relevant information and group it according to topic. In Science we've been classifying animals and discussing their different diets and in DT, we've been learning about a famous baker and designing animal biscuits. We also created a box for our biscuits. In Maths, we've been counting from 50-100 in different ways and in Art we have been learning how to sketch after studying the artist, Georgia O'Keefe.



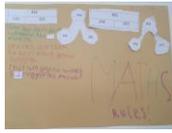
Year 2

Following our term's theme of Ocean Explorers, we've started to read the book, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. It's a story about a plastic bag that gets swept into the ocean and mistaken for food by a variety of sea creatures. We're going to be creating our own character to use as a messenger in a video to explain the damage that plastic pollution is doing to our oceans. We'll be working in groups to create a script and then film it using the iPads.

In Science, we're going to be investigating different ocean habitats and environments throughout the term and using the chrome books to help us and in Maths, we've started a unit on Time.

Year 3

This week, we've been completing some NFER Reading assessments so that we can demonstrate our comprehension skills. We also learnt about adverbial phrases and how to apply them in our writing. In Maths we've been considering the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction, using a bar model and then practised how to solve one and two-step word problems.



Year 4

A huge well done to Year 4s for doing so well in the Multiplication Table Check this week.

This week, we started a new unit about poetry and enjoyed exploring and reading some different poems before writing our own diamante poem. As part of our Celebrating Caversham topic, we have been learning about Banksy and how he has influenced other graffiti artists such as Peachy in our local town. We looked at some of his work and have been thinking about what messages he is trying to convey in his work. In Science we created our own string phones to help us learn how vibrations cause sound to travel and in Athletics with Mrs E, we worked on our hurdling, shot put and triple jump techniques.

Year 5

This week, we have started to research and plan what we want to say in a debate about whether Athens or Sparta was the better city state to live in. We're looking forward to showing off our oracy skills when we have the debate. In Science we have been learning about reproduction in plants and in Maths we've been learning about subtracting decimals with a different number of decimal places, decimal sequences and multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000.

We're really looking forward to our Enterprise Day next Thursday, followed by a cricket festival on Friday.



Year 6

What a week! We started it off by auditioning for roles (both on and back stage), in our end of year production of 'Oliver' and then had an anxious wait before they were finalised today. We're looking forward to taking real ownership of the production and splitting into different teams to ensure the play is properly prepared, with all the props, set design and marketing materials. We continued our exploration of modern technology by learning about the key differences between the internet and world wide web and in Art, we've been exploring Madhubani art from north east India.



Debating Competition at Braywick Court School - Maidenhead

Mrs Rogers and some volunteer parents, took 12 of our Year 6 pupils to a school in Maidenhead to participate in a debating competition on Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were a credit to themselves and the school and one of our teams won the overall competition. It was a fabulous experience for them all and we're looking forward to having more opportunities for the children to take part in similar events in the future.

Many thanks to Braywick School for inviting us and to Mrs Rogers and the parents who took us to the event and supported us whilst we were there.



Year 5/6 Cricket tournament at Shiplake College



Congratulations to all the children in Yrs 4,5 & 6, who took part in the Shiplake Cricket Festival this morning. They all played really well and were a credit to the school. Thanks also to Mrs Challis and parents who helped transport and support the children there.



The Heights Scarecrow Trail

I am sooooo excited about the Scarecrow Trail and will be completing it with my Father-in-Law, (who's a sprightly 87) and grown up children who are avid Disney fans!. Thank you so much to all the parents and children who have made the scarecrows, I know a huge amount of time and work goes into them.

The trail will run from this Saturday 10th to Friday 16th June. Maps for the trail are now available. Maps cost £5 and are available online <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/theheights> and from 3 local businesses - please see attached poster for more details.

This year a 'people's vote' on the trail has been included so you can vote for your favourite scarecrow, alongside our judges. There are further details about this on the map. The winner will be announced at the PTFA celebration event on Friday 16th June at 3.15pm at the school. Drinks and refreshments will be available to buy. Please do come along and celebrate the efforts of our fantastic scarecrow makers who make this fundraising event possible.

World Oceans Day

Thank you to the Eco Council and Mrs Harrison for organising the cake and lolly sale for World Ocean Day yesterday and for all your support of it. £200 was raised which will go to Sea Shepherd UK, a marine wildlife conservation organisation.



Green Park Mini Mile

Congratulations to all the children (and parents), who ran in the Green Park mini-mile races last Sunday. It sounded like a great event with children from most year groups taking part.



Aerial photo of the school needed

If there are any parents with drone camera that can take an updated aerial photo of the school, please come along to the school office or email info@theheightsprimary.co.uk

The Summer Fayre Raffle tickets

It's one month to go to our Summer Fete and the children should be bringing home some raffle tickets in white envelopes. There are 4,000 tickets ready to go for the raffle and we would love for you lovely parents to get them all sold before **July 8th!!** The raffle is one of our greatest fundraisers for the school so please support it! We have a parent who is match funding the raffle through his company Microsoft - so this is an added incentive to get all of our raffle tickets sold!

Below is a taste of some of our prizes!

- Cornish Hamper
- Double Barrelled Brewery Tour & Tasting for Two
- Henley Distillery Gin Tour
- Panto Tickets at the Hexagon
- Massage Works Free Massage
- Quattros meal voucher
- Reading Biscuit Factory - 2 free cinema tickets
- Packhorse - Dinner for 2
- Wellington Country Park - Family ticket for 4
- Odds Farm - Family ticket for 4
- Tai Chi Lessons
- Bucklebury Farm - Family ticket for 4
- South Oxfordshire Brewery - 12 Free Beers
- Didcot Railway Centre - Family Ticket
- Cherry Tree Pub - £40 vouchers towards food and drink
- A personalised hand child's knitted Christmas jumper or stocking!

Please can we ask you to check bags over the next few days for your envelope? If you have several children at the school you may have received more than one envelope - if you can sell them onto neighbours, friends or family please do but if it's not possible can you pop them back to a raffle box in the reception area. Each white

envelope contains a small returns envelope into which you can put your completed stubs and cash for sold raffle tickets. These should be posted into the Blue PTFA post box on the fence just outside the school office. The sooner you can do this the better - thank you.

If you think you can manage to sell more than one book of tickets (£10) you can help yourself to un-used books from those returned to the raffle box in reception.

You can find out more about the prizes on offer by joining The Heights Parents group on Facebook where details are being posted in the run-up to the day.

If you have any further queries please contact Annie Ellison at annie@performance-sports.org.uk. Many thanks!
Annie Ellison & Davina Turnbull

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Dates for the Diary

The Heights Annual Scarecrow trail	w/c 10 th June
Year 5 Enterprise Day	15 th June
Year 3 Lego workshop	16 th June
Year 5 Cricket Festival	16 th June (am)
Inset Day	19 th June
Year 3 River walk trip	20 th June
New Reception Parents Evening	20 th June
Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	21 st June
Year 6 & Year 3 Ukulele concert	22 nd June
Bags2School collection	23 rd June (9am)
Deadline for Eco or School Council poster	26 th June
Year 6 Transition Day at Highdown	29 th June
Year 6 Bikeability	3 rd - 7 th July
Year 5 & 6 The Secret Garden Production	4 th July (am)
Early move up afternoons	4 th & 6 th July
Year 6 Bikeability	3 rd - 7 th July
KS1 Sports Day	7 th July - am
The Heights Summer Fayre	8 th July - pm
Year 6 Transition Days at MECE	13 th (all day) & 14 th July (pm only)
KS2 Sports Day	14 th July - am
Year 6 'Oliver' Production	w/c 10 th July
Year 2 trip to The Lookout	11 th July
Year 5 Day at Highdown	12 th July
EYFS Trip to Bucklebury Farm	13 th July
Year 1 Trip to Beale Park	17 th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	21 st July

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs Edwards