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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that it was the summer solstice on Wednesday?! We're half way through another calendar year already!

We still have so many exciting events and activities planned for the last 4 weeks of term, including our Sports Days, different School Trips, Bikeability Level 3 Training for Yr 6, Arts Week, Move Up afternoons and all sorts of different performances and productions. We are also really looking forward to our Summer Fayre on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## Reception

This week we have continued to learn the story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' with lots of fun actions. We've also been listening to songs and performing them in class and writing down bear facts that we've learnt.

We've been enjoying dressing up in different clothes and pretending to be different characters in EAD and building numbers beyond 10, using numicon and cubes in Maths.

We're really looking forward to our first Sports Day, which is just over a week and a half away now!

## Year 1

As part of our mental maths work, we've been starting our maths lessons with 'Top Marks Daily 10'. We've also been exploring one more and one less from 50 to 100 and revisiting greater/less than symbols as we consolidate our knowledge on place value. We've been having fun making packaging for our cookies in DT and sketching still life in the woods in Art. We have also been practising for Sports Day and have loved working together and doing the obstacle course.



## Year 2

We have been using the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' as a starting point for discussing the effects of plastic pollution in the ocean. We have also been investigating different inventions that are being used to try to combat pollution and will be deciding on one that could be useful and cost effective for the seas around Britain. We're then going to use this information to help us write a letter to Matt Rodda, to try to convince him to take our concerns and ideas to Parliament. In our Maths lessons, we've begun a unit on estimation, using various skills and concepts that we have learnt to check our estimates and we're excited about filming our own messages about pollution in the oceans and taking part in our Pirate Day next Tuesday.

### Year 3

This week, we've begun to explore persuasive leaflets and have read and been considering what makes different leaflets interesting to read. We've also been identifying the key features of this text type and looking at the purpose and audience of it. In Maths we've been learning how to measure the perimeter of shapes and in Science, we set up an experiment to investigate what happens to a plant when it loses all of its leaves. Following on from our Lego Workshop last Friday, we've continued to explore the design of superstructures and been considering how we can use nets to create our own 3D buildings. We were thrilled to see so many of you at our Ukulele concert yesterday and really hope that you enjoyed it!

We were disappointed that we couldn't go on our river walk this week, but are hoping that the weather will be alright for us to reschedule this to next Tuesday. We also really enjoyed performing to you at our Ukulele concert this week.



### Year 4

As we continue our unit about poetry, we've been practising creating poems using rhyme and meter and have been reciting the poems we were given a couple of weeks ago. In Science, our new unit sees us learning about famous scientists and inventors and we started with Alexander Graham Bell. In our topic lessons, we have been learning about what influenced Gaudi's work and how he influenced architecture in Barcelona and in PE, we've been working on our sprinting techniques and practising some of the races we will be taking part in on Sports Day.

### Year 5

We loved our Ancient Greek Day on Wednesday and learnt so much! We had great fun dressing up and Phil, who led the activities made us feel like we had been transported back in time, with us role playing all sorts of different people from that period. Some of us really weren't very happy about being slaves though.

In Science we have been learning about sexual reproduction in mammals and in Maths, we've continued with our learning on negative numbers.

Many of us applied for Yr 6 Ambassador roles and we had our interviews with Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon this week. We were really nervous, but Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon both said how impressed they were with how we came across.



### Year 6

This week, we have been concentrating on the choreography of the song and dance numbers in our production of Oliver. Backstage, the creative team has been putting all their ideas into action and designing and creating props, costumes and scenery. The marketing team has been producing adverts and tickets and the program designers have been conducting interviews with the cast, with photographers taking headshots of them.

As well as preparing for the production, we have continued to develop our art work, inspired by the work of female artists from north-east India. We really enjoyed performing our Guitar concert for you where we performed 6 tunes that we have learned with Berkshire Maestros.



We're also really looking forward to our Level 3 Bikeability courses which will begin the week after next.



### **Welcome to Mike**

Welcome to the newest addition to the Heights family! Thank you so much Millay Vann for both making and donating Mike to us!



### **Parent Class Reps Meeting**

Many thanks to all the Class Reps who were able to attend the meeting this morning.

### **Thank you**

A huge thank you to those that donated to the Bags2School; a whopping 266kg has raised £133 for the school! Thank you to Laura Mines for organising this.

### **The Heights Summer Fayre**

We are in need of lots of volunteers! If you are able to volunteer any time on the day please could you sign up by clicking on the link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48a5ac29a2f58-2023#/>

### **Sports Days**

We will be sending more information regarding Sports Days next week.

In the meantime if you are able to volunteer on the day and/or loan equipment, please complete the links below:-

Parent volunteer <https://forms.gle/p2TAv9XDws9oReVeA>

Loan of items <https://forms.gle/p6pb5Aw1viLHwJyD7>

### **Vacancies**

We are currently recruiting for a Governance Professional and 2 Teaching Assistant's to join The Heights team in September. Please see the below webpages for more details.

- <https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/governance-professional-clerk-to-the-governors>
- <https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/teaching-assistants>

## Bloom of Ruth

There is a rose called 'Bloom of Ruth'. We and other schools in Reading have bought and planted one on our sites in memory of Ruth Perry. Ours is by the fence, next to the grasses in the bed in the Staff Car park.



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## Dates for the Diary

Deadline for Eco or School Council poster	26 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2 Pirate Day	27 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 3 River walk	27 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Transition Day at Highdown	29 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Bikeability	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 5 & 6 The Secret Garden Production	4 <sup>th</sup> July (am)
Early move up afternoons	4 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> July
KS1 Sports Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> July - am
Year 4 Oxford Museum Trip	7 <sup>th</sup> July
The Heights Summer Fayre	8 <sup>th</sup> July - pm
Year 6 Transition Days at MECE	13 <sup>th</sup> (all day) & 14 <sup>th</sup> July (pm only)
KS2 Sports Day	14 <sup>th</sup> July - am
Year 6 'Oliver' Production	W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 2 trip to The Lookout	11 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 5 Day at Highdown	12 <sup>th</sup> July
EYFS Trip to Bucklebury Farm	13 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 1 Trip to Beale Park	17 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 & Year 6 Leavers Assembly	21 <sup>st</sup> July - 9am - Yr 6 Parents welcome

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards