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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're loving these summer weeks and are packing as much as we can into them. This week, the Year 2s dressed up for their Pirate Day on Tuesday and were very impressively 'in character' all day. The same day, our Year 3 children went on a River Walk, as part of their topic and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We are looking forward to our KS1 Sports Day next Monday and our 'Move Up' afternoons on Tuesday and Thursday.

## Reception

We've been working really hard in our phonics sessions this week and have been stretching our CVCC words by writing words with digraphs, as well as adjacent consonants, such as - champ, boost, joint. We've also been writing about, painting and drawing sun bears after learning about them this week. We can't wait for our next performance to you on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, particularly since we can bring our favourite teddy bear from home that day.

## Year 1

We have been creating our own species of animal this week, writing relevant information about it under sub headings and beginning our non-chronological report. In Maths we've been learning to recognise coins and notes and to count in coins and in DT we baked some cookies.



## Year 2

We had great fun on our Pirate Day on Tuesday. Didn't we look great in our outfits! Thank you so much to all the Year 2 staff who helped make it such an enjoyable day. We made great progress in writing our letter to Matt Rodda, asking him to take the request for funding more sea bins to Parliament. After drafting it, we proofread & edited it, before finally publishing it. We've been building our measurement knowledge in Maths, by estimating, measuring and comparing the length of objects, the mass of objects and then the volume and capacity of containers and in Art, we have been painting our own version of 'The Great Wave Off Kanagawa'.



### Year 3

We enjoyed our rescheduled River Walk on Tuesday. Thank you to the staff and parents who helped lead and supervise the trip. After the trip, we spent the afternoon painting pictures of the bridges, using water colour paints. In English, we continued to develop our understanding of persuasive leaflets. We learnt about rhetorical questions and how they can be used effectively and then started planning our own persuasive leaflet. In Maths, we have been measuring mass and learning to read scales in different divisions and in Science, we have been observing how water is transported around plants through their stems.



### Year 4

In English this week, we've been learning a new unit about adventure stories and have been reading and comparing some different stories to find the features. In Maths, we finished our unit about money and started a new unit of statistics and in Science, we're really enjoying learning about famous scientists and inventors and how oxygen was discovered. In Art, we've been investigating the life and work of Gaudi then developed some information pages taking inspiration from Gaudi.



### Year 5

Following on from our Greek Workshop last week, we have been learning about different artefacts from Ancient Greece and the Trojan War. In Maths we've started a new block of learning about converting units, covering kilograms and kilometres, millimetres and millilitres, as well as converting units of length. In Science we've been learning more about the lifecycles of different animals and in French we've been learning about French history and significant dates.



## Year 6

We can't believe how close we're getting to our 'opening' performance of *Oliver*. As well as rehearsing all the songs, dances and different scenes, we've been making sure that we have all the appropriate props and costumes. Huge thanks to the creative team, who have been working closely with Mrs Bareham and Mrs Nicholls, to paint, papier mache and build things, from grandfather clocks, to umbrellas. Tickets will be on sale next week and we are delighted that some of our local residents have heard about the production and are keen to come and watch it too!

Many thanks to all the parents and children who baked cakes and biscuits for our cake sale last Friday afternoon. We raised over £200 and that has helped us to buy some of the things for the production, that we haven't been able to make.

We have also had different transition days to the secondary schools that we will be attending this week, which has been really fun and in Science, we completed our topic on Electricity, with the creation of a burglar alarm.

## 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 are looking forward to our KS1 Sports Days next Monday.

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>

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## Dates for the Diary

Year 6 Bikeability	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> July
KS1 Sports Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> July - am
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
Strike Day	5 <sup>th</sup> July
Strike Day	7 <sup>th</sup> July
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)
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
KS2 Sports Day	14 <sup>th</sup> July - am
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 an enjoyable weekend.



Mrs Edwards