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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we race towards the end of term we are packing as much into our school days as we can. This week, we had the KS1 Sports Day. Congratulations to all the children for their fabulous efforts and performances. Huge thanks to all the staff and parents who helped on the day, with the children, manning events and setting up/clearing away. It was greatly appreciated. We're looking forward to the KS2 Sports Day next week and then seeing which House wins overall. As well as Sports Day, a number of the Yr 6s have been completing their Level 3 Bikeability and they've also been having their final rehearsals for their production - Oliver. For all of you who are coming to watch it next Monday and Tuesday, you are in for a treat! We held two 'move up' afternoons where the children spent time with the teachers who will be teaching them next year, then, today, Year 4 went on a trip to the Story Museum in Oxford.

It's our Summer Fayre tomorrow afternoon. Many thanks to all the parents who have helped organise what is always, a gorgeous school and community event. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there and can't wait to be 'sponged' again this year or can I?

Reception

We had so much fun on our Sports Day on Monday and are so pleased that so many of you were able to come and enjoy it with us! Thank you. We also watched the Year 6 Dress Rehearsal of their production of Oliver and it was amazing!!!

This week, we've also been learning all about three letter adjacent consonants, such as 'sch' and 'tch' - it sounds like we're talking a foreign language - but it's actually pretty straight forward.

In Maths we've continued to count on and back, using the calendar and discussing numbers above 20 and we really enjoyed our 'move up' afternoons. We are really excited about moving up to Year 1.

Year 1

We also thoroughly enjoyed our Sports Day on Monday and can't wait to see who wins overall, following the KS2 Sports Day next Friday. We used this exciting day and experience, to help us write recounts of it and are hoping that we can demonstrate our writing skills in our final reports.

In Maths we have continued with our topic of time and have been looking at before and after and hours, minutes and seconds. We also loved meeting and spending time with the teachers who will be teaching us next year and we created self-portraits using collage during our move-up afternoon.



Year 2

We spent a bit more time on our letters to Matt Rodda, as we feel so passionate about them and are now looking forward to sending these off and hopefully, receiving a response from him. We're also looking forward to creating our own invention to help protect the ocean. Watch this space!

In Science, we completed an experiment inspired by Rachel Carson - the scientist who discovered the damage caused to the ocean habitats and food chains, by pesticides used in farming. We are super excited about our trip to the Lookout Discovery centre in Bracknell next Tuesday. In Year 2 art we have been recreating *The Great Wave of Kanagawa* by Katsushika Hokusai. We have put lots of effort into our art and are very proud of the results



Year 3

We have really enjoyed writing our persuasive leaflets about Caversham and Reading, encouraging tourists to visit. In Maths we completed an arithmetic and reasoning paper to assess the progress we've made in this unit and also used learnt strategies to add and subtract mass and read a variety of scales. In topic, we created the flat nets and added details and windows, ahead of creating our 3D superstructure city next week.

Year 4

In our English lessons this week, we have continued our unit about adventure stories and have been planning our own adventure stories, including who the hero and villain of our stories will be.

In Maths, we have finished our unit about statistics and have started our next unit, which is properties of shape. In our topic work, we have continued our Art unit inspired by Gaudi and have been looking at different ways to create texture in artwork.

Year 5

In Maths we have concluded our learning on converting units and have started our final unit on volume. In English, we have enjoyed writing our balanced arguments, discussing whether Athens or Sparta was the better city state. It has been fun sharing our homework projects with our classmates and staff. We're really proud of them and we also enjoyed the M & M performance of *The Secret Garden* on Tuesday.

Year 6

Wow! What a week! We have been sooo busy preparing for our performance of *Oliver* next week. We had a Dress Rehearsal on Monday afternoon and performed in front of all of KS1. They seemed to really enjoy it and we now can't wait to perform it to our parents, other family members, staff, Governors and children in the rest of KS2 next week. As well as all the rehearsals and preparations, many of us have completed Level 2 and 3 Bikeability training. It's been a great experience. Thank you so much to Dawn Rosser and her team. We have also found time to paint the clay busts of King Charles III that we made earlier in the term and watch the M &

A production of *The Secret Garden* with Year 5. We had the opportunity to see backstage and ask the actors all sorts of questions, which was really interesting.

We are definitely making the most of our remaining days at The Heights.



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#/>

Mrs Mullaney

Mrs Mullaney has been given an exciting opportunity to take on the role of Inclusion Manager, at Moultsford School, after October half term. We are delighted for her, but of course will miss her enormously, as she has been such a key member of our Heights staff team for 8 years!

Sports Days

We are looking forward to our KS2 Sports Day next Friday.

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>

Lost Property

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Sophie Lau** for all her hard work in sorting out the massive collection of lost property. All the named items have been returned to the children. Unnamed items will be on display next week so please do check to see if any items belong to your child.

Please ensure all of your child's items are named for the next academic year.

Autumn Term Clubs

Please find below a link to a Google drive which contains information and flyers for **some** of our Summer Term Clubs. The remaining clubs will follow with next week's Highlights.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nPM33IwhcKCvTaYHYoROKFxt024IkEsG?usp=drive_link

All club providers are managing their own bookings so if you have any questions, please email them using the email address provided in the flyers.

Twitter

Please follow **@AtHeadteacher** for updates!

Please follow **@TheHeightsArts** for updates

Dates for the Diary

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	10 th July & 11 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
Folk Festival	20 th July
KS2 & Year 6 Leavers Assembly	21 st July - 9am - Yr 6 Parents welcome

I hope you all have a great weekend.



Mrs Edwards