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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now racing towards celebrating all things Christmas! The children have been busy practising their songs, (and some dances) for their end of term performances, the KS1 children enjoyed a fabulous M & M pantomime production of Jack and the Beanstalk, (Oh yes they did!) and we have the Xmas Fayre tomorrow! I can't wait to see many of you there and want to say an enormous thank you, in advance to all the 'team' who have worked tirelessly to organise this event.



## Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you so much for your response to our extreme reading challenge. We have already had some fabulous photos sent in, showing the children reading in different parts of central London and whilst visiting an aquarium. We look forward to seeing more fun shots over the coming weeks.

## Annual Governors meeting for Parents

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at the meeting last night. We hope you found it informative and useful.

## Children in Need

Thank you for your support of Children in Need last Friday. We managed to raise **£488!**

## Bags2School

Thank you also to those that donated clothes for Bags2School which managed to raise £74 for the school.

## Reception

We have now completed all the Level 2 phonics and have been focusing on blending all the letters and sounds that we have learnt so far and segmenting them for spelling. We've been practising learning all the tricky words too. We've been continuing to learn the story of the Gingerbread Man, off by heart, with actions and, as we said last week, we can't wait to perform it to you before the end of term. We've been decorating wooden Christmas decorations, made our own gingerbread paperchain and been looking at the composition of 4 and 5 in Maths, as well as identifying 4 sided shapes.

## Year 1

This week we have been using everything we've learnt over the past few weeks, to write our own postcards. We've been looking at 2D and 3D shapes, naming and sorting them into different categories and in Science we have been investigating which towels are best for a purpose. We're continuing to design and make our own sewn Christmas tree decorations and learning the songs and actions for our Christmas performance.

## Year 2

Our Castle leaflets are really coming on. We have been proofreading and up-levelling our work as we've gone along and are looking forward to publishing them. We've been using our knowledge of number bonds and multiples of ten, to add and subtract a 1-digit number to and from 2-digit numbers on a number line and we've been using RUCSAC to help us solve word problems. We have blown Mrs Kingshott, Mrs Barker, Mrs Abrahams and all the Year 2 staff away with how quickly we've learnt all the lines and songs for our Nativity Play. You're going to love it!

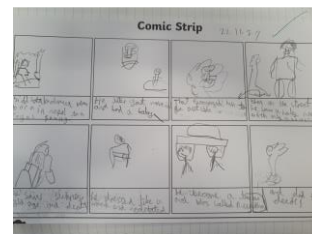
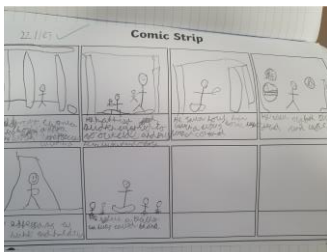
## Year 3

We had so much fun on our Ancient Egypt day, dressing up, making our own Egyptian flatbread and creating pyramid silhouette art. Thank you so much to Mrs Wells for organising the day and for all the Yr 3 staff for leading and supporting us with the different Ancient Egyptian themed activities. As well as our Ancient Egypt day, we've been learning about vertebrates and invertebrates and finding out the difference between endo and exo skeletons. We've also been adding fractions with the same denominator and recognising and counting in tenths.



## Year 4

In our topic work this week, we have been exploring historical sources and representations of the Mayans. We completed an independent writing piece, using what we have learnt about non-chronological reports and a SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) assessment. In Science we have been learning about the digestive process and how food travels through our bodies and in Maths we finished off our unit of learning on an area of 2D shapes before completing an assessment on it. In RE we have been learning about how the Buddha became enlightened and shared his messages to others, see some of our RE work below.



## Year 5

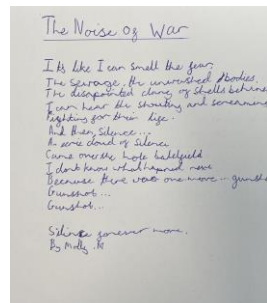
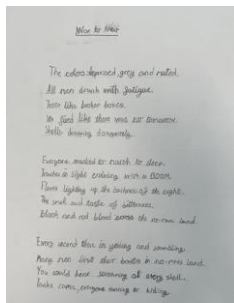
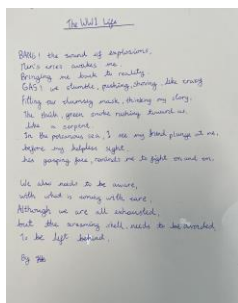
We've continued to dive into the world of 'Viking Boy' and have been developing our comprehension skills by answering and creating questions based on the text. We've also been writing persuasive letters to King Arthur, developing our ability to flatter, persuade and back up our ideas with evidence. In our topic work, we have been focussing on the Battle of Hastings, the beginning of the end for the Anglo-Saxons in Britain. We learnt about who fought on each side, how the battle came about and the impact it left on Britain, as the country transitioned from Saxon, to Norman.

We have enjoyed exploring reversible and irreversible reactions in our Science lessons and learning how heat, liquids or exposure to reactive elements can change the chemical composition of materials permanently.

It's been anti-bullying week, this week and we have been looking at different types of unkind and bullying behaviours. We've also been discussing the difference between direct and indirect bullying.

## Year 6

In our English lessons this week, we have been looking at WW1 poetry and created a poem using our knowledge of what people experienced in WW1, you can see some of our work below. We also learnt about the roles that women played in the war, primarily back home, but also on the front line. In Maths, we've continued to develop our understanding of fractions, including multiplying and dividing fractions by fractions and integers and in IT we have developed our knowledge of online safety, with particular reference to social media.



## Lunchtime vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a playground assistant and a lunch hall assistant to join our friendly lunchtime team. Please feel free to mention these vacancies to anyone you know who enjoys working with children and is looking for part time work. Anyone interested should contact the school office for more information or to arrange a trial.

<https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/lunchtime-playground-assistant>

<https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/canteen-assistant>

## Lost Property

The lost property box is at maximum capacity again. Next **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a table at the front of school with items displayed. **Please** take some time to look through the box before and do come along next Thursday to claim what you can.

If you are missing any uniform please feel free to help yourself to any **unnamed** items which may fit your child.

## Spring Term Clubs

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

[https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1dFKbqavIoVDR-ur6D\\_tKRnFhb3FyONVs](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1dFKbqavIoVDR-ur6D_tKRnFhb3FyONVs)

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.

Please note that Cookery Club with Mrs Edwards is fully booked for the Spring Term.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The PTFA will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2:00-4:30pm at Mapledurham Pavillion, where every purchase earns rewards to spend on free books to stock our library and classrooms. Books start at just £2.99 so there's something for everyone - perfect in time for Christmas. The PTFA look forward to seeing you there!

## Twitter

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## Dates for the Diary

The Heights Christmas Fair	25 <sup>th</sup> November
Be Internet Legends Day	28 <sup>th</sup> November
Scholastic Book Fair	1 <sup>st</sup> December
X Country at MECE	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Prospective Reception 2024 Parent Open Morning	5 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 2 Christmas performance	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2:20pm
Year 2 Christmas performance	6 <sup>th</sup> December 9:10am
Year 4 Gymnastics performance	6 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 5 Bayeux Tapestry workshop	7 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 3&4 Christmas performance	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm
Christmas jumper day & Christmas lunch	8 <sup>th</sup> December
Reception Christmas performance	8 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15am
Year 3&4 Christmas performance	11 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15pm
Year 5&6 Christmas performance	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm
Year 5&6 Christmas performance	13 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15pm
KS2 Panto at the Hexagon - <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 1 Christmas performance	14 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15am
Christmas Holidays	20 <sup>th</sup> December -1:30pm finish

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs Edwards