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Dear Parents and Carers,

So much has been happening this week - I don't know where to start!

As well as continuing to support the second week of Sustrans Big Wheel and Walk (we had 30 cyclists involved today!), we've had a Year 4 Roman Day, a Year 5 Space experience and Year 3 visiting the Earth Trust. Thank you so much to all the staff for organising all these exciting curriculum enhancing experiences.

We have also welcomed 10 new members of our school community - as The Living Eggs became the Living Chicks. It is always a special experience watching the chicks hatch and develop and grow so quickly. Many thanks to the PTFA and you as parents for funding this every year.

Reception

In Phonics this week, we started to recap the whole of Level 3. We've been reading and writing words and have concentrated on forming the zig-zag letters 'w' and 'x'. We've also written about the chicks after going to visit them. We can't believe how quickly they have been changing and growing, after just a day or so!

We've continued to learn the words and actions to the story of The Three Little Pigs and are really looking forwards to performing this to you next Wednesday morning. We also had fun making collages of small pig houses to investigate different materials.

Year 1

Maths has been really interesting this week, as we have been exploring mass and volume. We've measured mass, compared mass and volume and explored full and empty containers. We're enjoying our coding work in IT and have been creating algorithms to design a spooky forest and instructions for sprites to move around. We've been learning more and more about the Great Fire of London and are so pleased that we've finally begun to build our houses in the style of the ones burnt in the Fire.

Year 2

This week, we have continued to plan and write our explanation texts detailing the life cycle of a cacao tree. The arrival of the chicks has tied in brilliantly with our work in science on other types of life cycles and in maths, we've started to look at 2D shapes as part of our new unit on shape.

Year 3

We had great fun at The Earth Trust. There was so much to explore and do, including trying to make and start our own fires and create stone age art using chalks and charcoals. We also learned even more about life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We wanted to show our appreciation to the staff at the Centre and so wrote thank you letters to them.

Back in school, we learnt about the Beaker people and designed and created clay pots in their style.

In science we carried out an investigation to test the permeability of different rocks and we also published and performed our poems inspired by Joseph Coelho.



Year 4

The Historic Workshops team came in on Tuesday, to lead a Roman Workshop. Quite a lot of us dressed up as Roman soldiers, senators and in other Roman attire and we thoroughly enjoyed the immersive day. We looked at different Roman artefacts, played Roman games, looked at life in Roman Britain and in the Roman Army and even experienced a Gladiator contest! Our topic in music is also linked to Celts and Romans and we have started to learn different Celtic and Roman songs and to compose our own verse to a song about Boudicca.

In maths we have been using multiplication and division to find the perimeter of 2D shapes and polygons and in science, we have been learning how to make circuits.



Year 5

We have worked hard to complete and type up our biographies on the Chromebooks in our English lessons this week and are really pleased with them. We have also been learning about direct and indirect speech. In maths we have begun our new topic of statistics and have been looking at how to draw and interpret line graphs, tables and timetables. We really enjoyed our Virtual Reality Space Workshop on Tuesday which involved us virtually travelling through space to visit and see the different planets. We looked at the shapes of the Earth, Moon and other planets in the solar system and explored the evidence we have that demonstrates this scientifically and mathematically. In one of our PE lessons, we completed and performed our own class space themed dances. Mrs Edwards came to see one of them and was really impressed with both the choreography and how we all worked together.



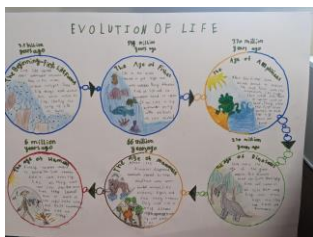
Year 6

We have continued with our work on our Oracy, reasoning and debating skills to structure and formulate a balanced argument this week. We have been learning to use the correct tone, register and formality in making our points on both sides of a given situation and backing them up with supporting evidence, examples and statistics. This has been helping us to be able to take the objective view. We've also been consolidating our knowledge and understanding of percentages of quantities in maths and solving multi-step problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. In science, we have been exploring the elements and benefits of using

series and parallel circuits and in IT, we have been adding tables and images to our websites and learning to code and link multiple web pages to create something more similar to the websites found on the world wide web. In Art we have been creating paintings of the American landscape inspired by the artist Erin Hanson.



Science Poster Competition



Congratulations to Dylan W and Defne Y, the winners of the Science Poster Competition!



Clubs at The Heights

The deadline to sign up to our Heights in-house clubs has been extended to *Monday 25th March at 9am*. Please have a chat with your child this weekend and sign them up to any of the following clubs:

- Athletics Club run by Mrs Edwards (Y5&6),
 - Chess club run by Mr Guntzenbach (Y4-6),
 - Drawing club run by Ms Rogers (Y4&5),
 - Morning Dance club run by Mrs Fallon (Y1-3)
 - Performing Arts run by Miss Jerman (Y3-6)
- Sign up link is below:-

<https://forms.gle/L9RLC84wkJ5Gr3Bf6>

The link to other clubs that will be running at The Heights and how to sign up are in the below:-

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dFKbqavloVDR-ur6D_tKRnFhb3FyONVs?usp=drive_link

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be taking place *in person* on Thursday 18th April and Tuesday 23rd April. More details to follow next week.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to the School Council for organising the cake sale in support of Red Nose Day last week. Thank you also, to all of you for making and donating the cakes in support of this charity. We raised an amazing £175!

PTFA: Payroll giving scheme

If your workplace offers a "payroll giving" scheme, please consider the PTFA charity for a small donation (and a small tax relief). The PTFA number is 1164551. Thank you for your support.

Chess sets needed

If you have a chess that is in good condition and you would be willing to donate to the school, please could you email info@theheightsprimary.co.uk.

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Dates for the Diary

Year 6 SATs parents evening	26 th March
Reception Church Visit	25 th March
End of Term PS Football Festival	27 th March
Reception - performance to parents	27 th March
Easter Holidays	28 th March (1:30pm finish)
The Heights Easter Trail	28 th March 1:30-3:30pm
Parent Consultations	18 th April 3:30-6:00pm
Parent Consultations	23 rd April 4:45-7:25pm
Scarecrow Trail 2024	27 th April - 3 rd May
Year 5 Bikeability	w/c 29 th April
The Heights PTFA Quiz Night	10 th May
The Heights 'I'm a Headteacher Ger me out of Here!!'	17 th May
KS1 Sports Day	2 nd July (am)
KS2 Sports Day	5 th July (am)
The Heights Summer Fair	6 th July

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs Edwards