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Dear Parents and Carers,

How can the Spring Term be over already?! It has simply shot by, though we have packed a huge amount into it. We are seeing more and more signs that spring is here and summer will be on the way soon! I don't know about you, but I'm hopeful that we can have our first family BBQ of 2024 over the Easter break. I really hope that you all enjoy a lovely Easter with friends and family and eat as much chocolate as you want to.

Reception

We have learnt sooo much this term and absolutely loved performing our version of The Three Little Pigs to you all yesterday. Thank you for coming in to watch it and to members of the PTFA for serving refreshments beforehand so that you could all have a chat with each other. We also performed it in front of the whole school this morning and everyone said that they really enjoyed it. It has been fascinating watching the chicks grow. Their necks have got longer and their feathers have been changing every day. We have been writing sentences about them and some of us even showed Mrs Edwards, who was really impressed.

This week we also walked to St Andrew's Church to visit it. Reverend Jones was really kind and told us all about the church and the different things in it. It was really interesting. We then carried on with our Easter theme in maths, by combining two groups of eggs.

Year 1

After building our own houses out of different materials and painting them, we set them up, close together, as they would have been in London before the Great Fire. Mrs Houghton and Miss Parsons then set one alight in the middle, as if it were the bakery on Pudding Lane and we watched the others quickly catch fire, particularly as it was quite windy. Don't worry, we set this all up outside and Mr Guntzenbach, our Fire Officer, was on hand with an extinguisher. This morning we were thrilled when a Fire team visited us from White Watch. You should have seen the size of the hoses!! Thank you so much to the two Fire Officers who patiently explained what all the different parts of the Fire Truck are used for.



Year 2

After completing our explanation text writing, we completed a Big Write about the life cycle of the gorgeous chicks we've seen and held in school this week. In maths we continued with our work on 2D shapes, really focusing on identifying their properties and how to describe them. We have also been using mathematical language to compare them. We were so excited to be able to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, with Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka this morning as a celebration of our chocolate topic this term.

Year 3

We really enjoyed using clay to create our Beaker People inspired pots. We were shown how to make pinch pots and coil pots before making our own and adding our own details and designs. We then learnt about the history of Stonehenge. In our art lesson we have been applying our knowledge of Henry Moore and have created some sketches of his work and in science, we have been learning how to create a branching key diagram to classify different types of rock.



Year 4

This week, we have been exploring explanation texts and how Romans used to bathe. In maths we have been looking at how to calculate the area of rectilinear shapes and in science, we had fun discovering how a circuit is created with a lightbulb.

Year 5

We have worked hard this week, to complete our biographies and type them up. As well as this, we have spent a lot of time designing and building our own lunar buggies in DT. We carefully considered the purpose of a lunar buggy, planning and designing our models in our groups, with consideration for the needs of a lunar vehicle. Then, we set about creating our masterpieces using wood, wheels, straw, rubber bands and electrical circuits. We are really pleased with them, as we believe they are functional, sturdy and pretty accurate models of a potential lunar vehicle for the upcoming Artemis missions to the Moon. We were also pleased with the resilience we demonstrated throughout the process and with how well we communicated and collaborated with other members of our group.

Year 6

This week, we focused on planning, editing, up levelling and publishing our balanced arguments on the theme of *Is Digital Technology Making Children's Lives Better?* When we were researching this topic, we were really surprised and quite shocked at some of the statistics. We also spent time presenting our topic homework tasks to both our peers and class teachers and creating, representing and interpreting statistical data in maths, using line graphs, bar graphs and pie charts.

Performance Sport Football Festival

Many thanks to the PS team, for organising and running another hugely successful Football Festival yesterday afternoon.

Easter Trail

Thanks also to the Easter Trail mums who have worked tirelessly for the 3rd consecutive year, to organise another fun Easter Eggstravaganza. They had to quickly adapt to Plan B as the weather worsened today and still managed to ensure that the event was enjoyed by all.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be taking place *in person* on Thursday 18th April and Tuesday 23rd April. Bookings will open on Monday 1st April at 8pm.

Alexander Devine fundraising

Thank you to everyone who bought a knitted chick in aid of Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. We raised an amazing £390! This together with the crème egg donations means we have donated enough to fund a day at the hospice for a child with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition, giving them opportunities for fun and play as well as specialist clinical care.

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

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 Get 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 lovely Easter break.



Mrs Edwards