

The Heights Primary School
129 Upper Woodcote Road
Caversham
Reading RG4 7LB
Tel: 0118 357 0123



HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



Email:
info@theheightsprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs Karen Edwards

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
Responsibility and Excellence

3rd May 2024 – Issue 376

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you sooo much for everyone's efforts with designing and making the Scarecrows. They really blew me away! My son Rhys and I completed the trail last Sunday with our dog Peppa and we were so impressed with them. I showed the photos of all the Scarecrows in assembly this morning and the children loved them too. It was incredibly hard to judge them as they were all so good but our overall winner this year is Feathers McGraw and Gromit, with Gru and Tom and Jerry as runners up.



Reception

We have been learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and are already looking forward to performing it to you later this term. In Maths we have been practically measuring beanstalks and measuring how many units of measure each one is and in Music we have begun to learn our Jack and the Beanstalk song and discussed the harp. We have been using blocks to build castles and balance through the clouds and we had an Athletics lesson with Mrs E where she taught us how to throw the nerf rocket, how to jump as far as we can in the standing long jump and how to sprint as fast as we can.

Year 1

Following on from our jam sandwich instruction writing, we have been writing instructions for another task. In Maths we have been looking at making doubles by doing practical activities and we have also made equal groups by grouping and sharing. We ended off the week by introducing fractions and exploring half of different objects. In Geography we learned about landmarks and features of Scotland and made posters to show our learning and in Art and DT, after designing our story quilts, we sketched our design on to material and colouring in the design of Faith Ringgold.



Year 2

This week, we have been thinking about what a successful setting description might look like and wrote some descriptive sentences in preparation for writing our own setting descriptions. In Maths we have been continuing to learn about all the different units we can measure with, how to read and compare scales, how to compare the mass of different objects and the volume and capacity of different containers. In our topic work, we have continued with our DT project this week and used our findings from our investigation to design our own sand buggies.

Year 3

In English this week, we have been planning and writing a newspaper report about Iggy Peck's school trip. In our topic work we used atlases to locate the position of various world super structures and in our computing lesson, we used the internet to carry out a safe search on a chosen super structure. In Maths we revisited division, practising using a number line to make the link between times tables and division and in Science we revisited our understanding of how fossils are formed.

Year 4

We really enjoyed our trip to the Natural History Museum on Tuesday. Thank you so much to Mrs Kennedy for organising it and to Miss Cahill, Mrs Brown, Mr Kamara, Miss Boyd and all the parents who helped. It really supported our learning on volcanoes and earthquakes. In Maths we've started a new unit on fractions and have been learning that tenths can be expressed as decimal fractions and that numbers with tenths can be composed additively and multiplicatively.



Year 5

We have really enjoyed our Bikeability sessions and training this week. Thank you so much to Dawn Rosser and her team for leading this incredible experience for us.

In English, we have been writing up the fables we planned last week and have tried to create stories that are appealing to young children and in Maths we've been exploring regular and irregular polygons and 3D shapes. We're learning about the changes our bodies go through as we experience puberty in Science and in our topic work, we have been researching how the ancient games differed from our modern day Olympics.

Year 6

We had a 'dry run' of the SATs exams this week but managed to fit in loads of other work and experiences too. We refined our final drafts of our narrative thrillers in English and plotted points in quadrants and solved problems with coordinates, translations and reflections in Maths. We've been working on spreadsheets in IT and exploring the importance of contrast (or value) in drawing and painting and how it can lead to creative choices of colour in Art.



Class Photos and Early Move Up Days

Please see details of the dates for class photos and early move up days in the dates for the diary section at the bottom of the newsletter.

After School Clubs - Athletics, Chess, Drawing, Dance and Performing Arts

Our internal school after school clubs started after Easter and the children love them. We have a few more places in each of the clubs so if your child would like to join please fill in the below google form. The office will contact you with a confirmation of the place and the price for the remainder of the summer term.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJt_PjxSoVzKtd5pGp68mk5YOEoyaeBrQc7_e3c_9w97xfXQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

Parent Chat Health Service

The School Nursing Team has asked us to share details of the Parent Chat Health Service for Parents of 5-19-year-olds. Parents can text 07312 263194 to chat with a school nurse in confidence. They can offer advice and support on topics like:

- Sleep
- Bedwetting
- Healthy eating
- Emotional health & wellbeing
- Dealing with medical conditions in school
- Parenting
- Bullying

'A Sweet Journey Through Space: The Exciting Adventures of Chocolate, The Little Alien'

We were delighted to learn that Sidney P (Year 2) had his first book published on April 26th (his birthday). This was a special project Sidney did with his Daddy and all profits will go to the Marsden Hospital. We hope that many of you will buy the book and support the amazing work of the staff at Marsden Hospital. Please follow this link to purchase the book - <https://amzn.eu/d/fLg2BPM>

X - Please follow **@AtHeadteacher** for updates / Please follow **@TheHeightsArts** for updates

Dates for the Diary - new or amended dates are in <i>italics</i>.	
The Heights PTFA Quiz Night	10 th May
The Heights 'I'm a Headteacher Get me out of Here!!'	17 th May
Year 4 Cricket Festival	17th May
KS2 Class Photos	20th May
KS1 Class Photos	23rd May
Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	10 th June
Year 3 Lego Workshop	28 th June
Move Up Days	1st and 11th July
Year 6 Bikeability	1 st - 4 th July
KS1 Sports Day	2 nd July (am)
KS2 Sports Day	5 th July (am)
The Heights Summer Fair	6 th July
Reception Bucklebury Farm Trip	10th July

I hope you all have a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend.



Mrs Edwards