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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week we have had in terms of weather after such a wet Bank Holiday Monday. I hope it didn't spoil your long weekend. We have all certainly made the most of it in school and are delighted with how everything that we planted in the sensory garden has started to shoot up!

I would like to wish Mrs Brown all the best for the future as she leaves The Heights today after 9 years. She will be greatly missed by everyone and we look forward to having her come back and visit us!

I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you at the Quiz Night this evening. Thank you so much to Kathy and Russ Brown, Catherine and Andy Kiely, Michelle Nand and Anna Pazi for all their help in organising this wonderful event.

Well done to all the netballers who played this afternoon. Thank you to Braywick for organising and Rivermead Primary for hosting. Congratulations to all the teams and especially to The Heights red team who won the overall tournament.



Canteen Wristbands Amnesty

A number of the wristbands used by Key Stage 2 children at lunchtime have gone missing so we are regularly short of wristbands. Please can you chat to your child and get them to check their bags and rooms at home and return any wristbands found next week.

Reception

In phonics this week, we focused on the sounds that, according to our assessments, we are finding tricky. We have also been recalling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk as a class, writing about what is at the top of the beanstalk and what the giant was thinking! We discussed the lifecycle of a bean, prepared our beanstalk labels by making a castle in the clouds and also planted beans. In Maths we have been exploring even and odd sharing and estimating how many units of measure an object is around the classroom and in PE with Mrs Edwards, we were hurdling and learnt how to complete a western roll in high jump.

Year 1

In English this week, we watched a video of Mrs Edwards washing her dog Peppa and then used this to complete an independent write of instructions for this task. In Maths we have been continuing with fractions, specifically looking at a half and finding half of a shape or object and recognising and finding half of a quantity. In Geography, we have been learning about landmarks and features of Wales and in Art and DT, after creating our story quilts, we designed and have started to make our stampers to use for border printing.



Year 2

We really enjoyed learning about sea shanties this week and how sailors used them to help them keep in time when they were working. After listening to a number of different shanties, we learnt parts of 'The Wellerman' and then tried to add musical instruments to our part. In Maths we have been learning to tell the time using an analogue clock and in our topic work, we have been learning all about the 5 different oceans, their names and where in the world they are located.

Year 3

This week, we completed an independent write to demonstrate our knowledge of newspaper reports. We wrote about Mrs Edwards leaving The Heights after 10 years as Headteacher and then reflected on our writing to see what we did well and what we could do even better next time. We revised our learning about rocks, fossils and soil in Science and continued to learn methods for division in Maths.



Year 4

We have continued our artist's study of Hokusai this week and have practised another printing technique using rubber blocks. We've also been learning to write Non-Chronological Reports and planned and wrote a paragraph of our own non-chronological report about Earthquakes. In Guided Reading, we have continued to investigate the key features of information texts and practised our skimming and scanning skills and in Maths, we've been working hard on our times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Times table Check.

Year 5

In our Ancient Greek lesson this week, we have been learning all about two of the most well-known city states in the Hellenic civilisation: Athens and Sparta. We discussed the differences and similarities between the two cities and considered which they would have preferred to live in during ancient times. We've also been exploring the world of myths and legends. We read a number of Ancient Greek Myths aloud, practising our Oracy skills and familiarised ourselves with the features of the genre in preparation for writing our own in the coming weeks.

Year 6

We've got our SATs exams next week and have spent time revising all areas of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar; Reading comprehensions and Maths. As part of our topic on the Digital Revolution, we all researched a piece of technology and then gave a presentation about how it has evolved and in Computing, we learnt more about networks, the Internet and the World wide Web.

Ofsted - The Big Listen

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is carrying out a short survey on behalf of Ofsted and has asked us to share the below information.

We want to hear from parents/carers of children who are under 18 years old. It should only take around 10 minutes to complete. We are interested in views of Ofsted, including Ofsted's inspection, regulation and reporting practices. We really want to hear from a wide range of parents and carers, even if you don't have strong opinions about Ofsted, or haven't had much experience of Ofsted.

Please click on the following link to find out more or take part in the survey: survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen
You can look at our Taking Part webpage for more information about the research, and our Privacy Notice for what will happen to any information you give. Links to these webpages are also included in the survey.

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Dates for the Diary - new or amended dates are in *italics*.

The Heights PTFA Quiz Night	10 th May
The Heights 'I'm a Headteacher Get me out of Here!!'	<i>Postponed until June 2024 date TBC</i>
Year 4 Cricket Festival	17 th May
KS2 Class Photos	20 th May
KS1 Class Photos	23 rd May
Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	10 th June
INSET DAY	14 th June
Year 3 Lego Workshop	28 th June
Move Up Days	1 st and 11 th 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	10 th July

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards