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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and important week for the Year 6 children who sat their SATs this week. They have all worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of each and every one of them. The smiles on their faces following the completion of their final assessment were gorgeous. Thank you to Mrs Rogers, Mr Griffiths, Mrs Howell and Mrs Challis and all the staff who have taught and supported them leading up to and throughout this week. All the children are now very excited about their last 8 weeks at the school, as we have soooo many exciting things planned, including Swimming, Level 3 Bikeability, performing the musical production The Lion King and much more!

Huge thanks to Russ and Kathy Brown, Andrew and Catherine Kiely, Sarah Gilchrist, Michelle Nand and Anna Pazi, for organising and running another really fun quiz night. Russ, you are a fabulous quiz master and always make the evening so relaxed and enjoyable. My apologies for ending up with such a large team - but I always need all the help I can get.

Wasn't the sky absolutely beautiful with a rare sighting of the Northern Lights. Apparently, the aurora borealis activity is expected to reach its highest levels in 11 years, between now and 2026.



Congratulations again to all the netballers who played in the BPET Netball Tournament at Rivermead Primary last Friday afternoon. It was wonderful event, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Dan Bavington from Braywick for organising it and to Rivermead for hosting it. Well done to the Red team for winning the overall tournament. All the Year 6s who took part, were an absolute credit to the school.



### Reception

We were so excited this week, because we started Level 4 phonics! These aren't new sounds, but are longer words that have adjacent consonants. (Don't worry mums and dads, if you don't know what that means we can explain it to you). We are continuing to enjoy and learn the actions to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have been writing sentences for a wanted poster. We have been exploring subtraction again in Maths, marbling leaves and creating a mixed media Beanstalk or Castle in the clouds. This week in Athletics with Mrs E, we learnt how to do the Western roll in High Jump and throw the nerf rocket. We also had fun practising the sack race and balancing the bean bag on a racket.

### Year 1

After completing our instruction writing this week, we have been looking at persuasive writing and thinking about the benefits of growing our own vegetables. We have been busy, digging out an area of the sensory garden, just outside our classroom and have really enjoyed planting different herbs and vegetables - in it. In Maths, we've continued our work on fractions, focussing on a quarter and in Geography, we have been learning about landmarks and features of Northern Ireland.



## Year 2

In our English work this week, we have been exploring the Isle of Struay with Katie Morag. We have been practising our geography skills, using grid references to read maps and identify locations and sharing with each other which places we would like to visit and why. We have also been thinking about the different activities we could do at these places. In Science, we have been looking at seed dispersal and we have been continuing to design our beach buggies in our topic lesson, looking at the materials we would use and why.



## Year 3

We have been really busy in our Topic and Art lessons, planning our superstructure print template and painting the background in preparation for creating the polystyrene print next week. Our Guided Reading has been rather different, but really interesting, as we have been studying the song 'When I grow up' from Matilda, focussing on unpicking vocabulary, reading using a range of tone and volume and inferring understanding. Our new unit of work in Maths is fractions and in French we have been continuing to read the French version of 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

## Year 4

Following all the research and learning we have done about earthquakes, we have been using this to plan and start to write a non-chronological report about them. In Art we have continued to experiment with different printing techniques and in Science, we have been exploring insulation and conducting materials by adding them to circuits.

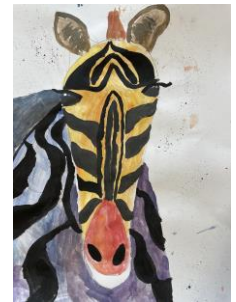
We had a great time at the Cricket Festival at The Hill this morning. Many thanks to Performance Sport for organising this and to The Hill for hosting. Thank you also to all the staff who supervised us whilst we were there and who helped to walk us back to school.

## Year 5

We have been using what we have learnt about myths so far, to plan our own Greek myth. We worked through all the key features needed and in doing so, designed a hero for our story - a mythical creature. We also wrote a detailed description of our ancient setting. We had fun in our Ancient Greek lesson, as we learnt the story of the Battle of Marathon and took on roles as ancient Greek soldiers as we acted out the events. In Maths we have been focussing on lines of symmetry and reflection and are moving on to a new topic of decimals next week and in IT, we have been learning some basic HTML coding and will use this to create a simple website.

## Year 6

Yay! The SATs are over! It's been a pretty tiring week, but we are really proud of ourselves and appreciated the breakfast put on for us by the Yr 6 staff team and the pizza we had after our final assessment. Thank you also to the PTFA for helping to pay for this.



### Hire of Main Hall & Activity Studio

If you or anyone you know would like to hire the Main Hall or Activity studio for parties, meetings, classes etc, please email [lettings@theheightsprimary.co.uk](mailto:lettings@theheightsprimary.co.uk)

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

The Heights 'I'm a Headteacher Get me out of Here!!'	Postponed until June 2024 date TBC
KS2 Class Photos	20 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 1 Lego workshop	21 <sup>st</sup> May
KS1 Class Photos	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	10 <sup>th</sup> June
INSET DAY	14 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 3 Lego Workshop	28 <sup>th</sup> June
Move Up Days	1 <sup>st</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Bikeability	1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> July
KS1 Sports Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> July (am)
KS2 Sports Day	5 <sup>th</sup> July (am)
The Heights Summer Fair	6 <sup>th</sup> July
Reception Bucklebury Farm Trip	10 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers Disco	17 <sup>th</sup> July

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Edwards'.

Mrs Edwards