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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hasn't it been wonderful having such a lovely, sunny week. We have certainly made the most of it and hosted and taken part in some fabulous events. Our Year 5s were joined by the Year 5s from Evendons school in Wokingham on Wednesday, for our Year 5 Enterprise Day and were collaborative and entrepreneurial. Thank you so much to Mrs Thomas and Mr Cook for organising it and to Mr Ind and Mrs Aspin for leading interesting sessions on their areas of expertise in business.

A number of our Year 6s joined peers from other BPET schools and took part in the now annual debating competition. Our two teams spent time together in their spare time to prepare for both the planned and spontaneous topics they needed to talk or have a debate about and were very impressive. They, and we, were delighted when they were awarded first and second places overall and returned with the debating trophy. Congratulations to them all and many thanks to Rivermead Primary for hosting this event.



Mrs Harrison visiting

We are excited to inform you that our new Headteacher Hayley Harrison will be visiting the school next Monday and Tuesday and will be available to chat to any of you during pickup, at the end of both days.

Reception

This week we have continued with our level 4 phonics and focused on polysyllabic words. These are words with many syllables in - in case you weren't sure. We've also carried on learning our new story, Little Red Riding Hood, through actions. As part of our study of mini-beasts, we have also been finding out about the importance of bees, made toilet roll bees and have been writing about bees in our formal handwriting sessions. We also recapped odd and even numbers and friends of 10 in Maths.

Mrs Edwards has said the school is looking into having bee hives on our green roof which is full of wild flowers. ***If any parents have any contacts for this, please could you email info@theheightsprimary.co.uk***

Year 1

We carried on with our non-chronological report writing this week and put all our tiger research into paragraphs with subheadings. We have been classifying animals in Science and studying the style of Franz Marc, a German artist who liked to paint animals using bright colours in our Art lessons. We are really enjoying watering the plants in our small garden and can't believe how quickly many of them are growing.



Year 2

We were so full of ideas and enthusiasm for our portal stories last week that we independently wrote a portal story based on the short film, 'something fishy' this week. In Maths, we used another maths mystery to revisit this year's learning and we have been painting our owls as part of our whole school art project on birds. We are enjoying learning Hakuna Matata, from the Lion King in preparation for our Summer Festival next month.

Year 3

This week we began a new unit investigating persuasive writing and leaflets in particular. We have been reading a variety of different leaflets advertising tourist attractions and unpicked the key text and language features. We've also considered who the audience and purpose are and learnt about rhetorical questions. As part of our topic, we have been designing and will be building our own superstructure using nets to make 3D shapes. In Science we have been investigating water transportation in plants and making predictions based on our observations and in Music we have been working hard to prepare for the Ukulele concert we're going to perform for you.

Year 4

We're having a whole school Summer Festival before the end of term and have been busy learning and rehearsing a song for it. We have been investigating patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibration that produced it in Science and multiplying fractions and finding qualities of fractions in Maths. We are doing really well in our Rounders sessions and are getting more and more confident bowling, hitting and fielding in the games we play.

Year 5

This week, we took what we learnt from our debate on Athens and Sparta two weeks ago and wrote a persuasive letter to a friend or relative to persuade them to move to either Athens or Sparta. We have continued to learn about negative numbers in Maths and how plants adapted for different biomes, have differing lives. We really enjoyed the Enterprise Day and have been nervous but excited about our pending interviews for the Ambassador roles we've applied for.

Year 6

Thank you so much for all your support of the cake sale we organised and held yesterday, to help us raise funds for the costumes and props we need to buy for our production of The Lion King in just over a couple of weeks' time.

We have rehearsed as much as we could this week - in between swimming lessons, the debating competition, transition visits to the secondary schools we'll be attending and all the other things we have needed to do and are really excited about performing it to everyone! We are also keen to show you all how much we've learnt in our guitar lessons this year when we perform to you in a special assembly.

Parent Survey

Thank you for completing the parent survey. Your feedback is really appreciated and genuinely helps us to plan our next steps in the development of different areas of the school. We will pass on the feedback from the survey and our planned actions as a result, before the end of term.

The Heights Donations 2024

Thank you again to all of those parents that have donated to the school to help us fund IT equipment for the children, as well outdoor play equipment and other resources. We are getting close to our target that will help us buy a much-needed set of 30 chrome books and other hardware. If you have not yet donated and would like to, please feel free to login to your Parentpay account to do so.

Parent Election for the Local Advisory Board (LAB)

There are 4 candidates that have put themselves forward for the role of Parent Local Advisor for The Heights' LAB (previously known as the governing body). You can find out more about the LAB and its current members here: <https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/governors>

As there are only 2 vacancies, an election is being held and the closing date for the ballot is **Monday 24th June at 9pm.**

If you have not yet voted and would like to, you can vote for your 2 preferred candidates by filling in this form: <https://forms.gle/eikYrzWdTKRJynFm8> Please note that every parent is entitled to vote (it is not per family).

Sports Day

Sports Day is fast approaching on Tuesday 2nd July (R, Y1, Y2) and Friday 5th July (Y3-6). If you are able to volunteer please could you complete the google form here <https://forms.gle/6ZNKyaLssdXXQEdBA>

Bags4School

You will be pleased to know that £78.80 was raised for the PTFA from the Bags4School donations! Thank you to all those that donated.

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

Year 2 Seaside & Pirate experience days	25 th & 26 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)
<i>Year 6 Cricket Festival</i>	<i>3rd July</i>
Year 1 Beale Park Trip	4 th July
KS2 Sports Day	5 th July (am)
The Heights Summer Fair	6 th July
Year 6 End of Year Production of The Lion King	8 th & 9 th July
Year 5 Highdown Day	10 th July
Reception Bucklebury Farm Trip	10 th July
Year 6 Leavers Disco	17 th July
End of Summer Term	19 th July (1:30pm finish)

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs Edwards