



Dear Parents and Carers

What a beautiful cold winter's day it is today. It was lovely watching the colours of the sunrise this morning from Miss Parker Fraser's classroom upstairs.

Rob Wilson MP came to see our new rooms upstairs this morning and was pleased, as we all are, with the fabulous space the new block affords us and he was very impressed with the vibrant, interactive displays and working walls.

As I tweeted earlier, Year 1 were really excited about Tim Peake's walk in space and we all thoroughly enjoyed watching it live whilst we were in the lunch hall.



Reception

In Reception we have been writing addition sentences and Mr Crispin has used number kung fu to help with our understanding of symbols. We have been writing alternative bear hunt scenarios in our Literacy and focusing on pitch in Music and different levels and ways of moving in Dance. We have talked about winter and the effect on birds and wildlife and made the most amazing bird feeders. Now what we'd like is some snow to play in!

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have continued to explore fantasy settings in English and created our own fantasy characters! In Maths we have been using money and subtracting using a number line. We have also been very busy writing questions for Tim Peake - we have filmed them and will Tweet them to Cosmic Classrooms. We hope we may be selected to ask Tim a question LIVE on 2nd February - keep your fingers crossed for us!



Year 2

Year 2 have been reading *The Snail and the Whale* and recognising nouns and adjectives within the story along with writing our own sentences using adjectives, adverbs and similes. We have been peer marking and using the *Great Pet Sale* to explore money, solving problems and working out change. We have been creating rainforest art and are really excited about the visit of Owen and his animals (which is now next Wednesday instead of Monday). Anyone for a snake around their shoulders? We have studied the Hindu creation story and used atlases to find the world's continents and oceans.



KEEPING WARM

The weather has turned more wintery now so please can we remind you to send the children into school with coats, hats and gloves (all named please) as we want them to feel warm when they are outside in the long awaited sunshine.

PARENT TRAVEL SURVEY - Message from The Trust

In advance of the parents meeting on the 26th January, we wanted to understand more about how everyone travels to and from school and what your views are on potential options to try to make the journey easier.

The survey tool is quite limited in the responses that you can provide, so please feel free to get in touch with any additional thoughts you have at trust@theheightsprimary.co.uk. Please can you complete the survey by end of Sunday 24th January. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey, which can be accessed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RSW57TC>.

EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE SHAPED BRITAIN

As I said last week we are keen to explore different events and people that have influenced Britain through the ages. We would like your help with this and would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to share your views by answering a few questions on the slip that was sent with last week's Highlights. It has been really interesting reading the responses we have received so far. These and all others will feed directly into the children's investigations and we hope to display all of this on the boards in our school hall.

WATCH US AT WORK

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Watch Us at Work sessions on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th January (see times below).

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK - 22nd January

Next Friday I have been invited to speak at the BETT Education Show in London and will therefore hold our Celebration Assembly in the morning at 9.30am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19 th January	9.30-10.15am	Watch us at Work - Reception classes
Wednesday 20 th January	8.45-9.30am afternoon	Watch us at Work - KS1 Owen's Animals visit Year 2
Thursday 21 st January	8.45 (drop off)	Parent Class Reps meeting
Friday 22nd January	9.30am	Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 26 th January	8.00pm	Parent's meeting at school - site update

SPOTLIGHT

Our Spotlight this week falls on: Roshni and Joe for **rugby** and Lucy and Darcey J for **ballet**. Well done!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

At assembly this afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were given to: Akshit and Olivia in Year 2; Indi, Emma, Mira and Shams in Year 1; Kacper, Karim, Hamish, Lily J and Dylan in Reception. Congratulations to them all.



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