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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers.

We've been promoting and celebrating National Anti-Bullying Week this week and exploring our values and relationships with others. One or two children said 'If you haven't got anything nice to say - don't say it at all'. Now I can remember my Mother teaching me that when I was a little girl. Isn't it interesting what is passed down the generations?



## Reception

This week in Reception we have been talking about how we've grown and changed since birth. Thank you Mums and Dads for sending in your baby photos! It's been George Bear's birthday today and we've been using computer programs to design and decorate cakes and write invitations for other bears to come to his party this afternoon.

### Year 1

We have really enjoyed Maths this week in Year 1 and are pretty good at fractions now. Looking at slices of cake and pizza certainly helped. We've written some fun riddles about animals - can you guess this one?

I have a beak I have wings I have two legs I live on a pond



#### Year 2

We've been busy mathematicians too and have been learning to measure different lengths and solve measuring problems. We're designing shields inspired by the book 'The Paper Bag Princess' and are looking forward to making them.

## Year 3

Our time portal has been so useful and has helped inspire us to write an information leaflet for our time traveller's friends in Ancient Egypt. We can't wait to send these back through the time portal. We've learned all about mummification and wondered if we could practice on Mrs Edwards. She didn't seem that keen! Our cello playing is really coming on.

## Quiz Night

Well - it was definitely a night to remember - in so many ways. Thank you so much to Hannah, Helen and other parents for organising it and for Dan and Barney's fabulous 'comparing'. Well done to the 'Trumpets' for winning the Quiz. The final amount raised is still to be confirmed.



## **Twitter**

The different classes are now set up with their own Twitter feed. You can follow tweets by visiting the relevant class page on the school website and clicking on the Twitter link.

## INSET Day

Please remember that next Friday 25th November is an INSET Day and school will be closed to pupils.

#### Miss Mol

It's Miss Mol's final day today before she goes on Maternity Leave. We wish her all the very best and are very excited about the impending arrival of her son.

## Visit from an Olympian

We were thrilled to welcome Will Satch, double Olympic Rowing Gold Medallist to the school on Monday. He spoke to all the children in an assembly and inspired them with his stories of his training and achievements. When they watched the Men's Olympic 8 Final on the interactive whiteboard they asked why everyone was going backwards and cheered every time the boat passed a 500m marker because they thought it was the finish line - BRILLIANT!



#### Attendance

Congratulations to all the pupils in Mrs Sanigar and Mrs Wells' Class on achieving 100% attendance this week - well done!! Hector will be enjoying next week in 35W.

## **Spotlight**

- Year 1 Audrey and Sofia for achieving Level 6 in Gymnastics, Lucy for making her Rainbow Guide Promise.
- Year 2 Alex for achieving Level 8 in Gymnastics and Rafi for being invested as a Beaver Scout.
- Year 3 Aiobh and Roshni for completing 20 pieces for the 40 Piece Piano Challenge. Congratulations to you all!

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Marnie and Harry (RSR) and Robbie and Charis (RAO)

Year 1 - Misa and Laila (1CPF) and Theo and Abigail (1VH)

Year 2 - Lily and Mantra (2AM) and Sophie and Jenna (2HK)

Year 3 - Olivia and Aiobh (35W)

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations for Years 1-3
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm - Christmas Fayre at school
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 & 3 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am
	Y1 Nativity Play @ 2.30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 & 3 Carol Concert @ 2.30pm
	Y1 Nativity @ 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am
	Year 2 & 3 Carol Concert @ 5.30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity @ 9.30am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school trip to see Snow White at the Hexagon
Wednesday 21st December	Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)

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#### **PTFA NEWS**

#### **IMPORTANT - PTFA MEETING**

Please join us on Monday 21st November at The Grosvenor at 8pm to discuss funding projects for this academic year. It is a great opportunity for parents to have their say and we would like a big turnout.

If you can't attend but want your ideas considered please email: PTFA@theheightsprimary.co.uk

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE 3pm on 10th DECEMBER**

#### **Preparations**

We still need lots of helpers to do slots on stalls and activities on the day. We also need help with set up & clear up! If you can you help please email Richard Hepwood: richard.hepwood@smith-nephew.com

#### Raffle

Please don't forget to return your raffle stubs by 7th December. There are some great prizes to be won including:

- Shellac manicure with wine for 2-5 people- donated by Neve Taylor,
- An hour's full body massage- Massage Works- Jeni Carter
- An outdoor family portrait session including 10 edited digital images- Alice Photography and much more...

PLUS all funds raised will be matched by Microsoft.

#### Cake stall

Tracey Miller (mother to Ruby, year 2 & Annie, reception) is organising the cake stall. She wants to thank everyone who has offered to help so far. If there is anyone else who can bake some goodies to sell at the fair, please let her know.

#### **PTFA QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT**

Cream duals, touching musical moments, delicious curry, enthusiastic hosts and a great turnout! Thanks to everyone involved in the PTFA Quiz & Curry Night and a special thank you to the organisers Hannah Smith and Helen Morgan for their hard work. It was a memorable evening enjoyed by all. Money raised isn't confirmed yet - watch this space!