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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
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'Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's Party''
Robin Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful travelling to school in glorious spring weather yesterday. Isn't it uplifting to see all the daffodils and crocuses out in the park.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with the children's teachers to discuss their progress this week. We hope that you found it really useful. Please do continue to use our EEXAT and Ladders at Home Parent Portals which are updated with information every half term.

Reception

We've had so much fun this week using Mash Cam to insert our photos so that we look like astronauts. We then wrote about what we'd take into space. We've also been solving some mystery shape problems using mathematical language to describe and work out which 2D and 3D shapes were in the bag. We loved working with our friends, designing and making Junk Model Rockets.



Year 1

We are making great progress with fractions and our understanding of transformations. Do ask us to show you what a $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and full turn is. We've planted seeds and have made predictions about what will happen and we can't wait for National Science Week next week. Look at the 'balloon' planets we've made in DT and our daffodil drawings. Aren't they fab?!



Year 2

As we mentioned in the Parent Planner at the beginning of the week, we have gone Aztec mad. We've started to plan and write information leaflets and design Aztec headdresses. In Maths we've been concentrating on position and direction, moving different objects in quarter turns.

Year 3

We've really enjoyed learning about Stonehenge and the mystery surrounding why it was built and how it was used. We've used clay to make our own designs similar to the ones the Beaker People put onto their pots. We've written the shape poems we planned last week and will share them with everyone on our class page on the website.



SEND Coffee Morning and Meeting with the school's Speech and Language Therapist

We will be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 15th March @ 9.15am-10.15am in the school hall.

The coffee morning is aimed at any parents whose children have additional needs and/or who feel they would like the support of other parents with dealing with their child's specific needs. The parent support group is a small friendly group and is always open to new parents who would like to come along.

During this coffee morning, our Speech and Language Therapist Veryan Evans will be talking about her role in the school. After this, parents will have the chance to talk to one another and have a tea/ coffee. Mrs Mullaney (our new SENCO) will also be at the coffee morning to meet you and answer any questions about her role.

British Science Week

Professor Fallon is launching Science Week on Monday morning in our whole school assembly. We are devoting the afternoons to scientific investigations and experiments and look forward to sharing much of our fun and findings with you in the Celebration Assembly next Friday afternoon.



Parent Class Reps

I will be meeting with Parent Class Reps next Tuesday 14th March from 9.00am.

Uniform Working Party

We will be having our first Working Party meeting on Wednesday 22nd March at 9am to look at how we create a more gender neutral Uniform Policy. I will be working with Parent Class Reps to discuss how we pull together this working group.

Red Nose Day

We will be joining in with Comic Relief on Friday 24th March. Children are welcome to wear just their Red Noses or a red top/t-shirt along with the rest of their uniform (don't forget our school ties are red so there is no pressure on children to wear something different). Red Noses are selling fast from the school office and cost £1.00 - do pop in and buy one. We will be collecting donations on the day so if you would like to contribute, please send money in with your child or directly to the School Office. All donations will go to Comic Relief.



Spotlight falls this week on...

Reception - Callen for passing Level 2 Gymnastics, Annie for Duckings Swimming Level 2, Miah for Gymnastics Level 6.

Year 1 - Dylan and Tula for passing Level 5 Gymnastics, Jack Level 6 Gymnastics.

Year 2 - Ben and Ruby for Passing Level 5 Gymnastics, Lily Level 6 Gymnastics, Alex Level 7 Gymnastics and also Swimming Level 2 and finally Darcey for passing her Beige Ballet exam.

Year 3 - Freya, Olivia and Roshni for receiving a Certificate of Merit in a Talent for Writing competition and Oliva for passing Level 3 Gymnastics.

What another busy week!

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:**Reception** - Daisy and Marnie (RSR) and George and Alice (RAO)**Year 1** - Misa and Sam (1CPF) and Joshua and Megan (1VH)**Year 2** - Jonah and Ffion (2AM) and Amelia and Tom (2HK)**Year 3** - Jermaine and Roshni (3SW)**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th March	Science Week
Monday 13 th March	First Aid Course for parents (Part 1)
Tuesday 14 th March	First Aid Course for parents (Part 2)
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)
Friday 31 st March	Heights, Weights and Hearing Checks (Reception)
Thursday 6 th April	Winchester Science Centre Trip (Year 1)
Friday 7 th April	Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
Monday 10 th April - Friday 21 st April	Easter Holidays
Start of Term 5	Monday 24 th April
Monday 1 st May	May Day - School Closed
Monday 8 th May - Friday 12 th May	SATS Week



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Headteacher

Please read on to page 4 for an update from the PTFA.

PTFA NEWS

Bingo & Boogie Night

25 March, Hemdean House

£8 / ticket (incl free drink)

Time: 7.30-11.30pm (bingo starts at 8pm)

Helen Morgan and Hannah Smith, organisers of the legendary quiz nights bring us their original Boogie & Bingo Night at the end of this month.

Two nights in one: Come out for a bingo and a boogie because no one gets out enough!

Come for six rounds of bingo while you whet your whistle and then boogie the rest of the night away to the Heights playlist. You can request songs via the Facebook B&B Night Event Page.

Join a team on the night and get to know more parents / carers /grandparents from The Heights Family. There'll be laughs galore as our trivia knowledge is put to the test once more!

Tickets are available online now: <https://theheightsprimary.yapsody.com>

**BAR MANAGER WANTED - if you can help please comment on the Facebook event.

Cake Sale

31st March, After School

Year 1 will be hosting the cake sale for this half term. If you would like to help or bake, get in touch with Sally

(Vaala's Mum, Year 3): szkochak@gmail.com

Summer Fayre Planning Meeting

5th April, Alto Lounge, Caversham

We need a team to organise the Heights Summer Fayre 2017. Get involved, find out what roles need to be filled and share your vision of the Summer Fayre- new ideas welcome! If you fancy coordinating this event, or just want to be responsible for a particular role, we would love to hear from you!

Mini Mile

21 May, Green Park, Reading

Join your children for the Green Park Mini Mile & raise money for The Heights Primary

Sign up here : <http://www.royalberks10k.com/enter-2/>

Sponsorship link here:<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/suehepwood1>

Best wishes

The Heights PTFA Team