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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such an exciting week at school following on from a busy, but fabulous weekend. Last Saturday morning, we had just under 30 children from Yrs 1-5, who took part in the last of this year's **Winter Series X-country** events at MECE. All the children ran well and we had some outstanding individual and team performances. Our Year 3 boys won the Winter Series trophy and we came 2<sup>nd</sup>, as a school overall in the Series. Well done and thank you to all the children who have taken part in these races this term. We're really proud of you all.

After the X Country, we attended the school's **Christmas Fayre**, which was a wonderful community event and celebration. It was really well attended and loads of fun! I'd like to say a very big thank you to all the parents to helped organise and run it and a special thank you to Father Christmas for taking the time out of his very busy schedule to join us.

All of KS2 walked down to the **Hexagon** on Wednesday, to watch **Jack and the Beanstalk**. It took us an hour to walk there, but it was a beautiful sunny morning and we're really pleased and proud that we travelled there in a sustainable way. The Pantomime was hilarious. We loved it! Thank you to all the staff and parents who walked with us and supervised us whilst we were there.

We had our Christmas lunch and wore our Christmas jumpers today. The food was delicious. A huge thanks to Mrs Kovac, all the lunch team and Mrs Moore for making it such an enjoyable meal for us.

## Reception

A lot of our learning this week, has continued to link with our *Gingerbread Man* topic. In Maths, we've been sharing 6 buttons between *Gingerbread men*, we've been making *Gingerbread* buttons and using gingerbread cutters to help us develop our fine motor skills. We've really enjoyed decorating Christmas Tree boxes and making and decorating buttons to wear for our Christmas performance. It has also been interesting retelling and talking about the Nativity, as it been helping us understand the songs we've been singing.

## Year 1

This week in Maths, we've been looking at, naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes and sorting them according to their attributes. We've completed a Science assessment and conference marked the letters we've written for Mrs Edwards with our classteachers to try to make them even better.

## Year 2

We had loads of fun on our Castles themed activity day on Wednesday. Did you see some of our outfits? And wasn't Mrs Kingshott an amazing 'Queen of Hearts?!' We learned about the siege of Reading, how to dance medieval style, what jobs people had in castles and also made our own concentric castle out of junk modelling. Our rehearsals for our Christmas performance are going really well and the Christmas lunch was delicious today.

## Year 3

In Maths we've been identifying different types of lines and using mathematical vocabulary, such as horizontal, vertical, right angles, parallel and perpendicular. We really enjoyed the coding session led by Mr Giacomelli this week and loved the Pantomime! We have also been adding more detail to our Ancient Egyptian death masks. They shine with the gold paint and the coloured tissue paper creates regal stripes! We can't wait to take them home next week when we've added the finishing touches.



#### **Year 4**

We've continued to look at suspense stories and the techniques used to create suspense this week. We shared a suspense story which we edited and improved together and then started to plan our own stories which we'll write next week. We've been revising the different Maths and Science topics we've studied so far this term and were really proud of the Gymnastics routines and skills we showed our parents yesterday.

#### **Year 5**

This week, aside from some revision of work we've completed in different subjects this term, we've started to plan our edible treats which we'll be making before the end of term. We've been considering what we'll be making, the process involved and the materials and ingredients required. In Science we've been designing an experiment to test whether different materials rust and we really enjoyed performing the skills we've been learning in Gymnastics to our parents on Tuesday afternoon.

#### **Year 6**

As part of our English lessons, we've been exploring drama scenarios and techniques, to help develop our imagination and articulation of ideas when we create pieces of descriptive writing. In Maths we've started a unit on measures, looking at standard units and SI unit notation and in Science we've been exploring the evolutionary similarities in animals that inhabit the same groups. As part of our study of WW1, we've focussed on the importance of the poppy and the ways in which WW1 has been remembered and respected.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Today, we had our Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for supporting this.

The money raised will be for Save the Children; if you haven't yet made a donation and would like to, please donate using this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/The-Heights-Primary-Christmas-Jumper>

#### **Years 3 - 6 Christmas Performances**

We are looking forward to seeing you at the LKS2 and UKS2 singing performances next week. If the children would like to wear their Christmas jumper for their performances, please can you send them in in their bags for them to change into. This is optional and the children are welcome to wear their school jumpers if they would prefer this. Please ensure that Christmas jumpers are named before they come into school. Many thanks.

#### **Ukrainian Refugee Appeal**

Please see the attached letter for our Ukrainian Refugee Appeal set up by the parent of one of our Year 5 children from the Ukraine.

### PTFA - Bags2Scool

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bags2School clothing collection. We raised £135.60 from today's collection!

### Lost Property - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

A team of parents will be coming in to sort through the lost property box, outside the school office. All items will be sorted into piles for ease of searching and will be displayed on tables outside the school entrance between 3.15 - 2.45pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Please can we encourage all parents and carers to take look through, so we can clear down the large amount of uniform, lunch boxes and miscellaneous items that are currently in the lost property chest. Thank you

### Girls Only Football and Boys U6's at Rotherfield Peppard

Please see the attached flyer for Saturday morning football sessions for the Girls Wildcats (Reception to Year 6) and Boys U6's

### Berkshire Maestros Newsletter - December 2022

Please find attached the Berkshire Maestros December Newsletter.

### Twitter

Please follow [@AtHeadteacher](#) for updates!

### Dates for the Diary

<b>Christmas Performances:</b>	
Years 3 & 4 (for the families of children in Year 3)	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm
Years 1 & 2 (for the families of children in Year 1)	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Years 3 & 4 (for the families of children in Year 4)	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Years 1 & 2 (for the families of children in Year 2)	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm
Years 5 & 6 (for the families of the children in Year 5)	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Reception	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Years 5 & 6 (for the families of children in Year 6)	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm
Lost Property Sort	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15 - 3.45pm
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm</b>

Wishing you all a lovely half term.



Mrs Edwards