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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual Responsibility
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Dear Parents/Carers

We thought we weren't busy enough and so decided to throw in a Cake Sale and support the national charity Jeans for Genes. Thank you so much for your help with both of these. It was wonderful to see how excited the children were in their jeans, trousers and denim skirts. We managed to raise £64, and will send a cheque to the charity next week.

The cakes that were made and bought were amazing. You should have seen the staff's faces when they were popped in the staffroom for 'safe keeping!' We'll let you know next week how much we raised.

GOING GREEN

This week all the children have been busy planning pansies and bulbs in the tyres that were given to us. Thank you for all your donations. We will continue to plant next week. If you have any more spare pots or old children's wellies we could certainly use them.

ASTRO

Many thanks to Jenni and Jon Carter for enabling us to have the astro that has now been fitted on our play area. We should have the area to the right of it mulched by the end of next week and we aim to turf the ground immediately outside Year 1 within a couple of weeks. There is still so much to do - but every day there are changes.



PARENT'S INFORMATION AFTERNOONS

We would like to hold an informal settling in information meeting for parents, led by classteachers, on the following afternoons in our hall:

Year 1: Monday 29th September at 3pm;

Reception Classes: Thursday 2nd October at 2.45pm.

We will hold a lengthier evening session on how to support your child with phonics and reading before half term.



IPADS

Our Year 1 children used the iPads this week and were incredibly creative with pic collage. When we are on mains power we will be able to use our interactive whiteboards and iPads much more fully.

SCHOOL PHOTO

The Henley Standard visited us on Monday morning to take a photo of our children for publication on 26th September. We should have a proof copy of the photo for you to see and full details on how to order early next week.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the attached information on a possible

after school club. We will also be investigating a craft club next week and anticipate our after-school clubs will cost in the region of £5 per session.

SPOTLIGHT

This is an area where we celebrate the children's achievements outside of school. Please do let us know if they have had success in swimming, dance, music or any other outside interest.

Our Spotlight this week falls on: Jonah Fallon for his Stage 1 **Swimming**; Thomas Pattison for his **Capoeira** trousers at a Batizado in Reading last weekend; Rafael Aslam for his certificate for visiting the **library** 36 times! Well done everyone.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Holly Parr, Bilal Ahmad (Rec C); Amelia Moore, Samuel Crisford (Rec R); Freya Carter, Zak Guntzenbach (Year 1A). Congratulations to all of them.

Mrs Edwards
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA would like to say a few "thank yous" to the local businesses who have helped us out since school started.

*Thank you to **Sheeplands Garden Centre** and **The Garden Centre Group Playhatch** for the plants and **Chiltern Seeds** for the donation of so many seeds. Thank you to **Humphries** tyres for giving us all the tyres which the children have been planting in. Thank you to **Lego** for their bundle for the children. And thank you also to **Reading Golf Club** for allowing us to have some of their astro turf so that the children can play safely outside.*

***Edmunson Electrical** have very kindly said they will give us printed T-shirts printed with the Heights logo for the Henley 10k..*

*Watch out for slips in book bags for the **PTFA Quiz and Curry night** on 18th October!*