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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual Responsibility and Excellence

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Congratulations to the Lowe family on the arrival of Elodie this week. Mum and daughter are doing really well and we send them all our love.

Dear Parents/Carers

TEMPORARY SITE NEWS

We are due to be connected to mains electricity by next Tuesday 14th October. This will enable us to fully utilise the electronic equipment we already have in the building and to retrieve from store the other exciting equipment we have purchased for the children. The office staff are excited about this too!

IN THE CLASSROOMS

Reception classes have been developing their outdoor play areas, including a garage and builders' yard. Dinosaurland is taking shape outside. As we develop this area further any *fake* plants that you would be happy to donate would be gratefully received.

Children in Reception have been really excited with orally blending and segmenting and using these skills in their reading and writing. They have also been learning to score and tally and about time sequencing events during the day.



Year 1 have written the first two parts of their own stories. They have got as far as the PROBLEM and are having to wait with baited breath till next week to find out what the SOLUTION is at the end! All used amazing 'describing' words to make their stories more interesting.

Year 1 have also have been using ALGORITHMS to program the Bee-Bots to travel around the United Kingdom, learning about which countries make up the UK and where they are, and also learning some simple coding and programming of the Bee-Bots. They have learned that an algorithm is a set of instructions, so have been trying to put 2 instructions together in order to form a simple algorithm, eg The BeeBot needs to go forward two spaces AND THEN turn in the right direction.

They have also been learning about chronological order and ordering photos from youngest to eldest and started looking at money and trying to understand that 3 separate coins of differing values do not = 3p. Handwriting is coming on a treat with the cursive: thanks to parents for their support with this and with their spelling books.



PARENT CONSULTATION AFTERNOON/EVENING

We will be holding two Parent Consultation/Information sessions before half term. The first on Wednesday 22nd October from 3.45 to 5.45pm and the second on Thursday 23rd October from 6-8pm. As parents you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and receive a brief progress report on how your son or daughter has settled in to The Heights and how they are progressing. Please sign up for your 10-minute appointment from Monday morning 13th October on a sheet at the school office from 8am, email Lyn at info@theheightsprimary.co.uk or telephone.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Please look in bookbags today for your Ballot Paper and short resumes from the two candidates. When you have chosen your preferred candidate please:

1. Fold the ballot paper - **do not write your name on the ballot paper.**
2. Place your folded ballot paper in the envelope provided and **write your name on the envelope** so that it can be checked against the list of eligible voters. (The envelope will be opened and discarded by the independent scrutineer without looking at the votes cast.)
3. Deliver your ballot to the school (in person) and place in the ballot box which will be available between **8am and 6pm** in the foyer outside the school office.

All ballot papers must be received by midday on Tuesday 21st October.

PTFA NEWS

HENLEY 10k AND HALF MARATHON: Huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored TEAM HEIGHTS so far. We have raised over £1000! It's not too late to pledge there are 8 days left. Come along and support on Sunday if you can. Both races start at 9.30am at Henley Rugby Club. Good luck runners!

CAKE SALE next Friday (17th October). As we had SO many wonderful cakes last time we have decided to alternate between the classes. So next week it's Mr. Crispin's class plus the first half (in the register) of Year 1's turn - Freya, Aoibh, Zack, Joe, Olivia, Eva. Please label your cake boxes so we can return them afterwards.

CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT - There are just a few more tickets available but they **MUST** be bought by Monday at the very latest. If you have already paid you will receive your email confirmation early next week.

MUSIC IN SCHOOL

Reminder: The information sessions with Angie Tse and Helen Hines are on Wednesday 15th October at 3pm and 7.30pm here in school. Thank you to everyone who has registered interest.

SCHOOL PHOTO

The Henley Standard has collected your orders for photos and will deliver to us before half term. We will send them home in your child's bookbag.

CREATE 'N' MAKE

Create 'n' Make has its first session on Monday 13th October. Take up for this club has been low and so the second session on Monday 20th October will be open to anyone who is interested (please let the office know). It will then be decided whether it is feasible to continue after half term. For more details please contact Michaela Clarke on: 07831 429794 or michaela@createnmake.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 15th Oct	3pm and 7.30pm	Music tuition information meetings
Saturday 18th Oct	7.45-11pm	PTFA Curry and Quiz Night at St Andrew's Church Hall

SPOTLIGHT: Our spotlight this week is on Ffion Jones for her special bravery over the past few weeks.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Hannah Jones and Jenna Dhadwal (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Matilda White and Fletcher Bramley (Mr Crispin's Class); Rose Wood and Joe Mackereth (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.

SPECIAL COMMENDATION: We would like to award Holly Parr (Mr Crispin's Class) a special commendation for her caring and supportive attitude to her fellow pupils. Thank you Holly.



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