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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers

All I can say is Wow! Thank you so much for all your amazing cake contributions and donations last week: we made £170 on the sales in less than an hour. Please don't forget to collect your tins and Tupperware from the office.

Thanks also for your help and support in building and erecting furniture and storage units again this week. However, there are still things to do and if anyone could assist with desks and noticeboards on Tuesday 30th September for an hour or so between 3.30 and 8.30pm please let me know.



We have all been very investigative this week! Year 1 have been busy with conkers brought in by Freya. They have drawn them, felt them, weighed them, and counted and sorted them - 195 in total!

They have also used them to work out whether the tallest or the eldest children have the biggest hands by seeing how many each child could hold.

Reception classes have been learning and practicing their phonics and have started to write the letters they have learnt on our outside mark-making table. They have had guided reading and have concentrated on sequencing numbers.



Outside we unearthed a Victorian bottle - 'Veno's Lightning Cough Cure' - when we were starting to lay turf at the back of our building. The children washed it and we did some research to find that Sir William Veno left the UK aged 28 in 1894 and established Veno's company in Canada. He later invented the 'Lightning Cough Cure' and we believe this bottle may date from the 1920s. What budding archaeologists and historians we have here!



Later Josh P found a caterpillar of the Pale Tussock Moth and the children became curious 'scientists'.

GET WELL SOON FFION - We all miss you!

PARENT'S INFORMATION AFTERNOONS - Reminder

Our informal settling in information meetings for parents, led by class teachers, will be 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.

SCHOOL PHOTO

The Henley Standard delivered copies of their newspaper with our Reception Class photos this morning. Proof copies are on show outside the office and order forms are coming home in bookbags. If you would like to buy a newspaper from us so that we benefit with a donation from The Henley Standard, please call in to the office where we have copies for 80p each.

MUSIC TUITION

Thank you for your responses to our email about music lessons in school. There will be two opportunities to attend an information session with Angie Tse and Helen Hines on Wednesday 15th October at 3pm and 7.30pm here in school. You will also find their brochure in your child's bookbag this afternoon.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Create 'n' Make: Registration forms are emailed with this copy of Highlights. Printed copies available from the office if you need one. Please send your completed form and cheque payment in an envelope marked 'Create 'n' Make' to the school office as soon as you can.

Multi-Skills: Thank you for your responses about the proposed Multi-Skills Club. We need a couple more members to make it viable so if you are thinking about this, please let us know.

The programme for clubs currently looks like this:

Monday	13 th Oct - 8 th Dec 8 sessions for £44	Create 'n' Make - run by Mrs Michaela Clarke 01491 578724 or 07831 429794 Email: michaela@createnmake.com
Tuesday		TBA
Wednesday	1 st Oct - trial session then 7 sessions for £35	Relax Kids - run by Gail Bell at www.relaxkids.com
Thursday		TBA
Friday		TBA

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th Sept	3pm	Year 1 Settling-in information for parents: in school
Thursday 2nd Oct	2.45pm	Reception classes Settling-in information for parents: in school
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

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Quiz Night: Saturday 18th October from 7.45 to 11pm at St Andrew's Church Hall. Tickets £10 each (cash only please).

SPOTLIGHT

Our Spotlight this week falls on: Joe Mackereth for taking part in the **Summer Reading Challenge**. Well done Joe.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Umar Qadeer, Sophie Lowe (Rec C); Zoya Arif, Eddy Leach, Sienna Brock (Rec Denney (Year 1A). them.



Mrs Edwards
Headteacher



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Congratulations to all of