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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual Responsibility and Excellence

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*Be the peace you wish for the world.*  
Mahatma Gandhi

Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that we have already come to the end of the first term at The Heights. I don't know if the time has flown by for you all - but it certainly has for us as staff!

It has been a busy but hugely rewarding 7 weeks and the children have delighted us with their wonderful personalities and their thirst for different learning experiences. They have all made some truly impressive progress in such a short space of time - helped enormously by your support in all areas of school life.

## IN THE CLASSROOMS



### DIWALI

We have all thoroughly enjoyed learning about and celebrating Diwali this week. The children have heard and re-enacted the story of Rama and Sita; they have made their own Divas lanterns and chapatis and designed Rangoli patterns outside. Year 1 have completed some block printing on fabric and made their own garments.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We hope that you found the time with your child's/children's class teacher(s) yesterday and tonight both informative and helpful. We value and welcome any feedback on your experience and the organisation of our sessions and events so that we can ensure they are as productive and positive as possible.

## QUIZ NIGHT

I want to thank all the members of the PTFA and everyone who came to last weekends' Quiz Night. It was a really enjoyable evening, fantastically organised and with a naturally talented Quiz Master in the form of Khayyam Aslam. As I said on the evening, I've been going to school quiz nights for 25 years and have never been to one with 90 people participating.



## PARENT CLASS REP MEETING

I met with the Parent Class Representatives yesterday morning and we discussed a number of key events for pupils and parents coming up. Class Reps also passed on different comments and queries which had been raised by parents. Alice McCarthy will kindly send round the minutes of all that was discussed.

## TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT SITE UPDATE

As I stated last week, we are now on mains power. This has enormous ramifications for us. The generator is being removed tomorrow during our INSET day. This will allow us to develop that area to further enhance the outside learning opportunities for the children.

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are pleased to announce that Esme Tiplady, mum of Isla in Mrs Rizvi's class, has been elected Parent Governor.

We aim for part of that area to be transformed into a 'mud kitchen' - yes, you have read that correctly. If you have any of the following you could donate to help us build and develop it, please let Mr Crispin or the office know so we can co-ordinate construction.



- Old unusable microwave
- Old kitchen units
- Oven
- Pots, pans, utensils - anything 'kitcheny'.

We are also now able to develop provision and use of IT equipment right throughout the school for both pupils and staff. I can't tell you how happy that will make the teachers and the team in the office!

We are still awaiting the report from the Education Funding Agency on all the sites raised as potentially viable permanent options. This report will help us move closer to a final resolution that feels long overdue. We will obviously keep you updated on all developments.

**BIG PLEA:** Can anyone help to move our piano into the school over half term? 45 minutes and we are done. Please let me know.



#### NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are happy to welcome Sanne Perfors to the Heights team as Teaching Assistant. Some of you will know Sanne from Energy Kidz which she is giving up to work with us full time from after half term.

#### PARENT'S PHONICS AND READING SESSION

On **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30pm (apologies for giving incorrect date last week) here in school there will be an opportunity for parents to learn how phonics is taught and how they can support a child with reading. The session will be led by a specialist in this area, Becky Townsend. **As the teaching is aimed at parents, we**

**ask that children are not brought along to give you all the best opportunity to absorb the information.**

PTFA: We raised £112.70 at last week's cake sale and the grand total for the curry and quiz night was £904.05. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. We've raised nearly £2000 just in term 1!  
 There will be a **PTFA Meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.45** here at school.  
**Scooting To School:** If you are buying a scooter don't forget the Scooters for Schools scheme run by Micro Scooters. Every order placed at [www.micro-scooters.co.uk](http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk) quoting the school code (139972) will earn 10% cashback for the school.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET DAY - staff training - no school for the children	
HALF TERM Week Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	8.45-9.15am 7.30pm	Term 2 begins PTFA meeting in school

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:** Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Tara Anand and Joshua Ellison (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Danny Barbano and Zach Dolby (Mr Crispin's Class); Rishona Sen and Olivia Mann (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.

Mrs Edwards  
Headteacher