

This week really was a masterclass in 'Reaching New Heights', as we enjoyed a fabulous Opening Minds Week, starting in incredible style with a whole-school walk to the top of The Malvern Hills! This was such an undertaking, with so many practice walks,

contingencies and weather-watching, but I was so delighted that we were able to get every single child on the trip to the top-almost 200 children! My

absolute favourite moment, was one child's response as we reached the top of the steepest part: "Mrs Vigus, this is breathtaking!" I am so very proud of all the children for being so supportive to each other to ensure everyone succeeded, and to the staff for embracing every idea, however out of the ordinary it might be.

Inspired by their fieldwork questions, lots of other activities have been taking place throughout



the week, including making the most of our local environment with Years 3 and 4 taking part on a village walk, and Years 5 and 6 exploring Hereford on a city trail, including the Mappa Mundi! Our Reception children have been thinking about how to improve their outdoor area, and have made great plans. They wanted to have imaginative play with the unicorns, and dinosaurs, and even made their own maps outside using the cones and hoops. Another lovely moment this week was seeing Reception and Year 6 enjoying a Reading Buddy session, sharing their love of

reading and books with one another. It is so special to see the different ages working together, and I know they are all looking forward to the other sessions to come over the next couple of weeks.

We have lots to look forward to next week too, with Sports Day on Monday (we will adapt the programme if it is too hot, but are still intending going ahead) and Transition Day, where the children will be looking towards their new classes or, in Year 6's case, secondary schools.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

**Elissa Vigus** Headteacher

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Stars of the Week 

Reception - Dotty for being so positive, when things become a little challenging! Maisie for trying so hard in phonics! Year 1 - George for brilliant contributions during our Science experiment. Eliza for sharing super ideas on the carpet. Year 2 - Poppy for her excellent attitude to learning. **Daisy** for always displaying excellent manners. Year 3 - Darcy for her fantastic ideas in our diary writing. Your use of interesting adjectives were fantastic. Jesse for always showing such enthusiasm in his learning, both in and out of the school. Year 4 - Ben for such great focus in all his writing and number activities this week, what a superstar! Thomas for impressive progress with his spellings, he can now confidently spell all the Year 3 and 4 common exception words, with confidence. Year 5 - Henry for producing excellent work for Geography fieldwork week. Layla for being an excellent ambassador for the school on trips out. Year 6 - Theo for trying hard in production and having a great positive attitude. Mason for being helpful and supportive. \*\*\*\*\*



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