

# Weekly Word

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To all Parents/Carers,

It's fair to say, it's been another very busy week at Markeaton!

The much anticipated Derby to London bike ride on the field got us off to a great start and due to an incredibly fortunate break in the weather, most of the afternoon stayed dry! We are still counting up the laps but it looks like we will smash our 129 mile target! Well done to the children and to all of you for showing up in your numbers! One parent said it was one of the 'best days of her life'; seeing all the children taking part with big smiles on their faces. And another thank you to Cycle Derby and Leigh Timmis who helped to organise and promote it all. They could not believe that 260 bikes came into school – and that was with sideways rain and high winds in the morning!!

In other news, our sporting calendar continues to pick up pace; with two more competitions attended this week. Congratulations to our cross country team (who secured four top ten finishes, including one winner) and our Y5/6 Cricket Team who competed really well. There are lots more events to come throughout the year so keep an eye out for any emails coming your way.

The final photo, taken as part of the current Y5/6 project about space, is an experiment whereby the children were measuring the impact created by different sized craters (as if it was a planet's surface). What a great way to bring Science alive and another example of our commitment towards quality first teaching in this subject. The Y5 and Y6 classes also managed to squeeze in an Internet Legends assembly hosted by Google – all part of our drive towards the highest possible standards of E-Safety.

Something else to celebrate this week was our Pupil Premium strategy and all the work we do in school being recognised by the Headteacher Update monthly publication.

This is great that all our hard work, led by Miss Hawley and Miss Sidebottom (plus lots of other members of staff pulling together!) is gaining recognition! Well done!

And finally, thank you for supporting the PTFA in these early weeks. Their diaries are starting to fill up with events for the year so we hope this support will continue! Thank you again ☺

**Have a lovely weekend**