



# Newsletter

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## More Exciting Playground News!

Throughout the school year, I have been working alongside some key members of our community to think about how we can improve our outdoor space. It has been a core focus to make plans which can be used to apply for grants, P&F funding and other opportunities as they arise.

One of our parents, Barbara Samitier, has contributed huge amounts of time to help us create a vision for the whole outdoor area with a consistent theme. I have previously shared through our newsletter and our website, parts of this vision, including the Foundation Stage outdoor area, the Crystal Palace (sports) playground and the Lordship Lane playground (where the new activity trail is due to be installed over the summer).

However, there is one project I have worked on in the background with Barbara. We have developed plans for this project ready to be implemented, but have been waiting for the right funding opportunity to be confirmed.

You may not all have noticed our school garden area, as it is currently quite well hidden behind the School House and is not suitable for our children to access due to its poor condition.

I am very happy to confirm that we will be revamping the whole area in line with our design vision, creating a peaceful garden area and outdoor classroom space. The garden will be opened up so that it can be an extension of our playground, but will remain secluded enough to offer a calm and quiet experience at break times, and an additional learning environment for small groups. The objective for the whole of our outdoor space but in particular this area, is to create a greener environment where wildlife can flourish and our children can be immersed in the sights, sounds and smells of nature.

The garden will encompass:

- Planting beds filled with herbaceous plants and fragrant climbers
- Seating areas for outdoor learning and quiet reflection
- Storage for our tools and learning resources

### How are we going to achieve this?

Over the year I have been in contact with 3 Elements, who harness volunteers from the corporate world to support community projects. We have been working with them to build a project plan which would spark their interest and enthusiasm to work with our school.

Last week Barbara and I met with the team leaders from Deutsche Bank and Clifford Chance which was our final pitch to convince them that we are a worthy cause and that a new garden would make a huge difference for our children. I am extremely pleased to announce that they loved the vision behind our project and 3 Elements have confirmed it will be going ahead.

### Next Steps

We have successfully secured a large workforce (and a small budget) on Thursday 12th July, made up of Deutsche Bank and Clifford Chance volunteers, who will descend on our playground and get to work! The whole Lordship Lane playground will be closed off for the day. As well as tackling the garden, they will look at other improvements which can be made around the playground...lots of painting and hopefully some new planters and seating. The P&F have generously agreed to fund the paving of the garden area once the voluntary team have finished.

We will ensure that timetables next year allow all classes access to our new playground areas during playtimes

We can't wait for everybody to see the results and we are delighted that this project is going ahead. In the meantime, you can view the plans on our website and a snapshot of the garden plan on the last page of this newsletter.



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## Heber Picnic & Dog Show

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Picnic and Dog Show on Saturday. The turnout was fantastic and it was great to see so many new faces as well as established Heber families. The BBQ kindly manned by the Heber Governors sold out completely, we ran out of ice creams, and had twice as many dogs as we expected!

Congratulations to all the winners of the Dog Show categories. Especially to Geno who won Best in Show (see picture below!).

A huge THANK YOU to Mr Neve-Dunn who not only set up the agility course and brought along his two gorgeous dogs, Joe and Noah, but did a fantastic job of compering the event. Thanks also to our sponsors - Daisy Lets, the Neighbourhood Vet and Maison Dog for their wonderful support - and to our judges who had the unenviable task of choosing the winners. And thanks to everyone who came along and were such an enthusiastic crowd and to all of the 23 gorgeous pooches who behaved impeccably in spite of being pushed down slides, squeezed into tight trousers and force fed sausages!

This was never meant to be a fundraiser, but a free family event, so much to our surprise we raised £728 - thanks to your generosity!

## Pedestrian Training – Years 3 and 4

The Year 3 and 4 children took part in a practical Pedestrian Training session with Southwark School's Road Safety Team. The children learnt about the dangers of the road. In groups, the children went outside to practice crossing the road. They practiced crossing at a variety of different junctions and identified good places to cross. They also learnt about making their own decisions when crossing the roads.



## Team Heber Fun Run

The Fun Run sponsorship money has finally been counted and we are blown away by the amount the children have raised.

This year has been our most successful Fun Run ever! Team Heber have raised an incredible £7,131. A huge thank you to everyone who bought T-shirts, helped their kids to raise so much sponsorship, and who came to support on the day. 1H won the trophy for raising the most (over £900). Thank you to our sponsors KFH Estate Agents plus ESPH, SE Magazines and Dulwich Chiropractic Clinic. Because they covered all the costs, every penny of the children's sponsorship goes directly to the Activity Trail. If anyone still has some sponsorship money to donate, please do it through our JustGiving page at:

[www.justgiving.com/pfhs](http://www.justgiving.com/pfhs)





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## A Message from the Music Team



### Year 1, 2 and 3 Summer Music Concert – Tuesday the 26th June at 2:15pm

Next week, our valiant heroes in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be hosting their summer music concert! They've spent a lot of time working hard in their classes and in their respective key stages working on songs to perform to you, and everyone will have a chance to perform. From the Year 3 orchestra and the Year 2 instrumentalists, to the Year 1 musicians (via the Year 3 class band), it promises to be one of the highlights of the year. Don't miss out! Buy your ticket from the office today to see your child perform!



### Year 4, 5 and 6 Summer Music Concert – Tuesday the 3rd July at 2:15pm

Following the Years 1-3 extravaganza will be the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Music Concert. This special event will include vocal performances from the school choir, singing assembly singalongs with 100+ children, rock bands, and of course performances from each child with their class – including the Year 4 class band, the Year 6 orchestra and the Year 5 steel pan band. Get a ticket from the office to guarantee your seat for the performance!

## This week in the Art Room

The latest display from the Art Room! Come and see Year 3 and 6's vibrant out of this world designs! They can be found in the glass cabinet at the entrance to the school.





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## The Heber Dog Show – Report by Mr. Neve-Dunn

I am not sure if dog shows have a theme, but if they do, the theme for the Heber Dog Show was desperation. The previous show had about 7 dogs, but this time we were dealing with about 25. This clearly unsettled the judging panel and the organising team. We were desperately trying to work out the names of the dogs in every category, and level of bribes needed for certain dogs to win.

It is just a dog show but when competitive desperation gets involved you have Mr Neve-Dunn designing the agility course on Friday night and then testing the course with his two dogs. Young Heber children looked on contemptuously and muttered that this was 'cheating'.

Mr Neve-Dunn's attempts to design an agility course that would favour bigger dogs failed miserably. His Golden Retriever, Noah, showed no interest in jumping up the steps and going through the tunnels.

Let's go through the positives before we have a look at the negatives:

1. There were no obvious fights – between the dogs or the humans. And the playground wasn't covered with faeces and urine – canine or human.

The negatives:

2. Well quite clearly the judging panel, Rivka Rosenberg, Stef Lewandowski, and Claire (Daisy Lets)
3. The organisers had expected a quiet event with about 5 dogs and were totally overwhelmed by the twenty-five brilliant and determined dogs that came to compete
4. The judges failed to notice Noah's unbelievable efforts in the skills part of the competition (I am not bitter)
5. Evidently desperation led some of the dog owners to enter every competition. Several dogs in the waggiest dog tail category had little flagpoles that were doing an impression of rigor mortis

### **The Results:**

Agility 1st Geno – The course was possibly a touch demanding, with most of the dogs finishing the race in a slightly traumatised state.

Waggiest tail - 1st Bentley – The event that had desperate owners physically trying to move their dog's tails.

Best trick - 1st Tilly – Lovely dog, but still think Noah was robbed.

Golden Oldie - 1st Captain – Charmed everybody who cheered him around the dog-ring.

Fastest Sausage Snaffler - 1st Arlo – Very competitive event, some incredibly fast sausage eaters!

Best dressed/fancy dress - 1st Noodle (aka Santa Paws) – Some comments that wearing a fur coat is not a valid way of winning this category

Best puppy dog eyes - 1st Beau – A well-deserved victory.

Dog most like owner – 1st Freya - Many owners contorted their faces to appear more dog like – another example of the despairing attempts to win something

Most handsome hound - 1st Odin – The God of wisdom and many other things. There is absolutely no suspicion (or at least very little) that Mrs Jefford used bribery to win this event.

Best in show – Geno – A well-deserved win for a lovely dog, whose generous owners kindly gave gifts to all the judges.

**Well done to the P and F, particularly Louise, for organising such a popular, enjoyable and good-humoured event!**



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## Perform Bursary Scheme

The Perform Bursary Fund is an independent not-for-profit scheme founded and run by local Perform parents. The scheme offers selected children free places at their local Perform school where a unique mix of drama, dance and singing is used to help develop their social skills and bring out their true potential.

The Scheme aims to provide up to 40 full annual bursary places each term - i.e. 120 per year. We are currently inviting applications from the parents/ carers of 4-7 and 7-12 year-old children who would benefit from the classes but are prevented from attending by financial constraints. In particular children from disadvantaged backgrounds who are either:

- shy and unconfident
- confident but unfocused
- gifted and talented in the performing arts.

Please click for more information on the Scheme's background, values and aims, priorities and delivery considerations or monitoring and evaluation practices.

Bursary application forms can be found here:

[www.perform.org.uk/userfiles/pdfs/PBFApplication.pdf](http://www.perform.org.uk/userfiles/pdfs/PBFApplication.pdf)

Applications are now being accepted for the autumn 2018 term with the deadline of Saturday 30th June.

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week in Merit Assembly:

Reception – Aaliyah and Hushai

Year 1 – Fred and Nelly

Year 2 – Esme R and Aymen

Year 3 – Raia, Luis and Al-Ameen

Year 4 – Ethan and Emerson

Year 5 – Tylo and Fin

Year 6 – Away on School Journey

## Weekly Music Awards

**KS1:** Samuel in 1H is turning into a real musical hero week by week. His energy, focus and commitment cannot be questioned, and his learning and progress is astounding and so clear to see and hear. His enthusiastic participation in all our musical learning activities this week has earned him the Key Stage 1 Music Award.

**Lower Key Stage 2:** Felicie in 3L is rapidly becoming a real Rachmaninoff. Her instrumental playing recently of classical music during our History of Music sessions is protégé-like, and it's only a matter of time until she is principle first violin for the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Keep it up Felicie, you are our Lower Key Stage 2 music award winner this week.

**Upper Key Stage 2:** The Upper Key Stage 2 award goes to both Joelle and Janelle from 5S. They have shown technical singing skills during singing assembly over that last few weeks far beyond the expectation for year 5. They are clearly listening to our vocal coaches and using the warm ups and skills taught to improve the quality of their singing hugely. Congratulations girls.



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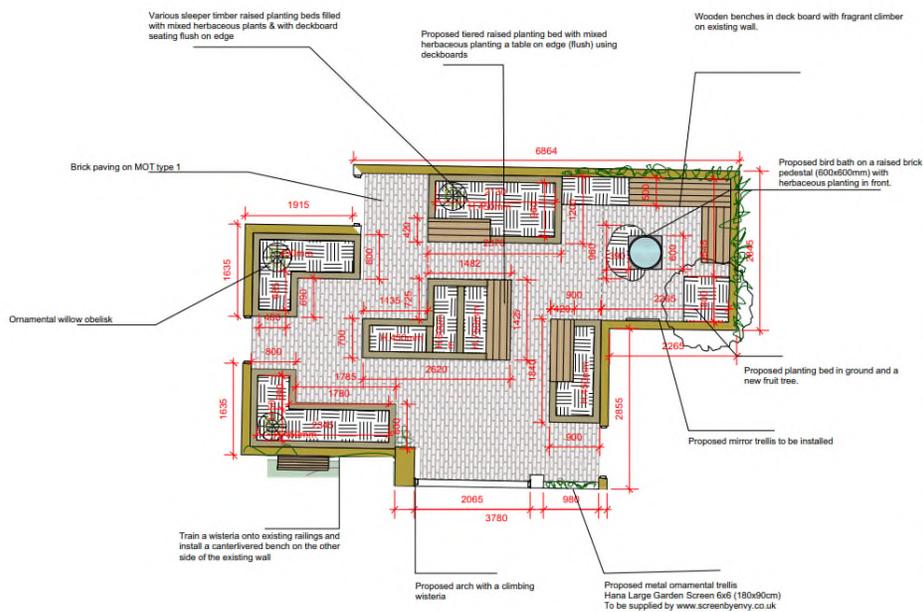
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Walled Garden - 1:50 @ A3

**Notes**

All dimensions are shown in millimeters unless otherwise indicated. Do not scale from this drawing.

All dimensions to be verified on site prior to the commencement of any work.

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**Drawn by:** PG

## June

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1-3 Music Concert
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> (3:00pm)	RE - Class Assembly
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> (3:45pm)	Welcome meeting for 2018/19 Nursery parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tech Fest
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Phase 6 Phonics Workshop
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> (1:30pm – 2:30pm)	Stay & Play session for new Nursery families
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Wild Learning at Winkworth Arboretum

## July

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Years 4-6 Music Concert
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> (3:00pm)	1H - Class Assembly
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> (3:45pm)	Reception to Year 1 transition meeting
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> (1:30pm – 2:30pm)	Stay & Play session for new Nursery families
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	P&F School Disco
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> (9:30am)	Year 2 to Year 3 transition meeting
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 performance at Almeyn's Theatre
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> (3:00pm)	5K - Class Assembly
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon (1L only)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> (9:30am)	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school closes at 2:00pm