



# Newsletter

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## Visitors in Year 2

At the start of November, 2H had a great week for visitors! Noa's grandmother and mum taught us all about the Mexican celebration: The Day of the Dead. They gave us a fantastic lesson, where we got to learn all about the importance of remembering people who pass away in a joyful way. We loved learning about the decorations, food and culture of the celebration and we even got to sing some Mexican songs! We created our own classroom alter to celebrate the people who are important in our lives and created colourful decorations and skeletons to help decorate it. Thank you, Laura and Vivine! ¡Muchas gracias! We learned so much and had a great time.

Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Dr Hastings this month! Miss Hastings' sister came from Homerton Hospital where she works in the maxillofacial and oral department as a dentist. She taught us all about teeth and explained how we can look after our teeth properly. We also got some reward charts for brushing our teeth and some fun stickers.



## Library Revamp – Can You Help?

Our beloved library needs a little revamp to make it more accessible for our children. We've created an Amazon Wish list for a few items to create a more inviting space. If you are able to contribute, please follow the link below to take a look. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39CTCUMNI83X0?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39CTCUMNI83X0?ref_=wl_share)

We are also looking for a pre-loved Flitsat book display. If you're looking to get rid of one, we would gladly re-home it in our library.



Please also look at home for school library books that your child is no longer reading and return them to us. These normally have a white sticky label on the spine, marked with a letter or has the Heber stamp inside.



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## Year 3 RE

### Topic: What is the significance of light in religion?

In Year 3 we have been learning about how light is celebrated by different religions. This week we learnt about Diwali, the festival of lights, and how it is celebrated by millions around the world. We explored the special traditions of the festival including Rangoli art. Inspired by the wonderful patterns we created our own colourful Rangoli with both sand and also paper. Happy Diwali to you all!



## Mr Neve-Dunn's Sports Reports

### The Netball Revolution

With the cold winter approaching the 15 Heber girls and one boy (Amir) marched down to Alleyns to play netball against their Y6 teams. This is the biggest challenge they have ever faced on the sporting field/court.

Netball against a large private school (Alleyns) is going to challenge the resources of a small state primary school (us!). Mr Neve-Dunn was in full political mode – imploring the Bolsheviks (our girls) to defeat the Czarist elites (the Alleyns girls). He left Russia and went a bit Chilean... 'El pueblo unido jamas sera vencido!' (The people united will never be defeated!) and told the girls to defend the barricades.

In truth the Alleyns sports teachers and children were lovely. They had no interest in a class struggle. However, the netball struggle was of interest to everyone. Both Heber teams were down by several baskets from early on. The revolution was collapsing. After the first two quarters we looked too far behind. However, in the next two quarters the girls adapted to the wide spaces and higher nets. Their speed of passing made Spain's tiki-taka football look slow. With their innate resilience they were now able to show confidence, teamwork, accuracy, and pride – it was like watching Take That before Robbie left.

Both teams fought back to draw! 13-13 and 4-4. Amazing effort which left Mr Neve-Dunn emotionally muttering something about his proudest sporting moment at Heber.

This result doesn't happen by luck; it is down to the dedication of the girls and especially coach Kate (Albert and Lennie's mum). Well done Emily, Freya, Anika, Aminah, Ashley, Annabelle, Alice, Tessa, Lola, Lamis, Swizz, Luna, Taliyah, Janet, Ruby, Amelie and Amir.

### Year 5 Football vs St Anthony's

On Thursday 9th November our Y5 girls and boys competed against our neighbour St Anthony's. The attitude and commitment of the players was wonderful. Unfortunately, our girls struggled against strong opposition and lost 3-0. However, it is their first match and they will improve. The boys battled back from 2-0 to draw 2-2 and looked stronger at the end.



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## Music Stars

This week in music, Year 1 helped bring the story of The King of the Forest to life, playing instruments to represent different animals. Year 2 learned a percussion piece, using long and short sounds on the chime bars and claves. Year 3 began learning Christmas Magic in preparation for the Christmas Show. Year 4 continued learning Christmas Magic and started looking at 'Ho ho ho, we're ready to go'. Year 5 and 6 sang beautiful legato phrases in Snow, in preparation for their Christmas Concert. Every week Miss Grace chooses two music stars/singing captains from each class to feature in the newsletter. Well done to all the music stars from this week!

- |                        |                            |                      |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1C – Olivia, Otto      | 1V – Hadiya, Adam          | 2JP – Cameron, Aalia | 2H – Freddie, Lydia  |
| 3N – Sebastian, Reuben | 3W – Malachi, Freya, Talya | 4LC – Evelyn, Julian | 4S – Jonah, Edie     |
| 5G – Harrison, Miley   | 5K – Amir, Saara           | 6F – Alice, Gabriel  | 6A – Taliyah, Hushai |




## Academic Excellence Awards

This week in our Merit Assembly we celebrated the successes of a child from each class, who excelled in their learning and produced some outstanding work. Well done to the following children:

- |            |              |           |            |
|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| RH Mila    | RP Aarian    | RH Thea   | RP Iris    |
| 1C Sophia  | 1V Eve       | 1C Elodie | 1V Neo     |
| 2H Ronja   | 2JP May      | 2H Oscar  | 2JP Theo   |
| 3N Julia   | 3W Lennon    | 3N Joe    | 3W Samuel  |
| 4LC Ena    | 4S Luka      | 4LC Emily | 4S Lila    |
| 5G Chester | 5K Fred      | 5G Heidi  | 5K Sam     |
| 6A Maryam  | 6F Annabelle | 6A Ollie  | 6F Gabriel |

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week for demonstrating our school values this week:

| House Points     | Rigal                                                                               | Mycroft                                                                             | Valdez                                                                               | Ndume                                                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>This Week</b> | 406                                                                                 | 398                                                                                 | 399                                                                                  | 404                                                                                   |
| <b>Total</b>     | 3895                                                                                | 3893                                                                                | 3890                                                                                 | 3894                                                                                  |



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## Diary Dates

All diary dates can be found on our school [website](#).

### November

|                            |                                                            |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Flu immunisations                                          |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Yr 6 TFL Citizenship workshop – Old Kent Road fire station |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Year 3 visit to the Horniman Museum – Prehistoric workshop |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>    | Get Rid of and Donate collection                           |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>    | Deadline for Link Age Christmas gifts                      |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 4 visit to the BFI                                    |

### December

|                                                                           |                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> (am)                                              | Nursery and Year 6 – Rapunzel at Theatre Peckham |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> (2:30pm)                                          | Reception Christmas performance                  |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>                                                  | Heber P&F Christmas Fair                         |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> (9:30am and 2:30pm)                              | Key Stage 1 Christmas performance                |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> (2:30pm)                                       | Nursery Christmas concert                        |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>                                                 | School Christmas lunch                           |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> (3:30pm)                                        | Years 5 and 6 Carol Concert                      |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> (9:30am and 2:30pm)                              | Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance              |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>                                                | Last day of term – Children finish at 2:00pm     |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January School Holiday |                                                  |

### January

|                                    |                                                           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>            | Children return to school                                 |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>           | Perform drama workshops                                   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> (9:15am) | Maths workshop for parents/carers – Years 5 and 6         |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>            | Get Rid of and Donate collection                          |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>            | Year 6 visiting the Horniman Museum                       |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>           | 3N – Guildhall Art Gallery and London's Roman Ampitheatre |



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## LINK AGE SOUTHWARK Christmas Gift Appeal

Can you help to spread a little Christmas cheer this year?

We would love our families to make up a gift box/bag for an elderly person in Southwark, who is at risk of loneliness and isolation this Christmas.

### HOW TO HELP

1. Line a gift box with Christmas wrapping paper or find a gift bag
2. Fill it with Christmas goodies like a nice jam, biscuits, gloves, a warm scarf, some chocolate and a pair of socks
3. Bring the box into school by Monday 27th November

Please do not seal the boxes, so that a volunteer can check the gifts and make sure they go to the perfect person.



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## ETTIE'S 1ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

TO BENEFIT FAMILIES SUPPORTED  
BY HOME START LAMBETH

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD JOY THIS CHRISTMAS  
TO LOCAL CHILDREN

### HOW TO DONATE:

- Drop off a new & unwrapped toy for ages newborn to 18 yrs old  
or
- Make a monetary donation to go towards purchasing toys at  
<https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/ettiestoydrive/>

DROP OFF AT  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE

DONATIONS COLLECTED  
UNTIL  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

GIFTS TO AVOID  
INCLUDE:  
-FOOD GIFTS  
-GIFTS THAT REQUIRE  
BATTERIES (UNLESS  
PROVIDED)

MORE DETAILS ABOUT HOME START @  
[WWW.HOMESTARTLAMBETH.CO.UK](http://WWW.HOMESTARTLAMBETH.CO.UK)

