



Newsletter

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Welcome Back

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I hope you all had a restful break over the Easter holidays. It has been a great start back to the new term. The children have got straight back into the swing of things and are working hard on their targets from the Spring Term.

There are lots of exciting plans for the Summer Term and plenty of ways for parents and carers to get involved. Keep a close eye on our upcoming dates and the newsletters, for news about STEAM Week, Careers Week, International Week and lots more!

Wednesday 1st May will be Ms Batty's last day at Heber. Ms Batty has moved out of London and the commute is sadly too much on top of a busy school day. She will be really missed at Heber and we wish her all the best in her new school!

Best wishes,

Miss Rosenberg



Stem Masterclasses at Charter East Dulwich

Last half term, some of our year 5 children had the opportunity to take part in STEM masterclasses run by sixth formers at Charter East Dulwich. The project was a success and our children seemed to enjoy themselves and learned a lot. It was also great to get some fabulous feedback from the staff and students that ran the project about the enthusiasm and engagement of our children. We hope to collaborate on a similar project again next year.

Autism Awareness Week

Before Easter, we had Autism Awareness Week. This is a week that, each year, we set aside time to collectively learn and educate ourselves about Autism - as well as other diagnoses and neurodivergence. At Heber, we pride ourselves on inclusivity and acceptance but we also see our differences as our magic; as our superpower, if you will! So, this week, we took the time to acknowledge and celebrate all the things that make us 'us'; what makes us unique, our likes and dislikes, our different ways of learning and how we each walk the journey of life. We have so much to celebrate with regards to who each of us are (both children and adults), whether we have Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, any other diagnosis... or even no diagnosis at all! We are all such an important, integral part of our Heber community. Every child took the time to think about what makes them who they are and what they like. So - this is us...

Miss Darkin





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Netball Vs SJSC

Heber finally face their oldest rivals

After weeks of taking on the giants of the private school circuit, Heber found themselves back on familiar ground for a thrilling match against a local state school. And what a match it was!

We happily opened the gates of our sporting 'fortress' to welcome St. John and St. Clements for a tense netball showdown. But little did we know, we were about to face a team with towering players straight out of Amazonia! Seriously, what do they feed those girls down the road in Bellenden land? We felt like the munchkins in comparison!

Our spies had told us about the St John and St Clements netball club. We knew they had been training. They want to take our top sporting position.

However, true to Heber spirit, our girls weren't about to back down from a challenge. Despite being half the size of our opponents, they rolled up their sleeves and got down to business. It was reminiscent of the Battle of Britain, with our plucky little fighter pilots taking on the Luftwaffe over the skies of East Dulwich! (Stop exaggerating! - Editor)

Lola was an absolute force to be reckoned with on the shooting court, effortlessly hitting basket after basket. And let's not forget about our midfield maestros - Alice, Nour, and Hiba - who were simply exceptional. When you can't see over the high trees, just pass the ball under their legs - genius!

Despite the odds stacked against them, the Heber girls fought tooth and nail until the very end, and their efforts paid off in spades. With a display of skill, determination, and teamwork, they emerged victorious with a resounding 6-2 win!

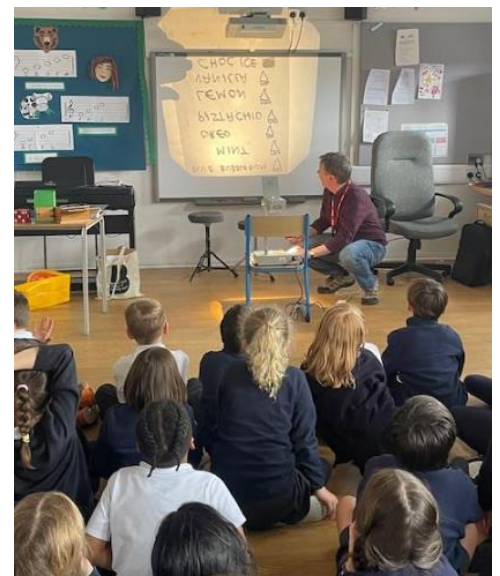
Congratulations to our Heber heroes for another thrilling victory. We couldn't be prouder of our girls and their indomitable spirit on the court. Here's to many more epic battles and triumphs to come!

Magic Maths with Rob Eastaway

Special thanks to [Rob Eastaway](#), a former Heber parent and author of several Maths books designed to support parents with helping their children with Maths, who came in to wow the Year 3 and 4 children with his magical Maths performance this week!

Watch out for Rob's new book, 'Much Ado About Numbers' revealing the surprising ways in which Shakespeare was influenced by the mathematical innovations that were happening in the world around him. Rob will be doing a talk about his new book at the Dulwich Festival in May (for parents of secondary school children rather than primary). For more details visit the website below!

[Much Ado About Numbers by Rob Eastaway – Dulwich Festival](#)





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P&F Easter Egg Hunt

The last day of the Spring Term was filled with excitement as the P&F put on an Easter egg hunt for all the children. The wind and rain did not slow the kids down and the chance to win an extra egg by finding the hidden bunny really brought out their competitive sides! Everyone had a lot of fun and thanks to all the generous donations we raised £556 for the school to go towards the renovation of the Middle Hall.

A huge thank you to Sarah H, Holly, Kristen, Becca, Linda and Alicia (and baby Isabella!) for all your help organising and hiding eggs! Thank you to Mrs Jefford and the Office Team for helping us organise it all, and thanks to the Nursery and Reception Staff for allowing a quick change of plans to keep the younger children warm and dry!



Autism Team Parent Workshops

The Autism Team at Southwark Council are hosting coffee mornings! Join them for an informal and friendly coffee morning with Blagoje Vucinic (Mr B), Autism Post Diagnosis Support Worker. This is an opportunity for parents of autistic children to ask questions about the diagnosis, to discuss practical strategies for meeting the needs of your children, to meet other parents, to share information and experiences, or simply just to listen.

To book your place, please email Blagoje.vucinic@southwark.gov.uk or call 07802 860 871 to send you the registration link.

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:

RH	Kalaya	RP	Naveyah
1C	Otto	1V	Willow
2H	Emmanuella	2JP	Jake
3N	Luca	3W	Safeeya
4LC	Ena	4S	Saifan
5G	Harry	5K	Saara
6A	Lamis	6F	Gabriel

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	Cairo	RP	Oscar
1C	Agnes	1V	Earl
2H	Elon	2JP	Rafe
3N	Milan	3W	Peter
4LC	Albert	4S	Jonah
5G	Elijah	5K	George
6A	Luna	6F	Kaspar



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The Big Heber Clothes Swap

On Friday 22nd March the Eco Committee held a very successful clothes swap. Huge thank you to all who donated and attended the event that was planned and led by the children...with a little help from Mr Gilyead. We had a HUGE number of donations. Clothes that were left at the end will be going to Get Rid of and Donate next week.



Online Safety - Filtering and Monitoring

As part of recent updates to government guidelines on online safety, we have implemented a new monitoring system on all Heber computers and devices. While we have always maintained robust filtering systems to prevent access to any harmful or inappropriate content, we have now introduced a system called 'Classroom Cloud' for real-time monitoring.

Operating in the background of all our devices, the monitoring system offers insights into users' actions. Should children attempt to access or type any content deemed inappropriate based on an extensive 'safeguarding' keywords list, our Designated Safeguarding Leads will receive immediate alerts, enabling them to take necessary actions promptly.

This new monitoring capability allows us to track children's device activity continuously, both online and offline. Therefore, even if children attempt to access a prohibited website that our filtering system blocks, we will still receive an alert along with a screenshot.

We are confident that this new system will further enhance our ability to ensure the e-safety of all our pupils.



This Week in Art

It was lovely to be back in the Art Room this week. The children were all very excited to begin work on their new Art Topics.

5K were very well behaved when we walked to Dulwich Park to complete our 'Nature in Art' topic on Thursday afternoon. They completed some lovely outdoor sketches as you can see.



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Music Stars

This term, KS2 are all starting to learn an instrument. Year 3 have recorder lessons every Thursday. They have now also learned C on the recorder, they played the C-A Samba and displayed their dance skills as well as their excellent recorder playing! Year 4 put together all the elements of their piece for their first performance run-through. They also composed their own rhythms using the names of different insects and layered them together in pairs. Year 5 played Oh When the Saints with steel pans and glockenspiels to create an echo effect. They have also made a great start on Day-O. Year 6 can now play Three Little Birds with excellent C, F and G7 chords and are well on their way to adding a complex strumming pattern.

Each week Miss Grace chooses two music stars from each class. Well done to all the music stars this week and last week!

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| 1C – Jago, Kianna, Kian, Olivia, Yusuf, Isla Rose | 1V – Hana, Dylan, Lucy, Theo, Ismail, Elouise |
| 2JP – Cameron, Ettie, Jake, Olivia, Albie, Heidi, Cleo | 2H – Alex, Sienna, Jasper, Mia, Hettie |
| 3N – Xavier, Ava, Jack, Clemmie, Oscar, Mina | 3W – Gabriel, Vida, Eleanor, Henry, Malachi, Luka |
| 4LC – Evie, Gia, Hannah, Ian, Grace, James | 4S – Malaya, Jonas, Betina, Kayden, Ariadne, Tahirah |
| 5K – Aiden, Tamarrio | 5G – Elijah, Olesja |

Mental Health Workshops

On the 8th May, we are offering a mental health awareness session to all parents and carers. The workshop will be about how to support your children with their wellbeing. We will discuss how to introduce mental health topics of conversation in an age-appropriate way and it explore the way that mental health and emotions are talked about and supported within the school. We will offer advice and support on how parents can support their children's wellbeing at home. The workshop is run in conjunction with The Nest who offer mental health support to children in Southwark.

The workshop will take place in the Computing Suite from 9.05am -10.00am. If you are interested in securing a space at the workshop, please sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/tvswxWMqKsWQY4Sn7> Please be aware you will need to use your child's google classroom login to access the sign-up sheet.

We are also excited to announce that The NEST will be in school on Monday 22nd April, working with the children in Years 2,3 and 4 on 'Healthy Friendships'. Through the sessions the children will look at what a healthy friendship looks and feels like and also talk about how to maintain healthy friendships.

House Points	Rigal	Mycroft	Valdez	Ndume
This Week	689	683	684	695
Total	689	683	684	695



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P&F Summer Term Events

It's the Summer Term (already!), which means the P&F are shifting in to high gear to bring you a series of events to join, whether your preference is for a sunny evening drink and a quiz, fun running around the park or a good old Summer Fair Sunday. We'll also be welcoming new joiners with a bbq. As always, shout at your class rep if you want to get involved.

We're kicking off with a Heber favourite, **International Evening** on Fri 17th May. We'll have more details on that next week, but consider this your notice to dust off your favourite recipes, get your star baker pinny out, and prepare to share your international flavours with the Heber community. As always, eager eaters as well as eager chefs required!



Careers Week

We need you! The week of the 20th May we are having 'Careers Week' at Heber! We would love to invite as many parents as possible to share their careers with the children. The children love hearing about the different jobs out there and we would love to inspire them. If you are interested or would like any further information, please contact the School Office.

April

Monday 22 nd – Wednesday 24 th	Year 5 School Journey – Isle of Wight
Monday 22 nd	Healthy friendships workshops with The Nest (Years 2, 3 and 4)
Tuesday 23 rd	Class Assembly – 4LC (9:15am) 3N – Kew Gardens 1V – Pond Dipping
Wednesday 24 th	Workshop for Year 1 parents/carers Phonics screening (9:15am)
Thursday 25 th	1C – Pond Dipping 5G – Dulwich Park art sketching session
Friday 26 th	Get Rid of and Donate collection (3:45pm)
Monday 29 th – Friday 3 rd	International Week
Tuesday 30 th	Class Assembly – 2JP (9:15am)

May

Monday 6 th	Early May Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 7 th	Class Assembly – 2H (9:15am)
Wednesday 8 th	Parent/carer workshop – Supporting Your Child's Mental Health
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th	Key Stage 2 SATs tests
Tuesday 14 th	3W – Kew Gardens
Friday 17 th	International Evening
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th	Careers Week Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 21 st	Class Assembly – 1C(9:15am)
Wednesday 22 nd	School photography day – Class photos

Half Term Monday 27th – Friday 31st May