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Black History Month 2023

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Every October at Heber we celebrate the contribution that black people have made in the United Kingdom. While we consider it important to teach Black History throughout the year, we use Black History Month as an opportunity to step away from the National Curriculum and to teach events from British Black History which are not usually covered in school. In previous years, children have learnt about: The Windrush Generation; Claudia Jones and the Notting Hill Carnival; and The Bristol Bus Boycott. This year children have been learning about Black Tudors and exploring what life was like as a Black person in Tudor times.

In the Reception classes children started Black History Month by looking back at some of the historical events we have previously learnt about at Heber. We looked back to the Bristol Bus boycotts and the origins of Notting Hill Carnival. The children have learnt signs for the song 'Dancing in the Streets'. They all loved having a dance to the song.

In Year 1 and 2 children learnt about the trumpeter John Blanke and created posters promoting his skills playing the trumpet for the Tudor kings.

In Year 3 and 4 children have been creating timelines of all the events they have studied so far in Black History at Heber school. They were shocked to find out how much further back in time the Tudors were than the more recent Black British history they have studied so far. We then asked if there were any Black people in Britain during Tudor times. Next they looked at a tournament roll depicting the birth of Henry VIII's son. Interestingly not all the trumpeters were white!

In Year 5 and 6 the children examined an image of the same tournament roll and made deductions on what they could see.

Excited to find out that Henry VIII employed a black trumpeter, they are next going to find out what other Black Tudors we have records of.







Eco Committee Representatives 2023 -24

Congratulations to all who put themselves forward for eco committee nominations! We had a huge number of nominees which is fantastic to see, and so promising going forward. It is important for children to know that every voice is important when it comes to environmental issues, so even if you didn't make it this time, you can still bring ideas to the table to make Heber a more eco-friendly place.

Well done to everyone who involved, I'm very much looking forward to getting started after half term!

Mr Gilyead



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Heber Eco Committee 2023/24		
Year 1	1C: Sofia	1V: Beatrice
Year 2	2H: Sofia	2JP: Albert
Year 3	3N: Astrid	3W: Aadam
Year 4	4LC: Ena	4S: Sofia
Year 5	5G: George & Jack B	5K: Dorothy
Year 6	6F: Anika	6A: Leo

This Week in Art

Eve and Evie 4LBC produced some great facial feature studies in their Self Portrait drawing topic. Year 3 enjoyed being inspired by Frank Bowling's paintings and using found objects to create texture.







Music Stars

This week in music, Year 1 managed to identify 6 different instruments and the kinds of sounds they make just by listening to them. Year 2 played high and low sounds to accompany our song 'we can sing high'. Year 3 brought our animal story to life by playing the sounds in the story, using different instruments. Year 4 wrote more 4 bar phrases and clapped them in pairs, performing them to the class. In Year 5 they continued to develop their cyclical rhythms, adding instruments. Year 6 successfully worked out the notes to a given song, on the glockenspiel, by ear. We also had a fabulous performance on the piano from Baxter!

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

1 C – Sophia, Yusuf	1V – Eve, Louis	2JP – Olivia, James	2H – Mia, Jasper
3N – Samuel, Ava	3W - Henry, Sade	4LC - Gia, Albert	4S – Malaya, Reuben
5G – Elijah, Nancy	5K – Amelie, George	6F – William, Lola	6A - Maryam, Linus

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Rugby vs St Anthony's

New stars are born!

One of the greatest joys is seeing new players take part in their first ever match for Heber. On Thursday, our Year 4 children faced local rivals St Anthony's in a rugby match. Heber was pleased to also introduce a couple of Year 3 players, Shaniyah and Grayson, into the mix. The team was filled with tremendous enthusiasm and energy.

Of course playing rugby with the World Cup currently running in France is good timing. Perhaps in the Heber playground we were looking at stars of the future.

The game was played at a speed that the All Blacks (New Zealand) would have been proud of. The supporting Heber parents would have struggled to tackle the spinning and side-stepping Heber whirling dervishes. Much of the game was a blur, and stumbling Mr Neve-Dunn struggled to keep up. However, the experience and calm of Samuel, Finn and Jonah proved decisive. Perhaps it will prove to be a good omen for the England team playing on Saturday; Heber triumphed 15 tries to 10 tries against our speedy rivals!

Well done to all the team, especially the players on their debut: Jonah, Jude, Finn, Matilda, Emily, Albert, Shaniyah, Grayson, Samuel, Luca, Edith

Mr Neve Dunn











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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	Emmy	RP	Rayan
1C	Arda	1V	Marnie
2H	Lydia	2JP	Finnian
3N	Stanley	3W	Eleanor
4LC	Grace	4S	Kira
5G	Miley	5K	Aiden
6A	Hushai	6F	Jayceon and Ethan

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	William	RP	Olivia
1C	Rafferty	1V	Cora
2H	Jasper	2JP	Eddie
3N	Milan	3W	Henry
4LC	Max	4S	Jessica
5G	Harry	5K	George
6A	Bobo	6F	Lola

Magna Newsletter

Team Magna are delighted to introduce our new Parent Newsletter to provide families with an update half termly on what's been happening at our extended provision at Heber Primary School. As part of our newsletter, we are excited to share with you updates on team members, activities for the children and daily timetables and food menus. Please <u>click here</u> to see the newsletter, as well as a link to access our Parent Survey. We hope to see some of the Heber children at our half-term camp next week!





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This Week	387	389	385	383
Total	2547	2555	2548	2541

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Diary Dates

All diary dates can be found on our school website.

October			
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Half Term Holiday		
Sunday 29 th	Heber P&F Pumpkin Patch		
Monday 30 th	4LC Science workshops begin at Alleyns (4 weeks)		
Tuesday 31st	4LC visit to the Horniman Museum		
November			
Wednesday 1st	School photographer in - Individual photos		
Thursday 2 nd	School photographer in - sibling photos		
Friday 3 rd	6A visiting the National Gallery		
Friday 3 rd (8:00am)	Chess Club for Years 4-6 begins		
Monday 6 th	6F visiting the National Gallery		
Thursday 9 th	2JP visiting the Florence Nightingale Museum		

Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13 th	Reception and Year 5 NHS height and weight checks
Thursday 16 th	2H visiting the Florence Nightingale Museum
Thursday 16 th	Heber P&F Quiz Night
Monday 20th	Flu immunisations
Monday 20th	Yr 6 TFL Citizenship workshop – Old Kent Road fire station
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 3 visit to the Horniman Museum – Prehistoric workshop
Friday 24 th	Get Rid of and Donate collection
Tuesday 28 th	Year 4 visit to the BFI

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