



# Newsletter

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## End of Term Message

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As we approach the end of another great year at Heber, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few thank yous.

I have to start by mentioning the children. Their enthusiasm for learning, kindness towards one another, and resilience in the face of challenges have been truly inspiring. We have witnessed significant academic progress, artistic creativity, and sporting accomplishments throughout the year, all of which highlight the diverse talents and hard work of our pupils.

Our staff have once again gone above and beyond, ensuring that each child receives a rich and nurturing educational experience. Their continued commitment to excellence and passion for teaching have played a pivotal role in our children's successes as well as the incredibly strong culture we have worked so hard to achieve. Thank you all so much for the incredibly generous post-Ofsted collection! It was very well spent last Friday night on our Staff end of year celebration as well as an end of year staff drinks.

A special and very big thank you has to go to our amazing Parents and Friends Committee – particularly Holly H and Sarah G. The tireless efforts from all who helped organise a whole raft of events and fundraising activities have been nothing short of extraordinary. The funds raised will have a significant impact on school resources and the school environment. Your dedication and hard work are hugely appreciated. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents and carers. Your ongoing support, whether through participation in school events, helping with home learning, or simply encouraging your child's love of school, has been invaluable.

As we celebrate the end of this school year, we must also bid a fond farewell to our Year 6s who will be moving on to secondary school. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you and wish you all the very best in your new adventures. Remember, you will always be a part of the Heber family, and we look forward to hearing about your future successes!

On a personal note, my first two terms as Head have definitely been eventful (Ofsted, school closure due to water.... to name but a few!) but I have felt incredibly privileged to lead the school into the next part of its journey. Thank you so much for all the support that the whole school community have given me. 2024/25 has definitely been one to remember!

Have a lovely summer and see you all on the other side!

Best wishes,

Mrs Kyprios



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Hot Hot Hot!

## Heber Primary School Sports Day Report – Friday 11th July

Last Friday, the entire school decamped to the glorious green fields of Alleyn's for our annual Sports Day.

With 450 children (yes, that includes the Nursery!) and not a breath of wind or a patch of shade in sight, it was officially the hottest Sports Day in living memory. But no child complained. Our Heber children showed incredible resilience, good humour, and an unquenchable thirst for sporting glory.

A massive thank you must go to our brilliant Year 6s who, despite a week of end-of-year performances and some playing netball for the school until 8pm the night before, somehow found the energy to run the entire show. They not only kept things moving – they also devised an exciting mix of events for their younger peers, including:

- Swedish Handball
- Golf (yes, really!)
- Four Square Dodgeball
- Obstacle Gladiator
- And, of course, the classic relays, sack races and the mighty Tug of War.

Meanwhile, over on the middle track, the sprints were in full flow – with every single child getting a chance to shine. The competitive spirit was high, and the smiles were even bigger.

Who showed the most determination and questionable judgment? It was, without a doubt, the parents – who gallantly hurled themselves into the end-of-day races, risking hamstrings and heart attacks to the sound of wild cheers from their children. You were magnificent.

It was truly heartwarming to see the whole school – children, staff and families – gathered together for a day of shared fun and competition. It was Heber at its very best.

And finally..... who won?

Well, if you've heard any loud chanting echoing through the streets of East Dulwich recently, you'll already know the answer.

It was the one, the only... **VALDEZ!**







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## This week in the Art room...

Year 4 had a fabulous time visiting the Royal Academy Children's Summer Show this week in London. We are hoping it has given them inspiration to create and enter some artwork next year! It was lovely to hear the children talking about how they found not only the artwork inspiring but were also impressed by the Royal Academy building and 'all its marble!'. They were very well behaved and a credit to Heber.

It was lovely to welcome some Year 1 parents to view their children's artwork and sketchbooks from this year. Please do not worry if you could not make it, there will be further opportunities to visit next year.

Well done to ALL the children who I have taught this year, you are all so creative and enthusiastic and I hope this continues.

Goodbye and good luck to the Year 6 pupils, I wish you all the best in your future and hope that it includes, if not Art then CREATIVITY!

Have a lovely Summer.

Mrs Coulson







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## Sign off from the P&F for the year...

With the fair last Sunday, (what a day!!!) and the ice cream sale on Friday, we're closing a term (and a year) full of AMAZING events - with huge thanks to everyone who's helped to plan them, whose put their hands up and actually made them happen, and who's supported by attending, buying and donating.

Every contribution helps — whether coming to the fairs and socials and spending a few quid, giving a one-off gift, raising sponsorship through the fun-run, having a sponsorship sign outside your house, or simply sharing your time or skills at one of our events.

Our fundraising efforts for the last couple of years have been focused on a target of raising £30,000 towards the refurbishment of the middle hall, and so far we've raised £28,950. Unfortunately, we had to help out with an emergency replacement for the decking on the playground gazebo which cost £12,950, so we will still need to raise £14k for the school hall next year.

We understand that families have different circumstances, and there's absolutely no expectation to give financially if that's not right for you. But for those asking how to support outside of events, it is super easy:

- Make a donation online at [www.givey.com/heberpandf](http://www.givey.com/heberpandf)
- Speak to any of the committee members in confidence if you're interested in making a larger gift or sponsoring a specific initiative.

Heber is a caring and generous community and together we make a real difference for our children and their school.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break!

With thanks,

**Holly, Sarah, Joe, Phil, Polly & Lucy** - the Heber Parents and Friends Committee.

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## Fancy Dress donations – Eco Committee

As part of our work towards improving the quality of play for all children in school, we are now collecting donations of fancy dress. We are hoping to create a fancy dress box that is accessible to all children during break and lunch times. This means we need fancy dress for children of all ages and sizes, so this can include clothing aged three all the way to appropriate adult fancy dress and props. If you are doing a clear out over the summer holidays or have any fancy dress at home that you would like to donate, please bring it cleaned to the office for collection. Thank you! (Miss Rose – Eco Committee Lead teacher)



## Stars of the Week

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

RH	Eva	RC	Mrs Cristina & Debbie!
1C	Whole class!	1V	Whole class!
2S	Hollie	2CP	Whole class!
3R	Lucia	3W	Oliver
4H	Olivia	4DL	Sebastian M
5B	Reuben	5K	Arthur & Teddy
6A	Fred	6F	Whole class!

## Academic Excellence Awards

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	Whole class!	RC	Whole class!
1C	Chloe	1V	Rayan
2CP	Kiki	2S	Edwin
3R	Finn	3W	Florence
4DL	Whole class!	4H	Ruth
5B	Eve	5K	Tahira
6A	Tamarrio	6F	Holly & Melodie



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## September

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of school for children in Years 1 - 6
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception settling in period begins
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Managing Behaviour and Emotions - RULER parent workshop (9:15am)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Meeting – Years 1 and 5 (4:00pm)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Meeting – Years 2 and 4 (4:00pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Meeting – Years 5 and 6 (4:00pm)

## October

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic book fair
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Girls Football – Alleyns
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Netball - Alleyns
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents Evening
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Half Term Holiday	

House Points	Rigal	Mycroft	Valdez	Ndume
				
<b>This Week</b>	520	518	513	516
<b>Total</b>	4213	4216	4206	4208