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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 say a few thank yous.

Firstly, I have to mention 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.

A special and very big thank you has to go to our amazing Parents and Friends Committee. Your tireless efforts in organising 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.

As always, we are already working on some ambitious and exciting plans for next year. Although I won't be here beyond Christmas to see them all through, I will do my utmost to ensure that next year will be just as strong as this one has been.

Thank you once again for your support and commitment to our school community this year.

Have a lovely summer! See you in September.

Miss Rosenberg



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Sports Day is the Winner!

Heber Sports Day was a joy to behold, though not without its challenges behind the scenes. A monsoon hit East Dulwich the night before, making us fear it would be like the trenches of WWI. We were also without Mr. Neve-Dunn, who was attending his daughter's university graduation in Manchester (probably for the best—editor's note). At the last minute, we discovered we couldn't use our usual spot on the top field. Despite these hurdles, the day was a major success.

We owe a huge thank you to the wonderful team of parents, led by Kate (of netball fame), who provided immense help. We are lucky to have such supportive parents at Heber. However, the stars of the show were undoubtedly the Y6 children, who ran 10 different competitive activities and 2 sprinting heats, managing over 350 children with confidence and kindness.

The day featured classic sporting events such as tug-of-war, sack racing, and dodgeball. By the end, the Y6 children were exhausted—teaching can be tiring! Many of them were full of praise for the Reception children making their sporting debut, commenting on their excellent listening and great sports abilities. Good news for future Heber teams!

The competition was fierce throughout the day, but one team pulled ahead to win by 10 points. A massive round of applause for Rigal (the Reds)! They are now the proud owners of a new trophy that will be displayed in the school entrance.





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The Great Heber Netball Tournament

It was like the passing of the Qing Dynasty in China, and the earthquake was felt all over East Dulwich (possibly the most pretentious start to a sports report ever - editor). Okay, this may seem a bit of an exaggeration; however, the only holders of the Heber netball trophy (the staff) failed to turn up at the event. Like rats escaping a sinking ship, they were running for the hills (terrible mixed metaphor). The hills in question being Forest Hill and Dog Kennel Hill, I suspect.

Failing to turn up to defend your trophy was a Dunkirk moment. In fact, a Dunkirk where the British forces hadn't even turned up to surrender. Two teachers can hold their heads high – Mr. Elliot came back to the school to fight for the trophy despite now working at a school in Beckenham, and Miss Rosenberg came to support and work on tactics despite not knowing any tactics. The rest of the staff can now be seen stumbling around the streets of East Dulwich, heads bowed in shame, trying to avoid the missiles and liquids being thrown out of second-floor windows by furious children.

The tournament – as usual, the children and parents did not disappoint. The level of play was the highest ever. The ex-pupils team had talented youngsters from Y7 up to Y11. The parents were fielding several experienced campaigners. The Heber children seemed ready to receive a battering on the court. However, things did not turn out this way!

Every team played everyone else, and there were some stunning results! The Y6s played a 2-2 match with a fired-up parents team. The older ex-pupils were being pushed hard by our Y4 teams, the Y5 team, and the Y6 team. It was lovely to see Heli (Y9) realize that the Heber children were no walkovers and then start to put on her 'serious game face'. True to the spirit of kindness that permeates the event, the parents, who were on equal points with Y6, allowed them to progress to the final with the 'serious game face' ex-pupils.

What shock and awe in the final. It was David battling Goliath. The Y6s were unfazed. They may have had bigger and older sisters in the opposing team, but that counted for nothing as their teamwork triumphed. A resounding 2-0 win! And to rub salt into the wounds, they danced their Madagascar song in front of all the vanquished teams! Fantastic Y6, you now have the trophy to defend next year. Keep in touch.

Looking at the tournament from a distance, it is fair to say that there are not many places where a group of people from 5 years to 60 years old can play each other and enjoy each other's company. Well done, Heber family – you are the winner! (nauseating – editor)

Thank you to our amazing parents Kate, Shobi, Clare, Anna, and Leah who made the event possible. And a massive congratulations to Y6 – Lola, Luna, Lamis, Freya, Anika, Aminah, Alice, Swizz, Emily.

Mr Neve-Dunn



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Music Concerts

Congratulations to everyone for a fantastic performance in the music assemblies this week. The children had the opportunity to perform in front of the other year groups. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to show off all they have learnt this year but also for them to see the older year groups performing using the instruments they will have the chance to learn next year. I was so impressed with your confidence on stage, your team work and bravery. You all displayed amazing musical skills, that are a credit to the hard work you've put into your music lessons this term.

- Year 1 played noises in the night. They worked as a team to keep a steady pulse and remembered when it was their turn to play, and their turn to listen. They sang 'Three Little Birds' beautifully with lots of energy and big smiles!
- Year 2 performed In the BAG on the glockenspiels. Following musical notation, they played a piece using the notes B, A and G. They also gave a fantastic rendition of 'Here's My House' - all about different ways they travel around!
- Year 3 played 3 pieces on the recorder. They prepared so well and it paid off in the performance. They demonstrated great technique on the recorder, played syncopated rhythms and displayed amazing dance moves!
- Year 4 performed 2 pieces on the Djembes. They worked so well as a team, listened to each other and showed a great sense of pulse. They made some very tricky rhythms sound easy!
- Year 5 played 2 pieces on the Jumbie Steel Pans. They sounded fantastic playing call and response and playing chords. The melodies really sang through and they kept a great internal pulse!
- Year 6 performed an extract from their Madagascar musical and got everyone dancing along to 'We Like to Move it!'

A special shout out has to go to The Ants, a band that has been formed by a group of talented students in year 3. They sounded fantastic performing Sweet Child of Mine. They have been so dedicated, rehearsing in their lunchtime and after school! Can't wait to see what The Ants do next!

Also, the Heber choir who gave a really lovely rendition of 'Blackbird'. They have progressed so much in the past term and sang beautifully!

Well done to everyone! Can't wait for more music making in the new academic year!

Miss Grace





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Summer Fair

What a way to end the school year, the Summer Fair was a huge success! The Pimms was flowing, the food was delicious and there was, as I have been informed, the best bouncy castle ever! The stalls were all selling out at a record pace due to a massive turnout. We couldn't have pulled it off without a lot of help so there are a lot of thank yous:

Firstly, to all the wonderful Year 6 for all the fun games they arranged, and to the parents who supervised - Sarah Buckle, Sarah Bevan, Andy, Karen, Dan, Annie, Kelly, Hania, Anja, Natalie, Helen, Julieka and Alex. And to the Year 5's who were also running a few games - Sally, Ali, Pip, Arthur, Vicky, Jo, Chester, Ruby, Holly, Celia, Harrison, Jack B, Tom, Heidi, Hamish, Bridget, Melodie, Susie, Winnie, Ulrike, Nancy and Jim.

Year 4 who did some fabulous makeovers - Toby Wynard, Kathy Hartman, David Buckle, Jess Sanders, Kate F, Isobel, Anna, Louisa, Dagmar, Jess, Lydia, Shruti and Chhalma.

Year 3 who were running the cake sale - Kristen, Sarah, Ivana, Mei, Champa, Katy, Sue, Andrey, Eszter, Nikki, Nacho, Marta, Nicola, Holly H, Laura and Kasia.

Year 2 who were fantastic salespeople on the toy stall - Neeri, Dannielle, Clare, Jolene, Sahar, Philippa, Vivian, Isobel, Sarah, Andy, Marco and Nicole.

Year 1 who were so busy selling tokens and raffle tickets - Hollyann, Anna S, Rob, Chris, Helen S, Kate, Claire H, James, Katie and Sirin.





Reception who made sure everyone was safe while they bounced - Holly, Shobi, Nicole, Laura, Nicola, Lindsey and Marisa.

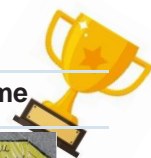
The security team who kept the school clear - Mike, Virg, Steve and Kate G.

Everyone who helped keep everyone fed and watered - Phil, Joe, Will H, Peter, Sarah.

And finally special thanks to Mrs Jefford and to Mr Piddington who helped coordinate it all, and to the P&F members who put in so much work to make it happen!

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners, please collect your prizes from the office: Cillian Collins, Max Gill (3N), Ruth O'Sullivan (RH), Charlie Clarfelt, Reyan Varandani (RH), Charles Mackey (RH), Gabriel Acton (3W), Ava Steel (3N), Finn Callanan (3N), Nancy Lillis (5G), Arthur Miller (1C), Nicole Cassani (RH), Eve Sanders (4LC), Bridget Cunningham (5G), Aidan Murphy (5K), Stanley Hurst (3N) and Gareth Thomas (2JP).

House Points	Rigal	Mycroft	Valdez	Ndume
				
This Week	474	483	477	482
Total	6917	6927	6919	6932





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Stars of the Week

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

RH	Max	RP	Thea
1C	Dylan	1V	Eloise
2H	Alex	2JP	Jack M
3N	Stanley	3W	Lili & Ellen
4LC	Harry	4S	Sofia
5G	Ruby	5K	Hiba
6A	Baxter	6F	Ivo

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	Nyah	RP	Samuel
1C	Bea	1V	Lucy
2H	Thomas	2JP	Heidi & Lucia
3N	Samir	3W	Laurie
4LC	Isla	4S	Jude
5G	Rex	5K	Nour
6A	Lamis	6F	Lola

September

Monday 2 nd	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th	First day of school for children in Years 1 - 6
Friday 6 th	Reception settling in period begins
Friday 13 th	Managing Behaviour and Emotions - RULER parent workshop (9:15am)
Monday 16 th	Enrichment clubs begin Curriculum Meeting – Years 1 and 5 (4:00pm)
Tuesday 17 th	Curriculum Meeting – Years 3 and 6 (4:00pm)
Wednesday 18 th	Curriculum Meeting – Years 2 and 4 (4:00pm)
Wednesday 25 th	Key Stage 1 Phonics and Reading workshop (9:15am)

October

Wednesday 16 th	School Photography Day – Individual photos.
Monday 28th – Friday 1st Half Term Holiday	