



Newsletter

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This week in the Art Room...

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Year 4 made some fantastic abstract pieces to music inspired by Kandinsky.

Year 6 made some ephemeral sculptures with an environmental message, inspired by Libby Oliver's 'Soft Shells'.

Year 2 worked hard on creating a still life from real life objects they had arranged.

Please could Year 6 bring any clean, small yoghurt pots for next week!

Thank you (Mrs Coulson)



Artsmark

I am delighted to share that Heber Primary School is beginning its journey towards achieving the Artsmark Award. As a school with such a strong creative ethos, we are aiming high and working towards the Gold Award.

We have already started a number of exciting initiatives to support this, including:

- Arts Ambassadors who represent the school and have an input into the arts at Heber
- Early Years arts-focused CPD
- A Musical Choir project with a local care home
- Sharing more of our pupils' artwork digitally with parents and carers (school Instagram and regular Art open classrooms)
- International arts lessons with other schools in which children can share their arts learning and local culture

Our aim is to ensure that arts and culture are a right for every pupil and are even more deeply embedded across everything we do at Heber.

We would also love to involve our wider community. If any staff, parents, governors, or community members have skills, experiences, or opportunities they would like to share with our children, please do get in touch with Mrs Coulson via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support as we work towards this exciting goal. We look forward to sharing our progress with you along the way.

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Sports Report: History in the Making - Salsa, Goals, and Smiles!

Y3 Football/End ball vs Alleyn's Oakfield

On Monday, 19th January, Heber Primary made history! For the first time in our school's 139-year existence, we welcomed opponents from Alleyn's Oakfield for a Year 3 girls' sports fixture.

Defending the Fortress

Eighteen highly excited Year 3 girls were ready and waiting as the Oakfield team entered the "Fortress Heber" playground. While our visitors might have been a little nervous at first, they were quickly met with the legendary Heber hospitality—and Mr. Neve-Dunn's booming speaker!

More Than Just a Match

The atmosphere was electric as 80s disco and South American salsa tracks filled the air. We had three pitches running simultaneously, featuring:

Endball: A fast-paced version of Netball to get the energy flowing.

Football: Showcasing some fantastic footwork and teamwork.

Dance-Offs: In true Heber style, we occasionally paused the matches for impromptu dance competitions whenever a particularly good song came on!

The Results

Our visitors were a little surprised by the musical interludes at first, but they soon caught the vibe and joined in the fun. While we didn't keep an official scoreboard—focusing instead on participation and joy—it's safe to say the Heber girls were "winning" everywhere, from scoring goals to dominating the dance floor! However, our girls were more than happy to help out our opponents if they needed a player.

It was a landmark day in fortress Heber filled with spirit and some impressive results. The tunnel at the end showed the wonderful sportsmanship.

House Points	Rigal	Mycroft	Valdez	Ndume
This Week	440	531	502	512
This Term	1572	1605	1588	1591



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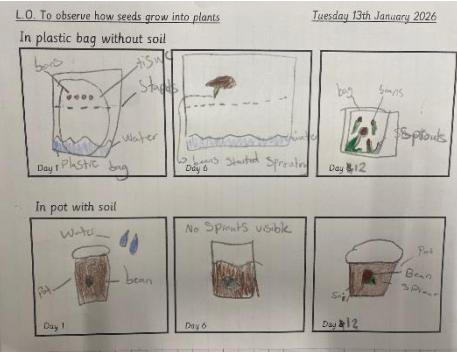
Year 1 Immersion Day: Victorians - How was school different in the past?

What a fun day! It all started when Miss Valentine and Mrs Jefford had 'transformed' into strict Victorian teachers! The boys and girls were separated into different classes. We learnt that boys and girls were often taught separately because it was believed they needed to learn different skills. We all came back together and discussed the different things we had been taught. Although it was fun to pretend to be in a Victorian classroom, we all agreed that we had far more fun now! One of our favourite parts of the day was changing our names! Did you know that in the Victorian times children were often given very strange—and funny—names! We also learnt how to sew and make our own bookmarks! It was much harder than we thought it would be BUT we all showed amazing resilience and created something we were proud of. We also learnt how to French skip and play marbles. We learnt so much and can't wait to find out even more.



Year 2 Green Fingers

Year 2 parents and carers may have heard that Year 2 have been getting green-fingered this half term as we have been doing a lot of planting in our Science lessons! We have compared the growth of beans which we have planted hydroponically in sandwich bags as well as in soil in pots. In 2P, the beans in bags have grown much more effectively but in 2C the beans in the soil have been more successful! Could this be to do with the direction that the two different classrooms face? We have also been growing cress heads in pots with damp tissue and observing and comparing their growth with Miss Pilkington's poor cress head which is shut in the cupboard.





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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:

RC:	Arnav	RH:	Ryan
1JP:	Raphy	1V:	Axel
2C:	Jonah	2P:	Max
3R:	Jago	3W:	Arielle
4DL:	Olivia	4S:	Hattie
5B:	Aadam	5S:	Kira
6A:	Julian	6K:	Theo

Academic Excellence:

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:

RC:	Bella	RH:	Sihana
1JP:	Lorcan	1V:	Hamdan
2C:	Juliana	2P:	Chloe
3R:	Artie	3W:	Edwin
4DL:	Aalia	4S:	Rowen
5B:	Lennon	5S:	Joe
6A:	Hannah	6K:	Eli

Amazon Wish Lists

Our Amazon wishlists have been updated with new items that would really benefit the children's learning and enrichment here at Heber. Contributions through this initiative are hugely appreciated and make a real impact on the children in our community. To make a contribution, please click the following links to access the wishlist for the year group your child is in:

[Early Years - Nursery and Reception](#)

[KS1 - Years 1 and 2 - We have added lots of dyslexia friendly books!](#)

[Lower KS2 - Years 3 and 4](#)

[Upper KS2 - Years 5 and 6](#)

[SENCO wishlist - We have lots of sensory bits added!](#)

Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to everyone who has already voted in the Parent Governor Election. If you haven't voted yet, please cast your vote at the School Office by the closing date on **Thursday 5th February at 10am**.

Message from Mr Neve-Dunn:

My charity, Burgess Sports, runs a book club for children who attend after school. We are currently looking for graphic novels to add to our collection. If you have any graphic novels your child has outgrown and are looking to donate, we'd love to have them! You can drop them off at the office and we'll pass them on to Burgess Sports. Thanks for your support.



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Update from the P&F: Dates for your diary

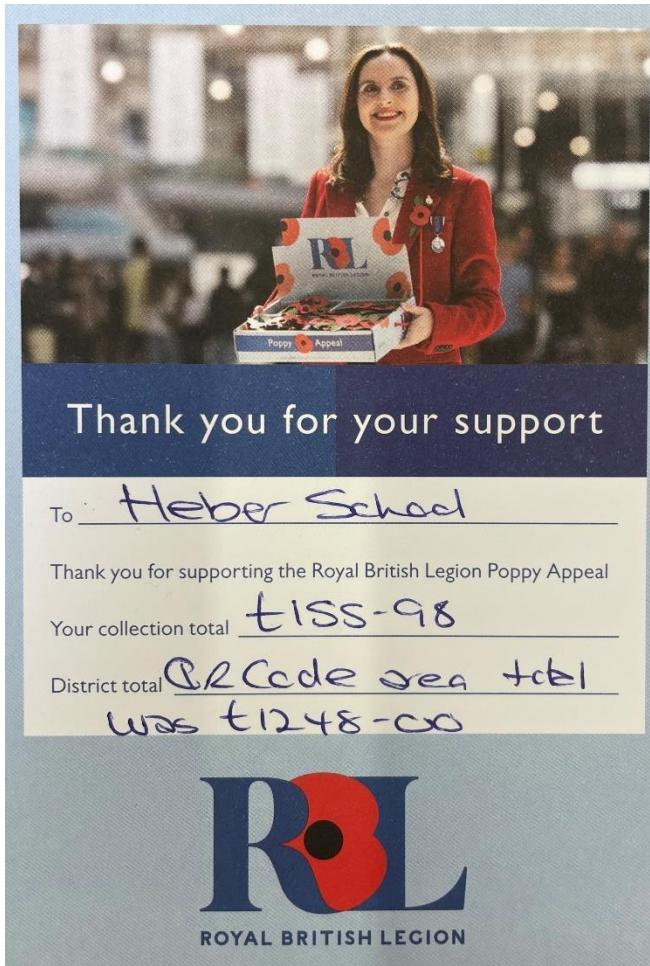
The P&F are delighted to share a fantastic line up of events for the term ahead. Spring term is all about the kids, with the much loved School Disco taking place after school on Thursday 26th February, followed by the Kids' Football Tournament on Saturday 7th March. The in school Egg Hunt closes out the term on 27th March.

More information on both events coming next week (and look out for some House T-shirts coming soon!).

Looking further ahead, please save the dates for some of our favourite community celebrations:

- **Heber Fun Run on Sun 17th May**
- **International Afternoon on Fri 22nd May**
- **Summer Fair on Sat 4th July**
- **Parents' End of Year Party on Thurs 16th July.**

Looking forward to it!



Thank You from the Royal British Legion

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in November. We are so proud that Heber School raised the most money of all the local schools in our area. Well done Heber!



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February

Monday 2 nd	3R Gunnersbury Park Museum trip 3W Coding at Alleyn's
Tuesday 3 rd	EYFS and KS1 Perform Workshops 5S Class Assembly (9.15am)
Wednesday 4 th	1V Discover Children's Story Centre Trip
Thursday 5 th	1JP Discover Children's Story Centre Trip Year 5 Hampton Court Palace Trip
Friday 6 th	Reception Space Exhibition
Monday 9 th	3W Gunnersbury Park Museum trip
Tuesday 10 th	4S Class Assembly (9.15am)
Friday 13 th	Go Green to Go outdoors day – Eco Committee fundraising day
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Half Term Holidays
Thursday 26 th	Years 3-6 Cross Country at Alleyn's P&F Children's Disco (more details to follow!)
Monday 23 rd February	Lunar and Chinese New Year Dance Workshop (Nursery – Year 2)
Friday 27 th	2C Trip to St Pauls 1V Creative Dance Workshop

March

Monday 2 nd – Friday 12 th	Bikeability – Year 5
Monday 2 nd	3R Coding session start at Alleyn's
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th	Heber Book Week
Tuesday 3 rd	5B Class Assembly (9.15am)
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Friday 6 th	2P Trip to St Pauls
Tuesday 10 th	4DL Class Assembly (9.15am)
Week beginning Monday 16 th	Parents Evening Week
Tuesday 17 th	2P Class Assembly (9.15am)
Tuesday 24 th	3R Class Assembly (9.15am) 5B Trip to Maths World
Thursday 26 th	5S Trip to Maths World
Friday 27 th	P&F Egg Hunt (during school time) Last day of term – school finishes at 2pm

April

Monday 13 th	First day of the summer term
Tuesday 14 th	Year 4 Art exhibition (3.45pm)
Monday 20 th	Mental Health workshop for parents: Building your child's emotional resilience
Tuesday 21 st	4S Class Assembly (9.15am)
Tuesday 28 th	3W Class Assembly