



Newsletter

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It hasn't been the easiest week at Heber, what with the extreme weather conditions, but it has definitely been one to remember. Our staff have gone above and beyond to make sure that we were able to keep the school open for as long as possible and I'm incredibly grateful for their efforts.

Today, I made the extremely difficult decision to close our school. With the severe weather forecast for later on in the day and the temperature inside our school I felt that this was unavoidable.

Keep warm, stay safe and enjoy the weekend.

Book Week

Despite the snow and freezing temperatures, Heber has had a truly magical book week. There is something so special about the whole school coming together and sharing their learning. Throughout the school, I have been immensely proud and privileged to see the cross collaboration of our Heber family. The children have been so inspired by 'Quest', and have written some fantastic pieces of creative writing. Children have enjoyed class swaps and shared stories with younger/older children. The staff and children have been so inspired that many are carrying on with the text next week. We will share some of the children's writing next week with you. A huge thank you to the staff and children for making this



STEM Week

Can you help?

12th March is the beginning of another incredibly exciting week across the whole school. For the first time, we will be celebrating STEM week at Heber.

The aim of the week is to celebrate all sciences and their importance in our everyday lives. We are providing a whole range of opportunities for the children to be involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics activities.

On Monday 12th March the children will get to hear from a range of parents who work in STEM fields. We are looking for more speakers, so please get in touch with either Mrs Kleywegt (Science Coordinator), Mrs Darby (Maths Coordinator) or Susanna Irving (Heber parent), who are working together to organise this event.

Eco Schools

Congratulations to our newly elected Eco Committee. We can't wait to get started, making this world a better and greener place!

Year 1 – Maile and Ella

Year 2 – James and Ruth

Year 3 – Raferty and Felicie

Year 4 – Isobel and William

Year 5 – Isabel and Harriet

Year 6 – Sophie and Siena



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Art Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Harriet Ungoe -Thomas in Year 5, who came first place in the Years 4 - 6 category in The Mother's Day art competition.

The work from 5 local schools was submitted for judging and Harriet's work was selected as the winning piece by an award winning local portrait artist. We are incredibly proud of all the wonderful work that we entered into the competition. Try and make it along to Ed to see it whilst it is on display.

All portraits will be returned to schools on the week commencing 12 March.



A Message from the Music Team

The big freeze. The Beast from the East. Snowmageddon. Call it what you will, nothing was going to stop World Book Day this Thursday. The children braved the ice and snow to trudge to school in wonderful and creative costumes celebrating this glorious day, and here in the music department we put a musical slant on proceedings. Our Heber text for this year, Quest by Aaron Becker, has not a word in it, relying solely on images to communicate its' storyline. We honoured this by asking the children to make their own musical version of the book without using words. Instead they were to use melodies, rhythms and dynamic changes to show the progression of the story, and they achieved admirably. A special mention to our "conductors" who controlled the music with a quiet authority. Roll on next year!

This Week in the Art Room

As part of Book Week, we created this large flying creature and a few lanterns to hang in the centre of the bottom hall. These were inspired by the book, 'Quest'. Various classes will add to this art installation over the week creating more colour lanterns and Dragonfly wings. Keep an eye on this daily developing artwork and watch it transform into a space of translucent texture and colour.





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Year 4 vs Rye Oak – by Mr Neve-Dunn

It is not the longest of journeys down to Rye Oak Primary. Let's be honest the team could probably walk to the opponents in less time than it takes the minibus to get there and find a parking space. However, the team likes a good minibus journey to a match – it gives them time to focus on the 'game plan' and more importantly eat snacks. This week there were no 'starters' and 'finishers' due to the fact that 35 children do not fit into the minibus. We had a reduced squad of 8 boys and 7 girls. The boys played first against our powerful local rivals, possibly the league leaders. Although since the organiser recently lost all the results there is some doubt about what is going on. It was a spirited and high energy game, some really talented players on the pitch. Despite taking an early lead we eventually lost 3-2. This was probably a fair result but if anyone needs to be blamed it is the kit manager (Mr Neve-Dunn) who couldn't find goalie gloves. Our intrepid goalie, Hadi, had to endure sub-zero temperatures with no gloves.

The following match featured the much-improved girls team. Initial concerns from the girls that our opponents 'look like they are going to be rough' were soon dispelled when it became apparent that the Heber girls were dishing out most of the rough play. The match turned into a classic. Neither team could dominate and the goals kept coming. Alisha, Heli and Moshoodat all scoring with wonder strikes into the roof of the net. At 3-3 the Heber goal was besieged by our rivals and Chisom, our goalie, managed to pull off 4 heroic saves in about 2 seconds. Around the pitch the Rye Oak parents held their heads in their hands. Soon after they were on their knees in desperation when Heber scored the final goal and won the match 4-3! Nobody could believe it, and Chisom has subsequently gone on loan to Crystal Palace to help sort out their goalkeeping difficulties.

Well done to Heli, Alisha, Eva, Farah, Chisom, Moshoodat, Marie, Felix, Reuben, Jahmar, Thomas, Spencer, Ethan and Hadi.

Year 5 Rugby Mega Fest – by Mr Neve-Dunn

Thirty Year 5 children boarded the 176 bus on Thursday 22nd February to make their way to Burgess Park near the Elephant and Castle. The destination was the Rugby Mega Fest run by the London Sports Network.

There was some disappointment when the children were told on arrival that it was a participation event. There were no teams to play, no winners, no losers, nothing to get a parent shouting indignantly from the touch line. At the risk of sounding like a Daily Mail reader, this was not why we had made the effort to get to the park. The children had been fed raw red meat since registration at 9am and were ready to confront all the other schools. They were chomping at the bit.

As far as participation events go, we were the best team. Our children showed greater understanding at each activity that was offered to them. Indeed, on several occasions our children were able challenge the coach to explain the point every activity. Hence we won.

Mr Neve-Dunn has subsequently had a conversation with the Rugby Football Union about the concept of 'Rugby Mega-Fests'. The Rugby Union has replied 'the reason for making all primary school rugby non-competitive is due to some incidents with overly aggressive parents at tag-rugby festivals'

Dear reader, I blame you for this situation. Please can you explain this to your children.



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March

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Monday 5 th	3P - Alleyn's dance workshop at Heber
Monday 5 th (5:30pm)	Meet the Governors
Wednesday 7 th (9:30am)	Phase 1 Phonics Workshop
Wednesday 7 th	Year 4 – Dulwich Picture Gallery (Lunchtime Music Series)
Wednesday 7 th (3:00pm)	1H Class Assembly
Friday 9 th (9:30)	Meet the Governors
Saturday 10 th (11:00am – 1:00pm)	Nearly New Sale (baby and child)
Monday 12 th (5:30pm)	Mathletics Workshop
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	STEM week
Wednesday 14 th (3:00pm)	1L Class Assembly
Friday 16 th	Year 3 British Museum
Saturday 17 th	IBM Robo Challenge
Monday 19 th	3P - Alleyn's dance workshop at Heber
Wednesday 21 st (3:00pm)	4P Class Assembly
Friday 23 rd	Parent Conference Day – No school for pupils
Saturday 24 th	Spring Rising community event – Year 4
Thursday 29 th	LAST DAY OF TERM – School finishes at 2:00pm

April

Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	International Week
Friday 20 th	International Evening
Tuesday 24 th	P&F Bounce Challenge
Wednesday 21 st (3:00pm)	Reception P Class Assembly
Sunday 29 th	P&F Car Boot Sale

Class Assemblies

17th January – 5K	25th April – RP
24th January – 1L	2nd May – 2L
31st January – RP	9th May – 4D
7th February – 3P	16th May – 5S
28th February – RE	23rd May – 3P
7th March – 1H	13th June – 3L
14th March – 1L	20th June – 2B
21st March – 4P	27th June – RE
28th March – 2B	4th July – 1H
	11th July – 5K