



Newsletter

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Handwriting Parent Workshops

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We are very excited that Pam Hulme, who is a local handwriting consultant, will be working with us this year. She chairs the Inset committee of the National Handwriting Association and has contributed to training programmes and publications. Pam will be delivering training to all staff as well as running parent workshops. Please email the school office if you wish to attend one of the workshops. In the email, please clarify which workshop you would like to attend, including the time. If there is insufficient interest, we may have to cancel some of the sessions.

Handwriting

Getting off to a sound start

This workshop is for parents of children in **Nursery and Reception.**

It will cover:

- What families can do to develop the foundation skills necessary for later success in Handwriting.
- How letters are taught in school so that everyone knows how to support this at home!

Tuesday 13th November: 5.30 - 6.30pm

Friday 16th November: 9am-10am

Handwriting

What helps?

This workshop is for parents of children in **Years 1 - 4.** It will cover:

- Setting up to succeed – how to ensure the optimum learning conditions at home
- Understanding the steps in learning handwriting.

Tuesday 20th November: 5.30 - 6.30pm

Thursday 22nd November: 9am – 10am

Handwriting

Are you concerned?

This workshop is for parents in **Years 5 & 6** who would like to help their child improve their handwriting. It will cover:

- Setting up to succeed – how to ensure the optimum learning conditions at home
- Understanding the steps in learning handwriting
- Where to start if there are problems

Friday 23rd November: 9am - 10am

Tuesday 27th November: 5.30 - 6.30pm

This week in the Art room by Ms Davies

We made a surprisingly festive start to the week, with the children designing their own Christmas cards ready for a printing deadline. The children produced such charming, charismatic and witty designs that I am sure you will not be able to resist buying! Thanks to the P&F for organising.

2L additionally explored the shapes and colours of food within their healthy lunch box, where they excitedly worked in oil pastels as well as painted a life size lunch box all ready for an imminent display.

It was also great to meet my new Year 4's who blew me away with their attention to detail and teamwork skills. After exploring how plastic impacts the oceans, and more specifically the coral reef, they created coral forms out of plastic pot forms with mod rock and plastic bag shreds, which culminated in linking their individual pieces together.





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Netball Report by Mr Neve-Dunn

Perhaps the main aim of the PE lessons at Heber is to allow the children to develop a full range of skills that work across all sports. The children are encouraged to show team work, leadership, determination and enjoyment in every type of activity. This means we sometimes take on fixtures that may seem rash. We do not have netball nets or netball markings, so challenging the Ivydale afterschool Netball Club to a match might seem a bit unwise.

However, the Yr6 girls were determined and ready to show their leadership skills. Indeed, they organised a lunchtime meeting in the middle hall to look at the white board and try to work out the complicated positional rules of netball. 45 minutes later they had produced a very detailed diagram full of arrows and letters – similar to Einstein's early calculations on the theory of relativity. At this point the meeting was saved by the inspired intervention of Mrs Farrelly (our top Kiwi netball star) who grabbed the marker pen and unravelled the mystery of netball positioning for the amazed gathering.

Another key element is enjoyment. It is important that we have more fun than our opponents. To support this aim the girls took many bright pom poms to the fixture so that all our players on the touchline could distract the opponents with their lively pro-Heber chanting, dancing and singing.

We played three matches against Ivydale. Our Yr6 team, our mainly Yr5 team, and then our Yr6 team again.

It soon became apparent that although we had few shooting skills (we do not have any nets to shoot at) we do have fantastic ball handling and team work. The girls passed and moved like Barcelona on a good day. We had countless attempts on the net. The final result was all square; one win, one draw and one loss. A great result.

It is important that we acknowledge that the skills that the girls showed – adaptability, teamwork, communication, listening and determination – will all work for any sport that they try. Indeed, they will work in any job that they try later in life. Indeed this was the message in Mr Neve-Dunn's rather boring post match talk.

Well done to all the players: Rebecca, Ava, Darcy, Ella, Joelle, Solonique, Emma, Tilly, Moshoodat, Eva,

We are very keen to purchase two moveable netball nets for the Heber playground. They cost about £225 each. Surely this could be a fundraising target?

Stars of the Week

Every Friday staff pick their Stars of the Week from each class. The children can earn this prestigious award for demonstrating one of our core values; Responsibility, Resilience and Thoughtfulness. Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week in Merit Assembly this week:

Reception – Ozcan (Rec E) & George (Rec C)

Year 1 – Alice (1L) & Emily (1H)

Year 2 – Maile (2B) & Manilia (2L)

Year 3 – Kaya (3DP) & Florence (3LP)

Year 4 – Tilly (4E) & Sami (4D)

Year 5 – Spencer (5s) & Scarlet (5C)

Year 6 – Dejanae (6K) & Ava (6F)

Plea from the Art room...

We will be entering the Global Canvas Children's Art competition. Year 4 are currently working on their 'Black Smoker and Coral Reef Habitats of the World' for the competition. To help us create these entries, we need the following donations:

- Toilet rolls / or longer cardboard rolls
- Toothpaste boxes
- Straws
- Corks
- Plastic bottle Caps (any size)
- Egg boxes

Please leave any donations in the School Office.

Many thanks for your help,

Ms Davies, Art teacher.



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A Message from the Music Team

What a great week. New classes have started their music learning for this term and all have started with aplomb. In singing assembly we have started singing songs with split parts and have furthered our accuracy in pitch finding with new techniques. In the classroom we have started our music learning with warm up games designed around listening, scales and genre, and our drop-in groups are moving ever forward with their individual learning focusses. Here's to a fantastic start to the half term!

Weekly Music Awards

The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.

KS1: Maile from 2B and Thomas Cole from 2L jointly share the Key Stage 1 music star of the week. During the last week of last half term, Maile showed great progress in her instrumental playing, using our success criteria to perform very musically indeed. This week Thomas was a musical force of nature, playing accurately, answering all questions, and immersing himself completely in all musical learning activities.

Lower Key Stage 2: It is a record! Four children share the Lower Key Stage 2 music award. For their work during the last week of the previous half term, primarily for their team work and accuracy during our performance of 500 miles in the classroom, Miller and Alfie of 3DP are two of them. For their work this week, Terrell and Anna of 4D are the other two. They identified an error on the music they were reading using knowledge of rhythm and tied-notes. Outstanding.

Upper Key Stage 2: Our Upper Key Stage 2 music star of the week is Kaynun from 6F. During singing activities, he listened carefully and sung beautifully. During dance activities he moved accurately and creatively. During instrumental activities he played musically and precisely. What a hero, a well-deserved award indeed.

Class Assemblies

Autumn	Spring	Summer
31 st October – 4D	23 rd January – 1H	1 st May – 1L
7 th November – 1L	30 th January – 3LP	8 th May – 5C
14 th November – 2B	6 th February – Reception E	15 th May – Reception E
21 st November – 5S	13 th February – 5C	22 nd May – 1H
28 th November – 2L	6 th March – 4E	5 th June – 5S
	13 th March – 4D	12 th June – 2B
	20 th March – 3LP	19 th June – Reception C
	27 th March – Reception C	26 th June – 2L
	3 rd April – 3DP	3 rd July – 3DP
		10 th July – 4E



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November

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Monday 29 th (Oct) – Friday 2 nd	Year 3 daily swimming at Alleyn's
Thursday 1 st (9:30am & 5:30pm)	Parent workshop – our approach to teaching maths
Friday 2 nd	Year 5 – British Museum
Friday 2 nd	Year 1 – Horniman Park to explore London landmarks
Wednesday 7 th (am)	2L – Crystal Palace Park Adventure Learning (music theme)
Wednesday 7 th	1L – Class assembly
Friday 9 th (am)	2B – Crystal Palace Park Adventure Learning (music theme)
Friday 9 th (8:45m – 9:30am)	Incredible Years – parent group coffee morning
Tuesday 13 th	Last day to vote for a parent governor
Wednesday 14 th	Peer Review (local Heads and Senior Leaders visiting)
Wednesday 14 th (3:00pm)	2B – Class assembly
Wednesday 21 st (3:00pm)	5S – Class assembly
Friday 23 rd	P&F Quiz Night
Thursday 28 th	2L – Class assembly
Thursday 29 th	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 30 th	3LP – Natural History Museum

December

Monday 3 rd (9:30am)	Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday 5 th (2:30pm)	Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday 5 th	3DP – Natural History Museum
Friday 7 th (2:15pm)	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Saturday 8 th	Christmas Fair
Monday 10 th (9:30am)	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 12 th (pm)	Year 2 at Alleyn's Theatre to watch a pantomime
Thursday 13 th	Flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 5
Friday 14 th (9:30am & 2:15pm)	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 20 th (2:15pm)	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance
Thursday 20 th	Christmas Carol Sing-Along in the playground
Friday 21 st	Last day of term (school closes at 2pm)



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