



Newsletter

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On behalf of all the staff at Heber I would like to offer a warm welcome back. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families joining us this year.

At Heber, we want children to be excited about coming to school and feel inspired by our staff and school environment. We have spent a lot of time planning an exciting year for your children and will be making the utmost use of every opportunity to provide an enriched and stimulating curriculum. If children are happy and excited about school and if we as a staff set high expectations, then academic success will follow. We are currently working on our School Development plan to identify our key priorities. I will share the relevant parts of this with you in due course.

Parents are integral to the life of the school and we want you to feel welcome. We also want to provide you with every possible opportunity to understand what your child is learning and how well they are doing. Please read the Curriculum bulletins and try to make it along to the Curriculum meetings and Parent Conferences. We also hope that you will be able to come along to the class assemblies, Topic Immersion Days and the productions we put on over the course of the year. Looking through your child's exercise books with your child, is a fantastic way to gain insight into what they are learning. Talk to your child's teacher if you are interested in doing this. You are also very welcome to arrange an appointment to meet with your child's teacher or a senior member of staff at any point during the year. To do this, it is best to either contact us through the office or via email. Information and details of all events and activities can be found in the Newsletters that come out every week. Please remember that you are also invited to come in and eat lunch with your child. This can be arranged through the office.

Rivka Rosenberg, Acting Headteacher

Summer Holiday Building Works

Over the summer we have undertaken some major changes to the school by upgrading the lighting and the heating systems and of course we have managed to make some significant improvements to our Nursery outside area.

We now have LED lighting throughout the school, which is much better for the environment and our electricity bill! LED lights are up to 80% more efficient than our old fluorescent lights. 95% of the energy in LEDs is converted into light and only 5% is wasted as heat, whereas fluorescent lights convert 95% of energy to heat and only 5% into light! LED lights also draw much less power than traditional lighting. Less energy used reduces the demand from power plants and decreases greenhouse gas emissions.

We have also updated our heating systems and have

upgraded the heating control systems. Our boilers are in the process of being replaced by condensing boilers. Please bear with us as these works are having some impact on our playground space. Replacing our existing boilers with a condensing system could save approximately, 220 kg of CO₂ each year. Our old heating system was only 65% efficient, but by manufacturers advise that our new system will increase efficiency to 90%.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Barbara Samitier for all the hard work and time that her company and contractors have contributed over the summer holidays. None of this could have happened without the support of all of our Parents & Friends. The Nursery outside space is looking so lovely. Thank you to you all for supporting us with fundraising over the course of last year in whatever capacity you were able to. The long-term vision for our outside space has really started to take shape!

A Message from Mr Worobec

As the Art Teacher at Heber, I have had a busy and rewarding Summer. As part of the Hackney Wicked, Open Studio Arts Event in July, I took part in a group show with local Artists and a renowned artist Gavin Turk at Here East entitled 'Inside Out'. I exhibited a painting there and also opened my studio over the weekend. I managed to secure a grant funded by Arts Council England to promote my space.

I entered the Art Prize and I am delighted to announce I won a grant of £500 (all spent already on paint and canvas) and a Solo show with Unit G Gallery showing at Stour Space, on Fish Island. Preview night will be during

the October break, Thursday 26th October to which you are all cordially invited. The show runs for ten days if you cannot make the preview night at Stour Space, 7 Roach Road, London E3 2PA. I am also working on a series of paintings called 'Fragments'. Whilst many of you this summer have enjoyed a sunny time abroad or here in Blighty, I have been in my studio painting away. If you and the children want to follow my progress towards the Solo Show.

Instagram: [michael_worobec](#)

Links with Alleyn's

Year 5 children will be visiting Alleyn's science labs and carrying out various investigations. The children will be taught by one of Alleyn's science teachers and will also have the opportunity to work with their 6th Formers in small groups. This will take place over the course of the Autumn Term on a weekly basis.

This year we will be increasing our use of our weekly morning slot on Alleyn's Top Pitch. Over the course of the year, every class will benefit from more sessions over there.

Discover Debating

This year, Year 6 will be embarking on 'Discover Debating', a programme that uses debate to improve oracy and literacy skills. The children will be working with the English-speaking Union to develop their debating skills throughout the year whilst the teachers also gain valuable CPD that will be shared across the school. More information to follow!

After School Clubs

All after school clubs will begin w/c 25th September and will run for 10 weeks (excluding half term). Please look out for the letter coming out this week with all the details on which clubs we are running and how to book.

Pupil Premium

Parents and carers may be aware that schools can access additional funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for children from families entitled to certain benefits. Pupils entitled to this funding can access many additional benefits at school such as free after school clubs and reduced price trips. If you think you may be eligible, please contact the office as soon as possible who can check your eligibility.

Money for (Almost) Nothing – Easy Fundraising



So far we have raised nearly £370 just through doing our regular online shopping. We would love more of our families to sign up to Easy Fundraising. If you do, you maybe be in for a chance to knock me off 5th place on the leader board! Or better still, you could steal 1st place from Sally P!

Sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heberprimaryschool/>

September

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Monday 11th – Friday 15th	Year 6 - Bikeability
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd	Year 5 - Bikeability
Tuesday 19th (3:45pm)	Year 1&2 Curriculum Meeting
Wednesday 20th (3:45pm)	Year 3&4 Curriculum Meeting
Thursday 21st (3:45pm)	Year 5&6 Curriculum Meeting
Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th	Year 4 – Bikeability
Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th	Year 3 - Bikeability
Wednesday 27th (3:45pm in 5K)	Year 5 School Journey Meeting
Thursday 28th	National Poetry Day
Thursday 28th (3:45pm in 6F)	Year 5 School Journey Meeting
Friday 29th	P&F Committee Meeting

Class Assemblies

Autumn	Spring	Summer
4th October – 4P	17th January – 5K	25th April – RP
11th October – 2L	24th January – 1L	2nd May – 2L
18th October – 6D	31st January – RP	9th May – 4D
8th November – 5S	7th February – 3P	16th May – 5S
15th November – 6F	28th February – RE	23rd May – 3P
22nd November – 3L	7th March – 1H	13th June – 3L
29th November – 4D	14th March – 1L	20th June – 2B
	21st March – 4P	27th June – RE
	28th March – 2B	4th July – 1H
		11th July – 5K