



Newsletter

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Football Match Reports

Heber v Hollydale – Year 4 football – 22nd November

Just before the recent cold snap our buoyant Heber boys football team travelled across Peckham Rye to play the Hollydale Primary. We had won our previous match 8-0. During the pre-match pleasantries, we let the Hollydale players know this score; it seemed the fair thing to do!

The match was played on an interestingly shaped pitch, one side was a wall, the other side had some stairs. We shot into a 3-0 lead, it felt comfortable, but the manager, Mr Neve-Dunn, did his best to disrupt the team with his ill-timed substitutions. The players were not to be distracted and they produced a performance that led them to a fairly comfortable win 6-5. It sounds close, but it wasn't really.

For the return fixture the Hollydale players will enjoy the wide-open expanses of our playground!

Well done to: Hadi, Ethan, Felix, Roman, Reuben, Jahmar, Spencer, and Elliot.

Heber v Bellenden – Year 4 football – 29th November

Bellenden Primary is a school that loves football. It is a great place to go and play football. The Heber boys and girls team headed down to Peckham in the minibus full of confidence and energy. No one had noticed that the temperature was almost sub-zero.

First up was the girls' team. They played with good heart and enthusiasm but could not match the technical skills of the opposition. It felt like the Take That 'Holding back the flood' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCHq5r6rFol> We lost by 3 goals. The girls are fantastically positive but it is hard for them to compete against teams that play all the time in clubs.

Our boys played in darkness and struggled to see the lines. It was not the challenge of the fastest, strongest and most skilful; it was the challenge of the eyesight. Who had eaten enough carrots in the previous week.

They went behind twice before finally getting a draw 2-2. A great performance.

Despite the dark playground we managed to find all the players and get them back to Heber safely.

Great effort by: Hadi, Felix, Ethan, Reuben, Elliot, Roman, Spencer, Eva, Moshoodat, Beth, Chisom, Alisha, Farah, and Marie.

Message from the Music Team

Forget the first of December, for the Heber Music department Christmas could wait no longer. All year groups have been donning their imaginary Santa hats and jingling those jingle bells in Christmas songs with good cheer. We've practiced harmonies in carols, dance routines in famous Christmas songs, and even had a go at making our own Christmas songs in some cases. Due to our gusto and fervour, our Yule tide will indeed be merry and bright.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week in Merit Assembly:

Reception – Ivo and Teddy

Year 1 – Luca and Menillia

Year 2 – Ned and Louis

Year 3 – Marko and Heba

Year 4 – Vi and Elliot

Year 5 – Out of school - British Museum

Year 6 – Halimatu and Emma



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Workshops for Parents and Carers

This year we are offering a range of workshops for parents and carers. These are being developed as the year goes on. Details of workshops will be included in our newsletters and on our website.

<http://www.heberprimaryschool.com/parent-workshops/>

We have just added two more for January, see below:

Phonics Phases 2-6: Thursday 11th January at 9:30am

Mrs Piddington will be running a phonics workshop to support Parents and Carers in understanding and using phonics to support children's reading and writing skills. The workshop will provide an opportunity to become more familiar with Phases 2-6 in Letters and Sounds and give some practical and engaging activities to try at home. There will be hands on activities set up around the hall and the chance to ask any questions you may have.

Phonics Phase 1: Wednesday 10th January at 9:30am

Miss Samuels will also be running a Phase 1 phonics workshop to support parents in being using elements of Phase 1 activities at home with their children. Phase 1 of Letters and Sounds focuses on distinguishing sounds and developing listening skills, including environmental sounds and rhyming. Parents and Carers will be given a bank of songs and nursery rhymes to use at home, alongside more practical activities.

Weekly Music Award

The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.

KS1: The Key Stage 1 award this week goes to a boy who has given his best singing voice to our singing assemblies, and tries so hard to learn the movements for our Christmas songs. He is a star, with his singing voice and his smile shining brightly in the lessons. The award goes to Fred Hill in 1H.

Lower Key Stage 2: In year three, the children have been identifying untitled songs just from the notes given to them. On Thursday we heard; "I know it isn't We Will Rock You because that has six notes, and ours has 7 notes. Also, the gaps aren't right for this music." What excellent justification! What incredible reading of the music! Raia, you are the music star of Lower Key Stage 2 this week!

Upper Key Stage 2: Practicing at home isn't always the most enjoyable part of music, most musicians will tell you. But most will say how important it actually is. Our Upper Key Stage 2 music award winner is Joelle from 5K, for suggesting some Music homework tasks we could do. Not only that, but they were really good, fun suggestions, like practicing performances! What a star.



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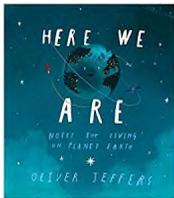
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December Book Recommendations – Rye Books

Not sure what to read next? We would like to help you decide.

Every month, we'll recommend books for you to read. If you fancy giving them a go, just come along to the shop and we'll give you 10% discount on them (for this month only).

And as Christmas is coming up, we have decided to add a few extra titles too!



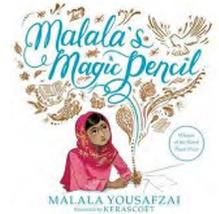
Ages 5 & 6

Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth (Oliver Jeffers)

Oliver Jeffers offers a rare personal look inside his own hopes and wishes for his child—and in doing so gifts children and parents everywhere with a gently sweet and humorous missive about our world and those who call it home.

Malala's Magic Pencil (Malala)

This beautifully illustrated volume tells Malala's story for a younger audience and shows them the worldview that allowed Malala to hold on to hope even in the most difficult of times.



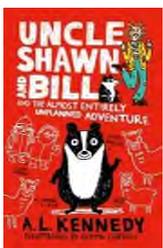
Extra suggestions for Christmas!

Rosie Revere Engineer (Andrea Beaty), The Greatest Magician (Matt Edmondson & Gary Parsons),
The Wolf the Duck and The Mouse (Mac Barnett)

Ages 7 – 9

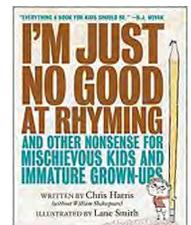
Uncle Shawn and Bill (A.L Kennedy)

Badger Bill needs rescuing. He's been kidnapped by two nasty sisters who are about to make him fight a boxing match against three even nastier dogs. The four most depressed llamas in the history of llamas need rescuing too. They are about to be turned into llama pies. But never fear – Uncle Shawn is here! He has a rescuing plan, which involves dancing, and a mole, and an electric fence. What could possibly go wrong?



I'm Just No Good At Rhyming: And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups (Chris Harris and Lane Smith)

This hilarious debut poetry collection moulds wit and wordplay, nonsense and oxymoron, and visual and verbal sleight-of-hand in masterful ways that make you look at the world in a whole new wonderfully upside-down way.



Extra suggestions for Christmas!

Beyond the Sky, you and the universe (Dara O'Briain), The Snow Sister (Emma Carroll)



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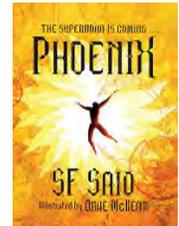
The Polar Bear Explorers club (Alex Bell)

Join Stella Starflake Pearl and her three fellow explorers as they trek across the snowy Icelands and come face-to-face with frost fairies, snow queens, outlaw hideouts, unicorns, pygmy dinosaurs and carnivorous cabbages

The Phoenix (SF Said)

THE SUPERNOVA IS COMING . . . ONE BOY ALONE CAN SAVE THE GALAXY! Lucky thinks he's an ordinary Human boy. But one night, he dreams that the stars are singing - and wakes to find an uncontrollable power rising inside him.

Now he's on the run, racing through space, ia galaxy at war, where Humans and Aliens are deadly enemies, the only people who can help him are an Alien starship crew - and an Alien warrior girl, with neon needles in her hair.



Extra suggestions for Christmas!

The Midnight Peacock (Katherine Woodfine) Crongton Knights (Alex Wheatle) Astrid the Unstoppable (Maria Parr)

Odd Sock Competition

The School Council met this week to judge the Odd Socks Competition. Thank you to all who took part and supported the campaign 'All Different, All Equal'. All money raised will go to The Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Well done to the following children who were picked as the top 3 in each Key Stage:

KS1:

1st Place: James Irving

2nd Place: Bryon Woodcock

3rd Place: Maile McShane

KS2:

1st place: Mia Franks

2nd Place: Tilly Thomas

3rd Place: Rebecca Lowin





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Time for a Clear Out?

As the festive period is about to begin, you may want to clear some space for some new toys.

Our Early Years team are looking for some resources to support and expand our children's learning. If you have any clean, unbroken toys for 3 to 6 years olds and you would like to donate to Early Years please do!

We are particularly looking for:

- Magnetic trains for train sets
- Different types of vehicles
- People, characters, animals and figures for small world play
- Small world wooden toys such as fire stations, dolls houses, farmyard aeroplanes, space ships and space related items.
- Pirate themed toys
- Natural objects such as large stones, gravel, logs etc.
- Wooden loose part objects such as cotton reels, curtain hooks, buttons
- Blankets, cushions and towels
- Dolls clothes, nappies and baby bottles
- Puzzles and games
- Construction toys

If you have anything that you wish to donate, please bring it along to our school office

December

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Friday 1 st (7:30pm)	P&F Music Quiz
Monday 4 th (2:30pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Friday 8 th (10:00am & 2:30pm)	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
Saturday 9 th (2:00pm – 5:00pm)	Christmas Fair
Thursday 14 th (10:00am & 2:15pm)	Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance
Monday 18 th (6:00pm)	Year 6 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19 th (3:30pm)	Year 5 singing carols in the playground
Wednesday 20 th (2:00pm)	Last day of term – finish at 2pm

January

Tuesday 2 nd	Staff INSET day
Wednesday 3 rd	First day back to school for children
Wednesday 10 th (9:30am)	Phonics workshop for parents/carers (Phase 1)
Thursday 11 th (9:30am)	Phonics workshop for parents/carers (Phases 2 – 6)
Monday 15 th (9:30am & 4:00pm)	Mathletics workshop for parents/carers
Wednesday 17 th (3:00pm)	5K Class Assembly
Wednesday 24 th (3:00pm)	1L Class Assembly
Wednesday 31 st (3:00pm)	RP Class Assembly