



Newsletter

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Art Room News

This week we have started preparing our entries for the annual Dulwich Trader, Ed & Tomlinsons ' , Mother's Day Competition. In the past, we have had success and secured first prize!

The two winners per shop will secure a £50 voucher to spend in store and runners up will be displayed in the windows of the shops. Any work selected from Heber will be on display in Ed from Friday 23rd February to Monday 12th March. The judging panel will include award winning local artist Julie Bennett and will feature in the local press.

If your child is selected as a winner or runner-up there may be a requirement to be photographed. If you would rather your child was not featured, then please speak to Mr Worobec. This year we plan to unleash the floodgates of colour in a bid to dazzle the judges! Good luck and let's start creating in the Art Room.

The photos below show some of our absolutely amazing past entries. As you can see, the standard is incredibly high!



Blue Peter Awards

You may remember that last term a group of Year 6 girls organised a cake sale to raise money for the WWF. Following their success we got together one last time and wrote applications for the Blue Peter Green Badge award. Their applications were successful and they are now proud Green Badge owners. Well done Eva, Laurie, Tilly, Ayla, Polly and Annabel. Persistence and hard work really does pay off!



Stars of the Week

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

Reception – Hushai and Isla

Year 1 – Visiting the Toy Museum

Year 2 – Violet and Anissa

Year 3 – Adam and Annalise

Year 4 – Charlie and Aston

Year 5 – Sam and Rebecca

Year 6 – Lula and Louis



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Sydenham School vs Heber - Tag Rugby by Mr Neve-Dunn

It seemed crazy to challenge the girls rugby club at a local secondary school. However, our children are never daunted and were keen to play against Sydenham School in Forest Hill.

Being escorted through the enormous school under the gaze of many teenage students would have unsettled most primary aged teams. However, the Heber players oozed confidence.

For his prematch team talk Mr Neve-Dunn waffled on about a 'good littlun' being better than a good big-un' in tag rugby because you have to bend down to get the tags. It is easier to tag a big person.

The Sydenham Year 7 and 8 girls were very welcoming, probably feeling a bit sorry for the primary school. However soon it became apparent that the little visitors from Heber were able to run between them and around them. It was a close match, but the superior team work and passing of the Heber team made the difference.

Final score 14-12 to Heber!

After the match we shared biscuits and fruit with the Sydenham girls and then had a brief tour of the school from the Head of PE.

It's a good school, although they need to develop their rugby. I should know my daughter goes there!

Well done: Isaam, Oli, Polly, Laurie, Annabel, Sean, Maddie, Imogen, Demi, Josephine, Isabelle, Arif and Amirah

Heber is...

I received such a lovely email from a parent today that I thought I would share a part of it with you all:

Thomas said he loves his school, I replied "You're so lucky to go to such a wonderful school."

He said, "Heber is like one of those cups."

I asked what he meant and he said, "You know, the stacking cups we used to play with in the bath which fit inside each other? Our family is the little one in the middle, Heber is the one that fits around us like a bigger family and holds us all, then we have the London cup, the England cup, the World cup and the Universe cup!"

Volunteer Reading Scheme

Thank you to the parents who have already expressed an interest in volunteering to read with children during school time. Please fill in the form in the office by the end of the day next Friday (2nd February) if you would like to take part.

Volunteers commit to one 25-minute session per week, from 2.50–3.15pm. They will work with the same child each week, listening to them and guiding their reading.

Mrs Kyrios will run a short training session for all new volunteers. Volunteers would also need to complete a DBS check; we will support you in organising this.



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Weekly Music Awards

The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.

KS1: We have two award winners in Key Stage 1 this week: both Esme and Ariana from 2B are worthy award recipients for different reasons. Ariana showed accurate vocal pitch, great knowledge of musical scales, and inspirational confidence to take part the best she can. Esme has shown consistently over that past few weeks the kind of timing and reading of musical notes that will start to allow her instrumental talent to blossom.

Lower Key Stage 2: Malachi in 3L is the Lower Key Stage 2 award winner this week. He typified growth mindset in his actions in our musical activity. When hearing and representing music on his board, he persevered and learned skills to succeed, ending the session with improved accuracy and knowledge in writing music down. What a determined learner!

Upper Key Stage 2: The Upper Key Stage 2 Music award goes to Solonique in 5K. She showed leadership and ability in recognising and representing a pattern of music. She coordinated her team admirably and is showing a real talent for music. Keep it up, Solonique.

Message from the Music Team

This week has been a real kaleidoscope of music at Heber. Our Year 6 took a break from learning about the WW2 and making traditional biscuits to make rhythms on percussion using their Brazilian drumming skills. The Year 5 children are underway in learning the makeup of our classic rock track, and have started to practice the sections we need to put together to perform it. In Year 3 and Year 4, the children are learning about syncopated timings, and are furthering their instrumental skills when playing together. Our Year 2 children are shooting ahead with their instrument learning, and are beginning to practice duets. Our Year 1 children did themselves proud with their class assembly and their study of our Italian language song has clearly born fruit.

Endangered Animal Immersion Day

Last Friday was Immersion Day for the Reception classes. When the children entered the playground in the morning there was something very strange going on. There were different sized boxes, paw prints and animal tracks. The children investigated the scene and discovered some endangered animals had escaped!

Across the day the children had a range of activities, reading the clues to see if they could find out what animals had escaped, taking part in an endangered animal cat walk and investigating how they could save the polar bears from an oil spill. It was a brilliant day and a huge amount of learning took place. You'll be thankful to know all the animals were safely collected.





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Southwark Cathedral

On the 19th of January, both Year 4 classes went on a trip to Southwark Cathedral. We went there to learn more about our amazing topic on the Romans. We were split up into smaller groups and we made our way to the bus stop. When we arrived at the cathedral, we headed straight to the Education Centre and were met by Karen who talked about the history of the cathedral. It was really interesting, who knew that Southwark Cathedral is 900 years old!

Our first workshop was to learn about religion in Roman Britain. Did you know that men and women were not allowed to pray together? Women had to pray at a shrine, slaves were not allowed to pray at all. We found out how the Druids worshipped and why they didn't like the Roman Emperors – the Romans believed that when an Emperor died, they became gods so they prayed to them! We found out about Mithraism and how people prayed to the sun because they believed it was powerful. You had to be introduced to the priest if you wanted to join and you had to show that you were very brave. Women and slaves still weren't allowed in this religion. We had a lot of fun dressing up as different characters from that time.

In our second workshop, we learned how to make our own mosaics. We practiced making dummy mosaics and looked at tessellation and reflection to see what our patterns would look like if they were bigger or repeated. We remembered that a mosaic tile is called a *tesserae*. We were given a pattern to follow, 16 tiles, some glue and a board to stick them on. We practiced setting out our tiles on the table so that we could fix any mistakes before we stuck them down. It was brilliant getting to make our own mosaics. The best part was putting all of our boards together to make a pattern.

We had great time learning about the Romans and wish we could go back again!

Year 4 children.





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Portals to the Past

On 23rd and 24th January the teachers had a jam-packed two days of fun for all of Year 6. Since our History topic is World War 2 we each got dressed up as evacuees.

On the first day, two interesting people called Corporal Vincent and Bunty taught us all about Hitler's leadership and how he took over pretty much all of Europe. Furthermore, there were many acronyms for all the jobs that we discovered for example, W.R.N.S which stood for Women's Royal Navy Service and W.F.S the Women's Fire Service and so on...

Soon after, all of Year 6 split into 2 groups and took it in turns to complete various activities such as the WW2 quiz where you would carousel across all of the boards searching for the answers. The other cacophony of children (with Corporal Vincent) lined up and completed many home guard drills. After break, Bunty taught us all about gas masks – you wouldn't believe what babies wore! With Corporal Vincent we learnt about bombs like the butterfly bombs.

Everyone loved rehearsing the Lambeth Walk, a famous dance. We all loved the first part of the Immersion Day. Thank you!

On the second day we worked out actual codes that were used in WW2. We also baked delicious carrot cookies from a recipe that was in a ration book.

After break we had a WW2 PE lesson which included marching, throwing grenades and the Lambeth Walk. It was Brilliant!

In the afternoon a 95-year-old woman came in and told the exciting events in her experience of being an important code setter and witness to the war.

Thank you Mrs Farrelly and Mrs Darby for the epic days!

By Annabel, Laurie, Sophie and Polly





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January

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Monday 29 th	3L - Alleyn's dance workshop at Heber
Tuesday 30 th	4D – River Study – Surrey Quays
Wednesday 31 st (3:00pm)	RP Class Assembly
Wednesday 31 st	Year 5 visiting the Planetarium

February

Thursday 1 st	4P – River Study – Surrey Quays
Thursday 1 st	2L visiting St Paul's Cathedral
Monday 5 th	3L - Alleyn's dance workshop at Heber
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th (3:00pm)	3P Class Assembly
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	HALF TERM
Monday 19 th	6F - Junior Citizenship Scheme
Thursday 22 nd	6D - Junior Citizenship Scheme
Thursday 22 nd (5:30pm)	Phase 2-6 Phonics Workshop
Monday 26 th	3P - Alleyn's dance workshop at Heber
Monday 26 th (9:30am)	Mathletics Workshop
Wednesday 28 th	Years 5&6 Road Safety Workshop
Wednesday 28 th	4D – Dulwich Picture Gallery (Lunchtime Music Series)
Wednesday 31 st (3:00pm)	RE Class Assembly

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