



Newsletter

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Cupcakes and Come Backs! Heber Clash with Alleyns

Well, our first match of the year was against our neighbours – Alleyn's School. It was a chance to see if our Year 5 and Year 6 squads could match up to a large private school at one of their signature sports – netball. (Would now having to pay their VAT affect their performance?)

As 21 Heber children (three teams) marched proudly down Heber Road, the atmosphere was buzzing in the fresh autumn air. The players were fuelled by some excellent cupcake baking from Gia's mum, Shobi. They were enthusiastically devouring these energy-boosters as they walked – even a mouthful of cupcake couldn't keep them quiet! The occasional rumbling of the infamous Heber chant could be heard: "2, 4, 6, 8 – who do we decapitate? Not the King, not the Queen, but the Alleyn's netball team!" (Or something like that...)

Upon arriving at Alleyn's vast netball complex, our opponents were already warming up. It soon became clear that Mr Neve-Dunn had no idea which Heber team was the best. Rather than following the typical A, B, and C team structure, he opted for what can only be described as a "we're all equal" socialist squad selection policy.

The sun made a feeble attempt to peek through the clouds as the matches began – and so, the Heber sports season was officially underway...



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By the end of the first quarter, things were getting interesting. Our so-called 'third' team was leading 5-0, our 'first' team was trailing 2-0, and the 'second' team was holding a tight 1-1 draw. Amidst the chaos, we were fortunate to have the expert management skills of Kate and Shobi, who took the opportunity to reorganise the teams during the break.

What's so lovely about Heber children is their easy-going attitude and willingness to play with anyone. They quickly sorted out their teamwork, and as the afternoon wore on (through a marathon nine matches), our players became more coherent. It felt like the Heber netballers were finally hitting their stride. By the final quarter, two of our teams had the Alleyn's girls on the back foot, and even our 'A team' was holding its own.

The head of PE at Alleyn's Senior School handpicked three outstanding Heber players for special mention – so a huge round of applause to Elodie, Skye, and Hiba! But let's not stop there – an even bigger cheer for the entire squad! We wrapped up the day with five wins and four losses. Not bad for a first outing of the season!

Well done Gia, Albert, Florence, Matilda, Isla, Evelyn, Evie, Connie, Edie, Isabel, Mary, Ena, Nour, Hiba, Amiya, Georgia, Skye, Malaya, Elodie, Olesja and Holly.

(Please feel free to submit suggestions for a slightly less aggressive Heber chant to Mr Neve-Dunn...)

Daily Writing at Heber

We are introducing Writing Scrapbooks at Heber to encourage children to write daily. Research shows that children who write more, write better! Every week the children will be delivered an envelope with a theme for the week and will have the opportunity to write for just a few minutes every day on this theme!

Next week's theme is on Bubbles! We would really like it if children took this opportunity to also write at home and bring in their writing to add to the class Scrapbook.



Social Communication Parent/Carer Workshop

This workshop will take place on Friday 18th October at 9:30-10:15. The session is open to all Heber parents/carers. The content covered will be:

- What is ASD?
- What does it mean in school?
- What are social communication and language difficulties?
- Language and communication development
- Strategies to support at home
- Support Available
- Networks of support and Q and A time

If you would like to attend the session, [please sign-up here](#).

The Travelling Book Fair

The Book Fair has arrived at Heber and will be open after school until Wednesday 16th October!

If you are visiting the Book Fair after school, please enter the building via the school office.

Children in Year 3 and 4 can bring money into school with them on Monday 14th and Year 5 and 6 on Tuesday 15th.



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This Week in Art

Year 3 had great fun making their own natural paints from beetroot, red cabbage, spinach and turmeric as part of their Stone Age topic.

Year 4 did an excellent job thinking of personal items they could add to their Frida Kahlo style portrait they will be producing.

Year 5 made some wonderful busy pictures for their Peace and Conflict topic inspired by Grayson Perry.



#HelloYellow

Heber turned yellow on Thursday in celebration of World Mental Health Day. From yoga to mindful doodling, we all thought about the importance of taking mindfulness moments and looking after our mental health! Thank you all for your donations. We raised over £400 for Young Minds!



House Points	Rigal	Mycroft	Valdez	Ndume
This Week	762	756	762	762
Total	2556	2553	2557	2556



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LINK AGE SOUTHWARK Christmas Gift Appeal

Calling Heber families! Can you help to spread a little Christmas cheer this year?

We would love our families to make up a gift box/bag for an elderly person in Southwark, who is at risk of loneliness and isolation this Christmas.

HOW TO HELP

1. Line a gift box with Christmas wrapping paper or find a gift bag
2. Fill it with Christmas goodies like a nice jam, biscuits, gloves, a warm scarf, some chocolate or a pair of socks
3. Bring the box into school by Monday 25th November

Please do not seal the boxes. A volunteer will need to check the gifts and make sure they go to the perfect person.





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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week for demonstrating our school values:

RC	Alicia	RH	Aksel
1C	Coletter	1V	Xanthe
2CP	Elliot	2S	Olivia
3N	Cataleya	3W	Sienna
4DL	Clemmie	4H	Cora
5B	Eve	5K	Elodie
6A	Duke	6F	Melodie

Academic Excellence Awards

In our Merit Assembly we celebrated the successes of a child from each class, who excelled in their learning and produced some outstanding work. Well done to the following children:

RC	Luca	RH	Imogen
1C	Reyan	1V	Olivia
2CP	Johnny	2S	Earl
3N	Albie and Aalia	3W	Thomas
4DL	Samir	4H	Adam
5B	Evie	5K	Jude
6A	Sisi	6F	Miley

October

Monday 14 th	5K at Alleyn's pm – Spanish lessons
Wednesday 16 th	School Photography Day – Individual photos.
Friday 18 th	P&F Coffee morning and uniform sale (9:15am) Parent workshop – Supporting children with ASD (9:30am)
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th	Years 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Alleyn's
Monday 21 st	Parents' Evening week

Monday 28th – Friday 1st Half Term Holiday

November

Monday 4th	INSET day – School closed
Tuesday 5 th	2S – Florence Nightingale Museum
Monday 11 th	5B at Alleyn's pm – Spanish lessons Year 4 at Alleyn's pm – Science lessons
Tuesday 12 th	2CP – Florence Nightingale Museum Junior Road Watch – 5K
Wednesday 13 th	Junior Road Watch – 5B
Thursday 14 th	P&F Quiz Night
Monday 18 th	Flu vaccinations Year 4 at Alleyn's pm – Science lessons
Tuesday 19 th	5B – Trip to the BFI Ros Atkins assembly for Upper Key Stage 2
Monday 25 th	Final day to bring in Christmas gifts for Link Age Year 4 at Alleyn's pm – Science lessons
Tuesday 26 th	5K – Trip to the BFI
Friday 29 th	Get Rid of and Donate collection