



# Newsletter

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## Year 6 Production – The Lion King

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This week our Year 6 children performed the Lion King twice at Almeyn's theatre. The singing, dancing, acting, comedy, production and set design were all of the most incredible standard. Thank you to the children for entertaining us all. It felt like such a privilege to sit in the theatre and watch each and every one of you at work. You were a true inspiration to our younger children, who had the wonderful opportunity to see what they are aiming for when they reach Year 6.

Thanks has to go to all of our Heber staff, as every production that the children participate in during their journey through the school has contributed to this outstanding level of performance. We are of course extremely grateful to the Year 6 team for their efforts to prepare the year group for the production in just two weeks! Special thanks must go to Ms Dyer, who choreographed the dances and taught the children all of the songs. The singing and dancing was phenomenal.



## Primary School Newspaper of the Year Awards 2019

Heber Gazette team have won an award for their journalistic efforts! They received a certificate for "highly commended entry" in the Primary School Newspaper of the Year Awards 2019. It is a major achievement for the gazette which was only set up four months ago. The young journalists were also invited to spend a day at the First News offices, a first for any school. See how they got on in the next issue of the Heber Gazette! Thank you to Regina (mum of Isaac and Laila) for leading this initiative at Heber.

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## This Week in the Art Room

All hands on deck! Final preparations this week for HEBER ARTS FEVER! We were very lucky to have had past Heber students here this week to help out with the arrangements. Huge thank you to Lily, Fleur, Maddie, Eva and Sophie who made the innovative displays possible! Thank you to everyone who made it along to the exhibition.

The art work featured this week is from Year 4 Panda's - Matilda, Zelie and Wylie who focused on the really Wild aspects of London.



## Heber Gazette Interviews Cbeebies Legend Steven Kynman

On Tuesday, the Heber Gazette team hosted Cbeebies Steven Kynman, voice of Fireman Sam and Robert the Robot from Stargazing. With a keen Year 4 audience, Steven shared his show reel before facing a series of well-prepared question from the Heber Gazette team, which he responded to openly with a quirky sense of humour thrown in for good measure. The paparazzi also made an unexpected appearance and we managed to acquire some of their snaps too! Look out for the full report in the next issue of the Heber Gazette!





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## Staffing for 2019-20

I am not sure if this has happened before (well at least not in the 15 years that I have been at Heber), but not one member of our teaching staff is leaving us this year. Surely, that means that we have a very happy staff!

We have had two vacancies to fill for next year due to maternity leave. Mr Elliott will be covering Mrs Kyprios' maternity as Acting Assistant Head next year. We will be welcoming Miss Mohammed to Heber, to teach in Year 5 alongside Ms Carter. Ms Mohammed is very excited to be joining our team and we feel that she is a great fit for us.

Mrs Piddington will be beginning her maternity leave towards the end of October and replacing her as Nursery class teacher and Early Year Leader for the year will be Mr Howard. Mr Howard is a very experienced Early Years Leader with a particular passion for teaching in Nursery.

Classes next year will be as follows:

Year 1 – Miss Hughes (RE) & Mrs Lyon (RC)

Year 4 – Mr Stevens (3LP) & Miss Platt (3DP)

Year 2 – Miss Bassett (1L) & Mrs Jefford and Mrs Darby (1H)

Year 5 – Ms Carter (4E) & Ms Mohammed (4LJ)

Year 3 – Mr Adams (2A) & Mrs Pang (2B)

Year 6 – Ms Kleywegt (5S) & Mrs Farrelly (5C)

The children will meet their new teachers and the support staff working in their new classes on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Families will be receiving an invitation to meet the year group teachers at our Curriculum Evening in September.

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to three highly regarded members of our support staff, each of whom wanted to write a parting message:

**Ms Dyer** - My partner and I are moving to Tucson, Arizona, as he has been offered a research position in the Neuroscience department at the University of Arizona. I'm going along for the adventure! I'm not exactly sure what type of work I will be doing over there as of yet but you can be sure that I'll be writing songs and singing wherever I go! Deeply sad to be leaving Heber - it's the best job I have ever had and I will miss the children and my colleagues greatly!

**Miss Eva** - I have spent a wonderful year at Heber and I have learnt a lot from every single one of you. I will be moving to Secondary School next year but I'll make sure I come back to visit. I really found myself at home at Heber. There is a great team working here and that makes a massive difference for both, teachers and students. I feel glad I had the opportunity to be a part of it.

**Miss Bieber** - Next academic year I will be working as a Teaching Assistant in the Primary School of Canary Wharf College. I will continue my 1-1 Vocal Teaching at 'Concert Canary' which is the Saturday music school of Canary Wharf College.

I've had a great year at Heber and I'm very grateful for all the support I received from the staff team in taking my first steps as a teacher. It's been a time of growth both professionally and personally. I loved working with the Heber children and I will be sad to say good bye next week!

I would like to thank each of these members of staff for the contribution that they have made to the Heber community. They will each be sorely missed and we look forward to hearing news of their new endeavours. New members of support staff will be introduced next year. I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that we have recruited somebody fantastic to take over from Miss Dyer, leading our exceptional choirs.



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## 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 – Livia (RE) and Amelie (RC)

Year 1 – Kai (1H) and Freya (1L)

Year 2 – Ted (2A) and Maya (2B)

Year 3 – Esme, Sean Paul and Charlie (3LP) and James (3DP)

Year 4 – Kaden (4LJ) and Amelia (4E)

Year 5 – Azarius (5S) and Edie(5C)

Year 6 – Darcy (6F) Emma (6K)

## Music News

### Calling all musicians, We Need You!

We are looking to make a band of parents/staff/adults to sing and play for the children (and maybe even with the children as guest musicians) in the next academic year. From September, we will look to perform at Heber P&F events, Heber Music Concerts, fund raising events, and more. It would be great to have singers, drummers, percussionists, bass players, pianists, guitarists, musical directors, bagpipe players, and any other musician to be honest, to make up this group, so please contact me on [atreen@heber.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:atreen@heber.southwark.sch.uk) if you would like to help or if you have ideas of how we can utilise our combined skills. Thank you!

## Heber Morning Netball Club

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July we had the last morning netball club of the school year. It was the busiest with 18 girls turning up. They all had far too much energy for 8am. The training was enthusiastic and good humoured; the girls really are a great band of friends. After 45 minutes of activity it was time for class. To maintain their very high energy levels they feasted on 25 doughnuts and 12 chocolate croissants before charging up the stairs to their classrooms.

The morning club has been boundless fun and an immense success. Sam (Ava's mum) has agreed to help for the first two months of the new academic year despite her daughter leaving the school (that's dedication for you). Hopefully some new mums, or dads, will come forward to help keep the club running in September. Massive thank you to Sam for all her efforts this year and great to have Jacqueline (Freya's mum) joining the coaching team for next year.



## Our School Library

As we come to the end of the year we have a request. This year the children have borrowed over 350 books which is fantastic but we still have lots of books that haven't been returned. Please have a good look for library books amongst your book collections at home - they will have a letter on the spine (novels only) and a small bar code sticker on the inside cover. Any books you find please return to the box in the office or the returns box outside the library. Thank you for your support!



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## Weekly Music Awards

**The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.**

**Key Stage 1:** To choose just one Key Stage 1 learner as the final Music Star of the week was so difficult. Taking into account other challenges faced every day, one learner has stood out with her vocal talent, progress and self-belief. We feel empowered when she is able to join our sessions and she is so keen to learn and share her talent that she drives us all on; children and adults alike. Patricia from 2A is the final Key Stage 1 estrella de la música de la semana.

**Lower Key Stage 2:** To come to us with not only a ready-made song with different sections and instrumental parts, but also clear ideas of the organisation and instrumental parts, and then to dedicate so much time to make a band to learn the song with the resilience when things didn't go quite as planned, Joe from 3LP has to be the final Lower Key Stage 2 music star of the week. His fearlessness on stage and grit in seeing through a project is really admirable. Eres increíble, Joe.

**Upper Key Stage 2:** This year we have had many Year 5 and Year 6 children signing up for additional music activities, but one name in particular has come, learned, performed beautifully at almost everything we have offered. ¡Él es como mi sombra! For his dedication to music, for his determination to progress in all aspects of musical learning, for his singing voice, for his instrumental ability, for his team work, for his sheer cheeriness, the final Upper Key Stage 2 music star of the week is Ethan from 5C.

## July

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	After School Clubs finish
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Classes meeting their new teacher
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Tennis themed Lunch in playground
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> (9:30am)	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school closes at 2:00pm

## September

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Evenings