



Newsletter

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Computing Clubs Blast off with Astro Pi!

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It was one giant leap for both of Heber's Computing Clubs last week as they blasted off messages to the International Space Station! We took part in the Astro Pi Mission Zero Challenge, which involves writing code to display a message on an Astro Pi (small computer) on the ISS. All of the children had great fun using the Python coding language to program a personal message, picture and the current temperature to appear on an LED screen on the ISS. Our messages are winging their way to the astronauts now and will be displayed for 30 seconds each in May 2020!



New Neighbours Come to Heber

Netball Match Report

We have yet to build up a bitter rivalry with our nearest neighbours Harris East Dulwich, and we welcomed them warmly as they drifted into the fortress Heber playground. Our girls were unperturbed by the opponents arriving with a few boys in their team. The atmosphere was raucous, possibly due to it also being parents' evening!

There was a busy and bustling atmosphere.

The match was not close, the Heber girls dominated from the start. The final score of 5-1 seemed about right. It gave us the opportunity to play 16 players in total. It was good to see Nasira play for the school for the first time. She is one of our tallest pupils and it was only a matter of time before the lure of netball dragged her on to the courts.

The match finished with some hearty cheers and everyone forming a line at lightning speed to get a post-match biscuit or two.

We must not rest on our laurels. The neighbours are improving, and we must fight hard to keep the East Dulwich bragging rights.

The key behind our success is the Friday morning netball club initiated by Sam and now run by Tess and Kirsty. The power of parents, thank you so much.

This Week in Music

This week we were lucky enough to have Satveer and Naam, two parents from 1L, come in to educate us with their specialist musical knowledge! In a follow up to George's presentation about Sikhism, his parents kindly offered to come in and demonstrate the Tabla and Tumbi, two essential instruments used in Bhangra music. As our music topic is about identifying and describing different genre of music, this was an invaluable hands-on learning experience for our Year 1 musicians.





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This Week in the Art Room

It was the Art room's response to *The Tempest* this week!

- Year 1 started the week off with rich paint experimentation to recreate the "five fathoms depth of sea." We discussed tones of blues and explored all manner of items to recreate different stormy textures along large rolls of wallpaper that extended the length of the room.
- Year 2 recreated bells and imagined sea nymphs who rang them sneakily on Aerial's command!
- Year 3 examined dried pasta and wool as well as shells to determine the textures of coral and undersea plants, before creating incredible polyfoam prints! They were all too happy to get stuck in and work on their hands and knees to print these fine works!
- Year 4 looked at still life of tropical plants they could imagine seeing on Prospero's island and under the sea. They then devised the growth of each one in small teams, using vivid drawing inks.
- Year 5 depicted "pearls for eyes" beautifully through use of chalk pastel and watercolour.
- Year 6 completed the week with their extraordinary use of language inspired by the *Tempest* (lifted from their English books). They then produced experimental typography, which they interwove back into this rich seascape work, produced by the whole school! Amazing efforts all around Heber Artists!

Watch this space for the overall collaboration to be completed on display!



Online Safety

As part of our Computing curriculum at Heber, the children regularly learn about how to be a good Digital Citizen. This includes discussions on how to use the internet safely, our online identities and the importance of respecting age restrictions.

We'd also like to ensure that parents are aware of how to keep their children safe online, as well as offer some practical tips on how to do so. As such, we will be including a Digital Citizenship section on our newsletter from now on.

Our first tip is a simple one: Always ensure that your children are using their technology in a high-traffic area of the home. This means an area where the adults in your household regularly pass through. By doing so, you can ensure that you are able to see what your child is accessing online on a regular basis.



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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 – Ariadna (Rec C) & Charlie (Rec E)

Year 1 – Harrison (1H) & Amir (1L)

Year 2 – Kaspar (2B) & Daniel (2J)

Year 3 – Levi (3A) & Kady (3P)

Year 4 – Solonja (4P) & Anissa (4S)

Year 5 – Miami (5C) & Heba (5M)

Year 6 – Matilda (6F) & Jimmy (6K)

Weekly Music Awards

The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.

Key Stage 1: Our Key Stage 1 Music star of the week is Daniel from 2DJ. Daniel has shown great resilience in all our learning objectives, particularly reading and playing music accurately from the stave, and helping others achieve their learning goals. He has been showing rapid progress over the last few weeks.

Lower Key Stage 2: Based on the strength of the Book Week outcomes, it was incredibly tough choosing just one Lower Key Stage 2 musician for the award this week, but one name springs to mind. Having used improvisation in a musical way, not just in note choice and rhythm effectively, but also with structure and use of ostinato, Ruth from 4S is the deserved recipient of the award this week.

Upper Key Stage 2: Likewise, with such strong musical outcomes produced, choosing an Upper Key Stage 2 Music star of the week was as difficult as always. However, with a great piece in pairs and excellent instrumental choice, Helena and Zelig from 5C are the award winners this week.

Bingo Night

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came to Heber's Bingo Night last Friday. More than 70 of you came along - including a whole table of teachers. It was great fun. None of us will forget Julie's new bingo lingo: "Number 9 - Get an Uber from Mine", and pulled pork buns and Suhana's amazing cakes kept us going late into the night.

Most importantly, we raised a whopping £1,220 towards the new computer suite.

These events are only possible thanks to the time and energy that Heber volunteers put in. Special mentions go to:

- Clare who designed the posters. See her work at www.smalldots.co.uk
- Suhana who baked and donated her incredible cakes for us to sell - follow her on Instagram @SUBakesCakes
- Winkworth Estate Agents - who covered all the costs and came to support Heber on the night.
- Phil from Honest Burger who organised the supply of drinks for the bar.
- Harriet, Aubrey, Pete, Laura, Scott and Sam who made the food and ran the bar all night.
- Vanessa, Pauline, Jen & Dagmar who helped sell tickets and set up the hall.
- Jules and Jess who organised and hosted the night.

How lucky we are at Heber to have such a strong community of parents and friends supporting the school.





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Into the Heart of Bellenden

Football Match Report

It was our first ever visit to the new kids on the block The Belham Primary School. The Y4 boys were confident as they walked through reception. However, on entering the playground they were shocked to encounter the smallest pitch imaginable. It was on a par with playing a match in the average East Dulwich front garden!

Added to this were goals that must have been designed by the little people of Lilliput. It was a clear case of home advantage. It would have been best to play 3 a side! However, in order to give all the large Heber squad (14 players) a game we settled on 5 a side. Even with these small numbers the match resembled the six nations rugby more than the round ball game.

At half time Heber were winning but ultimately the opposition team won. The players walked back to Heber in a relaxed way, reassured in the knowledge that a good result next Wednesday against the Germanic Judith Kerr school will see us finishing top of our group!

It will be a home match in our cosy playground, and parents are encouraged to bring drums, trumpets, banners, firecrackers and burning effigies to this match.



Easter Sports Holiday Camp

We are delighted to be offering a sports holiday camp with The Elms from Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th April. As this is new to Heber, our fees have been discounted as part of an introductory offer. In addition, you will receive a further “EARLY BIRD” discount if you book by the end of the day TODAY!

Some of you might recognise the name as we have been using Elms for our KS1 & KS2 football clubs this term. We are excited to offer additional opportunities for the children and the local community during the holidays, in partnership with The Elms. For full information and to book a place please visit the link below. Please note, all bookings and queries should be directed to The Elms:

<https://www.elmsholidaycamps.co.uk/venues/east-dulwich/heber>



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March

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Monday 16 th (2:15pm – 3:15pm)	4S Animation Workshop
Wednesday 18 th	Rec C - Horniman Museum - Permian Monsters Exhibition
Thursday 19 th	Rec E - Horniman Museum - Permian Monsters Exhibition
Friday 20 th (8:00am)	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents/carers
Monday 23 rd (2:15pm – 3:15pm)	4S Animation Workshop
Wednesday 25 th (3:00pm)	4P Class Assembly
Wednesday 25 th	Nursery to Crystal Palace Park Farm
Monday 23 rd – 27 th	International Week
Tuesday 24 th	6F – Recycling Discovery Centre
Friday 27 th	International Evening
Monday 30 th – Friday 3 rd	Year 3 swimming at Alleyn's
Tuesday 31 st	6K – Recycling Discovery Centre

April

Wednesday 1 st (3:00pm)	4S Class Assembly
Friday 3 rd	Last day of term – School closes at 2:00pm

School Holidays: Monday 6th – Friday 17th April

Monday 20 th	Children return to school
Friday 27 th (9:15am and 5:30pm)	Maths workshop for parents – How to help at home
Wednesday 29 th – Friday 1 st	Year 5 School Journey

May

Tuesday 5 th (9:00am)	Parent workshop – Safe internet use at home
Thursday 7 th	4P – The Wetlands Centre
Friday 8th	May Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 12 th	3A – Horniman Museum – Rainforests
Wednesday 13 th	3P – Horniman Museum – Rainforests
Thursday 14 th	4S – The Wetlands Centre
Wednesday 20 th (3:00pm)	Reception C – Class Assembly

School Holidays: Monday 25th – Friday 29th May