



Newsletter

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Heber Literary Festival and World Book Day 2019

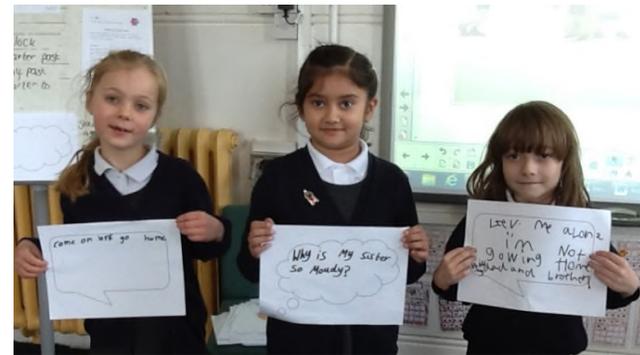
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Thank you to everybody that made our Literary festival such a success. There is always such a buzz around the school when everyone is working from the same text. Each class has taken part in some fantastic work related to our text 'Return' by Aaron Becker.

Reception

Wow! What a great week in Reception! The children were captivated by the book 'Return' and were keen to explore more about mythical creatures. We looked at existing mythical creatures and discussed their features. The children then had the opportunity to design their own creature and write a description. We were blown away by the effort made by all the children that dressed up as a word. They all looked great and particularly enjoyed parading their costume in our 'Vocabulary Cat Walk'. We ended the week with a visit from Year 4; Reception loved sharing their favourite stories with them and were all happy with their surprise book worms. Thanks Year 4!



Year 2

The children enjoyed exploring the pictures of the final text "Return" in the Aaron Becker trilogy. In Year 2, the children became picture detectives where they explored the pictures and acted out scenes from the story. The children had to use clues from the pictures and created speech and thoughts for the characters. They designed their own mythical creatures and wrote a diary in role as the little girl explaining her journey on the mythical creature.

Year 4

Year 4 have created this wonderful display outside their classroom showcasing the excellent work from 'Return'.



Year 1

In year one, the children made predictions about the text by looking at the first of couple pages. We then went on to add our own narratives for different pages in groups, leading to planning and writing our own narratives for one of the settings.





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This Week in the Art Room

We selected the dramatic climaxing scene within 'Return' to bring to life 3-Dimensionally. In light of the many sticks blown off into our streets due to current strong winds, 1L looked at the father and daughter relationship and represented them as enchanting stick people with crayon and kite props. 6K worked with chicken wire to cut and form a Griffin, which was highly demanding and labour intensive! Such perseverance and craftsmanship shone through with epic eagle talons and lion legs created and tail to boot! 6K also paved the way in creating delicate feathers out of paper which fueled many more children in classes since to build upon! It was then 2B's turn to provide the skin of the Griffin with tissue paper, which 3DP continued on with, carrying out such considered colour selection and layering. Year 4 Dolphin class then took things far wider and painted a beautiful gradient of rainbow colours onto long rolls of wallpaper. This work interpreted the wonderful chutes of colour and shafts of light that jump out from the explosive illustration we chose to interpret. 5C finished the week off through referencing the best descriptions from their English books on 'Return' and imaginatively re-wrote them back out into the rainbow painted wallpaper. The children impressed me so much with their carefully considered descriptive words which affirmed their deep understanding of the imagery we were interpreting. Further more, 5C's imaginative and perceptive graphic designing was the icing on the cake, and has propelled this work into next week for every class in Art to contribute their chosen words of 'Return' to. I cannot wait to see this beast of a work completed and up on display, watch this space!

Great work Team Heber Artists and Illustrators!

Year 2 Pottery workshop at Alleyn's.

As part of Alleyn's outreach programme, Year 2 were very excited to be invited to a Pottery workshop in their amazing Pottery studio. The children used clay to create tiles with their initial. The children learnt about the texture and different ways you can manipulate clay. They rolled out their clay and used tile cutters to form their tile and a template to cut out their initials. They then went on to paint and decorate their tile. The children also used a pottery wheel to create their own pot. What a fun day!





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A Message from the Music Team

Winners! Success! Fabulous prizes! A great week in the Heber music department this week was topped off by the news that we had won a competition run by one of our musical resources; Charanga. We entered the competition by describing our learning progression over the course of the term and the wide spectrum of musical experiences we offer and undertake. We showed off our instrumental progress and the way we implement our music learning in different activities, inside and outside of school. Lo and behold, we were chosen and walk away with a voucher worth £100! It's not quite enough for two top keyboards, but with a little spare change we'll have the new pair of instruments soon nestled snugly in our music resource cupboard, and be on our way towards the fifteen new keyboards that we are aiming for. Bring on next years' competition!

Weekly Music Awards

The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.

KS1: Our Key Stage 1 music star of the week is someone who has shown rapid progress in her musical learning and ability. She is singing more accurately and with increased control as the weeks pass, and is applying her music learning and knowledge in her instrumental playing. Payton in 2L, eres mi estrella de la semana.

Lower Key Stage 2: Two boys stand out for different, but equally valid reasons this week. Marius in 3LP is showing ever increasing confidence and ability in his singing voices in singing assembly and in the classroom. Finlay of 3LP wowed us with an incredible instrumental rendition of Three Little Birds, showing real musical timing and talent. These two muchachos talentoso are the music stars of the week for Lower Key Stage 2.

Upper Key Stage 2: It had to be this lot, each and every one. Week upon week they have strived individually on their own part, and collectively on the whole performance to create and perform a song as a band that is up to standard. They had an incredibly well received debut gig in KS1 singing assembly that brought the house down and can only go from strength to strength from here. Benjy, Alfie, Alex, Emerson, James, Nidal, you are the UpperKey Stage 2 Estrellas de la semana.

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 – Jack Cole (Rec E) and Georgia (Rec C)

Year 1 – Laszlo (1L) and Linus (1H)

Year 2 – Claudia (2L) and Maya (2B)

Year 3 – Bonnie (3LP) and Zoe (3DP)

Year 4 – Aya (4LJ) Stevie (4E)

Year 5 – Priya (5S) and Oren (5C)

Year 6 – Darcy (6F) and Alastair (6K)



Comic Relief 2019

Well done to our School Council for organizing such a successful and fun day of fundraising! Thank you to all of the pupils and staff who took part. There's still time to donate if you haven't done so already.



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Alleyns Football Tournament – Girls

The Power of Positive Thought

There are some things in life for which it is hard to find a positive angle. For example, the destruction of the world's coral reefs. Likewise writing the report about this tournament at Alleyns is difficult. However, on closer reflection, and many hours of Buddhist chanting, a few glimmers of positive light start to be seen on the horizon.

The competition was aimed at Year 6 girls, however it seemed only fair to offer places to Year 4 and 5 girls as well. Three players from Year 4 made their Heber debuts. The tournament was a chance to run around on grass kicking a bag of air and test ourselves against the independent school's sector. A stiff wind and mud underfoot were not great for showing off artistic skills. There was a lot of 'kick and run'. The girls were very committed.

Heber played 7 games – and the scores were (wait for it) (Heber score first)

0-2, 0-2, 0-2, 0-2, 0-1, 0-1 and the final game was a magnificent 0-0!

Okay we didn't score, but we came very, very close. No team completely outplayed us, and as the afternoon wore on the heads did not drop. Indeed, performances improved and heads were raised. If ever a 0-0 draw was a testament to determination and resilience, then this was it. Another Heber skill shown was 'thoughtfulness' – the girls tidied up all the rubbish and ate the team flapjacks politely. Well done girls, you stayed amazingly positive for the whole competition.

The team: **Joelle, Heli, Alisha, Daisy, Eva, Remona, Helena, Chisom, Felicie, Tabitha.**



A Message from the Art Room

I cannot believe a week has flown passed since Year 3 won 3rd place with their habitat of the world: Hydrothermal Vents. Here are the children's most memorable parts from the Global Canvas Competition day on 7th March at the Natural History Museum, which narrate the day really nicely; I hope you will enjoy this insight.

Nory "I liked the bit when we sat on the train and we worked out how many shards make up the length needed to show how deep in the ocean Hydrothermal Vents can be found...which was 16.3!"

Zoe and Talah "We liked it when we were talking about more facts with Ms Davies and Mr Clarke whilst on the train to the competition, and were reminded about the Hydrothermal Vent which was called Godzilla, it made them seem bigger and important."

Amy "I liked the part where we brought in the hydrothermal vents to the display where all the other competitors were asking us about what they were about and taking pictures of them."

Oscar "I loved seeing all of the other displays of different habitats from other schools and seeing how old the children were!"

Max "I enjoyed it most when we watched our film in the theatre auditorium for all competitors and judges to see."

Ariana "I liked it when we won 3rd place because we won a Rhino and I just feel really proud."

Miller "I loved reading my poem to all of the people in the auditorium (on collecting our award) and I felt really proud standing on the stage."

Felix "I liked it when we were waiting for the train home and we sat down looking at all of our prizes, and finding out we adopted a Rhino as part of our prize and looking through all of the enchanting books."



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Class Assemblies

Spring	Summer
23 rd January – 1H	1 st May – 1L
30 th January – 3LP	8 th May – 5C
6 th February – Reception E	15 th May – Reception E
13 th February – 5C	22 nd May – 1H
6 th March – 4E	5 th June – 5S
13 th March – 4LJ	12 th June – 2B
20 th March – 3LP	19 th June – Reception C
27 th March – Reception C	26 th June – 2L
3 rd April – 3DP	3 rd July – 3DP
	10 th July – 4E

March

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Wednesday 20 th	3LP – Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd	P&F Bingo Night for parents
Wednesday 27 th	Reception C – Class Assembly
Friday 29 th	WWF Earth Hour – Eco Committee

April

Wednesday 3 rd	3DP – Class Assembly
Wednesday 3 rd	P&F Easter Cake Sale
Wednesday 3 rd – Thursday 4 th	Year 1 Toy Museum – exhibition open for parent viewings
Friday 5 th	Last day of term – School closes at 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAY 6th – 23rd

Tuesday 23 rd	First day of Summer Term
Friday 26 th	International Evening

