



Newsletter

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This Week in the Art Room

Colour and composition took shape of Art Room this week. We produced charismatic sketchbook covers showing a strong sense of design, thanks to our earlier study of Rothko paintings and Matisse cut outs. We read further extracts of my new book on Matisse and how he arguably stumbled upon his cut out process, with a paper bird cut out only to cover a mark on his studio wall! What a humble triumph, to then go onto deliver so many key works thereafter in this way! Many of the children got lost in this process of carving through colour, where happy accidents were at their fingertips and being realised! We explored colour contrasts and complimentary colours, as well as recognising the negative space around the shape, as being valuable too!

Sketchbook front covers from classes 3LP and 6F.

A Message from the Music Team

And I thought it was supposed to be difficult to write a song. That's what I was told, but those fantastic Year 6 learners have made the initial stages seem as easy as finding a responsible, thoughtful, resilient learner at Heber. We've had a lot of fun in the last few weeks learning about electronic music and starting the first stage of song writing, and the creative talents of the children are springing to the forefront. Composition comes easier to those who are focussed, motivated, and confident and our children are taking to it like a duck takes to water. Our Year 3 musicians took to the challenge of reading and writing music with the same energy and resilience as they do in English lessons. They heard some music, worked in pairs to write it down accurately and then went to their instruments to play the rhythms and melodies. What a great start!





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Parent/Carer Workshops

Story Telling and Inference Workshop – January 24th 9:15 am

This workshop is appropriate for Nursery to Year 2 parents and carers. It will focus on the importance of reading stories and how reading supports your child's communication, language and developing vocabulary. Mrs Piddington will be modelling a story telling session which will give you an opportunity to see what questions you can ask when reading with your child. By asking a wide range of questions we can support a child's inference skills and Mrs Piddington will be discussing this in more detail throughout the workshop.

Phase One Letters and Sounds – January 31st 9:15 am

The second workshop will be an introduction to Phase One Letters and Sounds. Mrs Piddington will talk through the different aspects of the curriculum and suggest activities that will support your child's sound, word and letter knowledge. This will be a practical workshop that will discuss skills that are fundamental in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader at a later stage. This is appropriate for parents of Nursery aged children but all parents are welcome.

If you are interested in attending either of the workshops, please register at the school office.

Weekly Music Awards

The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.

KS1: Our Key Stage 1 music star of the week this week showed excellent timing and coordination. They read music and focussed with the utmost discipline. They also showed success in an extension group with Mr Treen! Well done to Freya in 1L, trabajo supremo.

Lower Key Stage 2: Rohan from 4E noticed the varied emphasis the different beats have in a four-four time rhythm. He showed excellent all-round musical skills this week, including sight-reading quickly and accurately. Joining him this week as a Lower Key Stage 2 music star of the week is a boy who heard a rhythm or piece of music and wrote down the exact notes that make up that rhythm or riff. He repeated this time and time again independently, amazing the staff members. Nat from 3DP, well done, estamos tan orgullosos de ti.

Upper Key Stage 2: Miss Bieber was clear this week, it had to be Alistair from 6K for the Upper Key Stage 2 music star of the week. For his consistently high musical knowledge and contribution to the lessons, he is our award winner this week. Bien hecho Alistair, te lo mereces!

Donations Needed – Can You Help?

The Art Room is collecting:

- Cereal boxes
- Plastic milk bottles
- Glass bottles and jars
- Shiny sweet wrappers

Many thanks for your support.

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 – Nancy (Rec E) and Alex (Rec C)

Year 1 – Jamie (1L) and Ollie (1H)

Year 2 – Tess (2B) and Betsy (2L)

Year 3 – Raeha (3LP) and Ned (3DP)

Year 4 – Heba (4LJ) and Marie (4E)

Year 5 – Out at the Science Museum (5S) Marie (5C)

Year 6 – Finley (6F) and Arif (6K)



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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 – 4D	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

January

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Tuesday 22 nd	Year 6 Citizenship workshop
Wednesday 23 rd (3:00pm)	1H – Class Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd	Nursery Immersion Day
Thursday 24 th (9:15am)	Story Telling and Inference workshop
Thursday 24 th	Year 5 Immersion Day
Friday 25 th	5C – Science Museum & Wonderlab
Friday 25 th	Years 2 & 6 Immersion Day
Wednesday 30 th	Year 6 and Reception – height and weight check
Wednesday 30 th (3:00pm)	3LP – Class Assembly
Thursday 31 st	Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena
Thursday 31 st (9:15am)	Phase 1 Letters and Sounds workshop

February

Friday 1 st	2L – St Paul's Cathedral
Wednesday 6 th (3:00pm)	Reception E – Class Assembly
Wednesday 13 th (3:00pm)	5C – Class Assembly
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd Half term holiday	
Monday 25 th	2B – St Paul's Cathedral
Thursday 28 th	Year 1 – Museum of Childhood