



Newsletter

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That's a Wrap

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What a great year we have had at Heber! We are incredibly proud of our children for all of their achievements this year. Our recent results, which will be shared on our new website in September, have highlighted the relentless hard work and commitment that our pupils and staff have given to ensure strong academic success. In national assessments for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6, our pupils have achieved above and beyond national averages in all areas. The number of pupils achieving at the higher standard is now significantly above national averages in all subjects. But our pupils have had so many successes beyond the academic subjects. There are simply too many to mention here, but I'm sure you will have heard about all of the highlights in the newsletters, on Twitter and from your children. Each year group has provided a little highlight of their year to share with you in this newsletter. This has definitely been a year to remember.

I would like to thank all of our staff and governors for their tireless dedication throughout the year. I am sure that you will agree that they really do go the extra mile for our children.

A special thank you must go to our Parents & Friends committee. The wide range of events that they have organised have been extremely well planned and have brought much needed funds into the school for the benefit of all of our pupils. Money aside, the events always ensure that there is a strong sense of community at Heber. We really do appreciate any time that parents and friends of Heber have been able to donate. Thank you to all parents, friends and family members who have given their support to the many P&F events and contributed donations and time so generously.

We are already busy planning for the year ahead. We have been reviewing our curriculum and have some new, exciting and even more challenging topics to introduce next year.

Have a wonderful summer.

See you in September!

Miss Rosenberg



Heber Arts Fever

Thank you so much for coming, and for those who were not able to make it, here are some image highlights. In addition to this, the main staircase running up through the school now has a wonderful Year 6 legacy which shows their vivacious still life paintings. Such talented, creative people; the world already looks like a brighter place. Thank you for such a wonderful first year, I so look forward to working with you all in the next! Happy summer all



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PE at Heber – 2018/2019

The children have continued to remain enthusiastic during this year's rather wet and dark winter months. Our Thursday morning slot on the grassy Alleyn's top pitch allowed some of the classes to enjoy PE and mud! Indeed, we strengthened our links with Alleyn's and went to football, netball and cricket competitions at their school.

In the Spring, Heber had two first place runners at the inter-school cross country races against mainly independent schools. Next year we are aiming for a first placed team of runners! Our successful netball team played throughout the year, and indeed came to pre-school training from May onwards.

Sports Day

The year finished off with a wonderful Sports Day that showed the enthusiasm and determination of our pupils. The day demonstrated how the children have good teamwork and competitive skills. Also on display were the leadership skills of the Year 6's who more or less ran the show. Rather like the recent cricket world cup there was a draw at the end. Amazingly, three of the four teams ended on equal points, with the fourth placed team only a couple of points behind. Unfortunately, Mr Neve-Dunn had not prepared for such a result and there was no 'super over' to decide the winner.



Nursery

What an incredible year it has been! We cannot believe that a whole year has flown past already. The children settled so well into the environment and have been flourishing ever since. Some of the highlights have been the trip to Godstone Farm, learning about animals and mini-beasts, and definitely Numberblocks.

Here are some of the children's favourite parts of the year:

Albert: "Drawing, because I can use lots of colours"

Keeva: "My friends and Mrs Piddington, I have lots of fun"

Michelle: "When we went to farm and I saw lots of pigs and went on the tractor"

Aman: "Working on the interactive whiteboard because we play games and we learn fun stuff like Numberblocks"



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Reception

Elijah: 'We made explosions outside! It was amazing!'

Heidi: 'I loved going to the forest and finding treasure from the pirates!'

George: 'I enjoyed astronaut training day. I loved making my own space boots.'

Anaya: 'My favourite part is when we learnt how to plant a bean''

Luther: "I liked when we learnt about floating and sinking because we made our own boats"

Year 1

Year 1 have had such a fantastic year! We have all worked together to think about our favourite bits and we would like to share them with you.

We have been particularly enthused about working with the Globe Theatre this year. I think Anika in 1L summed it up well when she said 'this year the thing I loved the most was when we did drama about Shakespeare stories.' We have also loved our toys topic, making toys for the toy museum and our trip to the Museum of Childhood. Hadia in 1H said 'I had so much fun learning about toys!' All of us loved taking part in Spanish Day and 1H were really proud that they came third! In our Summer Term we enjoyed our seaside trip. We had so much fun collecting shells, paddling in the sea, playing in the sand and having a picnic on the beach. This term we also loved sharing our work with parents at our open afternoons and many children said they 'loved seeing the smiles on their parent's faces.'

Mrs Lyon and Ms Hughes

Year 2

This year in Year 2 was the greatest year ever! I especially loved the school trips. We went to Crystal Palace park to make different sounds and that was awesome! Then we went to the Florence Nightingale Museum and learnt about her life and nursing in the Crimean War. In Maths we have learnt our times tables, fractions and other cool stuff! In English we read and wrote stories based on Beegu, The Dragon Machine, How the Rabbit Stole the Fire. In Science we have been growing plants. This year my favourite thing was dressing up as a Queen.

By Nelly - 2B

Shameeka: This year I really enjoyed when we did the smoothie lesson because there were some yucky ones and some really yummy ones!

Daniel: I enjoyed learning about Billy and the Minpins in English because I loved describing my own made up animal.

Freddie: I liked learning about time in Maths because it helped me to learn to tell the time.



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Year 3

We have had a very happy and successful year which has been jam-packed full of events and achievements. Some of our highlights included going to the Horniman Museum where we learnt about plants and how they are useful to humans. We enjoyed going swimming and so many of us really improved over the course of the year. Book Week was fantastic because we read a book from the Return Trilogy. These books don't have any words, which was a springboard for us to create stories from.

By Ariana and Maxy



Year 4

What an amazing year it has been...when asked to sum the year up in just one word, Year 4 chose EPIC! There have been so many highlights and so many wow moments throughout the year it is difficult to select just a few. The children gave us a huge list of highlights including the trips we've been on; the Wetlands Centre in particular; the topics we've learnt about; who doesn't love the Romans; and the amazing opportunities they have had to be a part of something special, the press conference for the Heber Gazette for example.

The overwhelming feeling from Year 4 is that time really does fly when you're having fun! As for the Year 4 staff, we have loved every minute! See you in September!

Year 5

Our Highlights of Year 5:

By Matilda, Marie, Alfie and Moshoodat

One of our highlights of Year 5 was going on our school journey to Kingswood! We went for 3 days and 2 nights. Our favourite activity was High Equilibrium. After Kingswood our second favourite thing had to be our Egyptian immersion day where we got to mummify oranges. Also whilst learning about the Egyptians we got a chance to travel to the British Museum to find out more. In topic, we also enjoyed learning about the vicious Anglo Saxons. After that, we had so much fun learning about where the land meets the sea. Part of our learning on cliff erosion was going to Kings Gate Bay in Broadstairs. In English we have read some amazing books including: The Strange Case of Origami Yoda, Princess' Blankets, Harris Burdick, Varmints and Percy Jackson. For our Science learning we went to the extraordinary Science Museum to study space. We had so much fun there! To finish off our Science work on life cycles, we watched a documentary on Jane Goodall.

In conclusion, Year 5 was a great year to look back on.





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Year 6

What Year 6 has meant to me:

"Time to prepare for secondary school and a chance to put our acting to the test." Neve.

"It means a lot because we've had time to get to know each other really well from all the group work opportunities." Darcy.

"We were able to co-operate more with the other class and I feel like we became a team." Liban.

"We had a lot of opportunities like being peer mentors and prefects." Ksenia.

"It was a fun year to show our skills of singing and acting." Izzy.

"Year 6 has been great. We've worked so much together especially the Lion King." Luke.

"We've really got to know each other so well." Ava.

"We end one journey and begin another." Ziki.

"Heber has been like a family to me." Joelle.

"Working as a team - especially with 6F." Isabel M.

"School journey was such an experience." Jaydon.

It's so hard to believe the year has come to an end! We've had a blast. The children have worked hard and faced every challenge with a positive attitude. Thank you Year 6!!



Music

World Book Day was a real highlight in the music department this year. Not only did our Year 2 children make individualised musical-themed kites to represent the story, but Year 4 made soundscapes to tell the whole story using music. Year 1 loved learning about genre, and in particular learning a Scottish ceilidh when we covered folk music. Year 3 loved our activity to train their musical ear; they were to play given songs on instruments and guess the song from the melody they played.

Our Summer Music Concerts were so well attended that we had to release last minute tickets and we are very glad that we did. It was fantastic to see so many family members enjoying the show. The children brilliantly demonstrated all of their music learning from the whole year and the progress that they have made was so evident.



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Heber P & F – Looking for a New Committee

Thank you for all the parents that have supported the Heber P & F this year - we've had some lovely events and raised a substantial amount that should really make a difference to the school hall. However, all the current committee (chairs, treasurer, secretary, sponsorship and communications) will step down at the end of this week so we need to find parents to form a new committee. All these roles can be shared, and the old committee will still be around at the school to ensure a smooth transition and help when needed. Without a new committee the P & F will lose its charitable status, events will no longer be held and the school will lose out. Anyone who thinks they could help or would like to know more please email us at heberpandf@gmail.com

Thanks

Pauline & Jen

P & F Co-chairs

Fundraiser for Greenpeace

We are very proud when we are approached by pupils wanting to make a difference to a cause they are passionate about. On Wednesday Eva, Daisy, Dulcie, Thomas, Jimmy and Isobel from Year 5 held a cake sale after school to raise money for Greenpeace. They worked very hard, as did their parents, to ensure the stock was eye catching and delicious. The group raised over £100! Such an achievement. Well done to all involved.



2019-20 Prefects

Choosing prefects never gets any easier but this year it was particularly tough. The 27 applicants were of a very high calibre and we could only choose 12. I'm delighted to say that the prefects in September will be: Verity, Eva, Emerson, Moshoodat, Thomas, Daisy, Oren, Chisom, William, Edie, Beth and Conrad.

I look forward to working with them over the coming term.

Mrs Jefford

September

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Wednesday 4 th	Children return to school
Tuesday 17 th – Thursday 19 th	Curriculum Evenings
Monday 30 th	Speak Out, Stay Safe – NSPCC event
Wednesday 18 th	Year 3 – Chiltern Open Air Museum

October

Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 30 th	Year 2 Bright Sparks Concert at Royal Festival Hall