



Newsletter

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That's a Wrap!

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What a brilliant (and very long) term we have had at Heber! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. A huge thank you to all parents and friends of Heber who have helped at the P&F or school events this term. Your energy, enthusiasm and hard work is very much appreciated.

Our staff have really pulled out all of the stops to make it an exciting, challenging and memorable term for our pupils. The children have met each challenge and opportunity with determination and positivity. Well done Team Heber!

Wishing you all a very happy and restful break. See you in in the new year, when school starts back for the children on Tuesday 8th January.



Netball Match versus SJSC Primary

There is nothing better than taking an enthusiastic Heber netball team to play a local school. Their excitement and positive energy could illuminate every Christmas light in East Dulwich for a year. The team had eight changes from the previous fixture with Ivydale school. There were four debutantes – Pearl, Isabel, Daisy and Chisom. There are so many girls who want to play for the netball team – we could easily put out 4 teams. For this match with St John's and St Clement's Primary we took two teams.

PE lessons at Heber always have a competitive element. The children are very used to strong competition during the lessons, and so it is not much of a leap for them to transfer these skills to the playground of another school. It was clear from start that the Heber girls were a bit more 'gritty' and more relaxed about being competitive than their rivals. They were also louder (good communication) and able to pass and move faster (good energy).

However, there was another element to the Heber team play that took Mr Neve-Dunn by surprise. The Heber girls had the ability to giggle and laugh while playing. There was no sense of the girls laughing at their opponents, it was simply an expression of pure enjoyment. At times they were chuckling so much they could barely hold the ball. The opponents were somewhat confused by the joy being shown by the Heber girls. It was a wonderful fixture, full of good spirit and laughter. The SJSC girls were lovely, polite and happy to make friends with the loud and friendly Heber girls. Neither side seemed overly concerned about the score. For those who do care, it was another strong win for our netball team!



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Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day raised a huge sum of money and created some great memories this year. The 14th of December will be remembered as the day Miss. Rosenberg wore a glittery pink tiara in the playground; what a great sport she was! We raised a total of **£335.16** for Save the Children. Thank you so much to everyone who voted in 'Tinsel Your Headteacher' and to everyone who wore their festive wear with such style. A fun filled day that raised a lot of money for a great cause.

Mrs. Jefford



Weekly Music Awards

The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.

KS1: The Key Stage 1 music star of the week is Kai in 1H. Our aim for this term has been for the children to have an understanding of song structure, pulse and timing, and also to start composition and to express themselves creatively. Kai showed this beautifully in the end of term performance in our lesson this week, moving in time with the pulse and showing the choruses and verses of our song with his movements. *Qué gran comienzo de año!*

Lower Key Stage 2: Expression, energía, creativity, perseverancia, flexibilidad, ritmo; these are just a few signs of a true musician and in Year 3 and Year 4 there are many such heroes. This week one has stuck out for these exact qualities. The Lower Key Stage 2 music star of the week has to be Minnie from 4E.

Upper Key Stage 2: How can I choose just a few music stars of the week from Year 5 and Year 6 after that incredible Christmas play and the astounding choir concert?! *Dios mío!* So many could get a mention, but there were two in particular that stood out – and were recommended highly by some of the teachers. For effort in singing and performance during those two concerts respectively, our Upper Key Stage 2 music stars of the week are Farah in 5S and Oren in 5C.

Heber Advent Calendar Competition

All of the doors are now open on our advent calendar. What a fun way to celebrate the artistic talent at Heber. Thank you Ms. Davies for the great idea and all the work that went into the competition. Thank you and well done to all of the children who took part this year. Every entry has been on display and has been a very welcome festive addition to our office this term.

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 – Joshua (Rec E) and Sam (Rec C)

Year 1 – William (1L) and Hadia (1H)

Year 2 – Sofia R (2B) and Calum (2L)

Year 3 – George (3LP) and Nori (3DP)

Year 4 – Luis (4D) and Josie (4E)

Year 5 – Nidal (5S) and Matilda (5C)

Year 6 – Janelle (6F) and Ellen (6K)



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A Message from the Music Team

Our first term of the year has come to a glorious end. Our terrific Year 4 musicians learned and performed altogether their studied song Mamma Mia, and the culmination of their efforts was a joy to hear. Year 2 have embedded so many instrumental skills thanks to Miss Bieber, and likewise have made their initial steps into reading music. Year 1 met their goals superbly and moved on to extend their understanding of structure, pulse and rhythm. Our Year 6 learners built upon many skills this term and excelled themselves in particular with their singing. The Year 5 musicians learned, adapted and performed their studied song Guantanamo so adeptly it could have been a Year 6 performance! And our shining stars in Year 3 finished off the year applying their musical skills to play and guess songs using their musical ear.



January

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Monday 7 th	Staff development day (INSET day)
Tuesday 8 th	Children return to school
Friday 11 th	Drama workshops for Nursery - Year 2
Tuesday 15 th	Road Safety Theatre visiting Heber for Years 5 & 6
Friday 18 th	5S – Science Museum
Wednesday 23 rd (3:00pm)	1H – Class Assembly
Friday 25 th	5C – Science Museum
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

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
Friday 15 th	Eco Committee's fundraiser for WWF
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd Half term holiday	
Monday 25 th	2B – St Paul's Cathedral
Thursday 28 th	Year 1 – Museum of Childhood