



Newsletter

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Our Partnership with Shakespeare's Globe

All the School's a Stage

We are delighted to announce that Heber has been confirmed as one of only seven Southwark schools to be selected to participate in All the School's a Stage, a joint project delivered by Southwark Teaching School Alliance and Shakespeare's Globe and funded by Paul Hamlyn Foundation. The school will be engaged with the project over the next two years which provides us with almost £19,000 worth of professional development for our staff.

We are so pleased to have been selected as we believe the project will support us with our whole school priority to improve the progress that pupils across the school make in their writing. The aim of the project is to study Shakespeare plays in depth with a focus on literacy and oracy skills, to develop their understanding of stories and their ability to share knowledge. They will also develop core speaking, listening, communication, language, drama and expressive arts skills through active participation and performance within a workshop environment

The first stage of the project will involve storytelling work with children in years 1 and 3 whilst providing professional development for the staff. The Globe Education Practitioners will be working alongside our staff to model and coach them in using role-play, puppets and other drama approaches to enhance children's story telling skills and to develop their understanding of challenging texts.

In the second year the teachers directly involved in the first stage (Mrs Lyons, Ms Hughes, Ms Platt and Mrs Pang) will be passing on all they have learnt to the rest of our staff in order to embed the teaching strategies fully across the whole school. Our Literacy plans will be adapted to enable Shakespeare plays to be studied in every year group.

Year 5 Science Partnership with Alleyn's

Over the course of this term Year 5 will be working on a science project with 6th Form pupils at Alleyn's and their teacher.

Report by Jimmy and Priya in 5S

On Monday afternoon, half of 5S went to Alleyn's school to do some Science with the Year 12 pupils there. First we experimented with their Van de Graaff generator. When you touch it, your hair goes bonkers! This is because it has electrons flowing through it which are generated by a moving belt. It can give you a shock if you don't wait until the Year 12 pupil earths it using an electric ball.

Next we created our own circuits and tested to see what made good conductors. Did you know salt water is a conductor? Next we week we are creating our own games using circuits - these will look like boxes where you have to match statements using two wires. If you are right a bulb will light up!





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Bikeability

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Bikeability training over the past couple of weeks at Heber. We would like to thank the Instructor from Southwark for training our children and making the pupils become confident cyclists.



Volunteer Reading Scheme – Can You Help?

Thank you to the parents who have already expressed an interest in volunteering to read with children during school time. If you would like to take part. Volunteers commit to one 25-minute session per week, from 2.50–3.15pm. They will work with the same child each week, listening to them and guiding their reading. Mrs Kyprios will run a short training session for all new volunteers. Volunteers would also need to complete a DBS check; we will support you in organising this. Please fill in the form, which will be available in the school office or contact Vanessa Kyprios if you have any further questions.

This week in the Art room by Ms Davies

This week I was met by many brave and daring Year 1 superheroes. We revisited our colourful rain paintings (on acetate) and using fearless cutting skills we created skylines and superheroes to guard over. These multimedia works are looking wonderful at the front of my room on display. Well done 1H for Super Work! Year 2L focused on specific shapes of London buildings to collage their stunning mixed media works.

3LP looked at Van Gogh for mark making and Chagall and Kandinsky for pattern ideas to develop a new layer to their stunning watercolour paintings from last week. We listened to different types of music to help inform different shapes, speeds of drawing and weights of line.

Year 4 were introduced to David Hockney as well as my own work, where we studied the shape and line within bark from trees that I had collected from my home town (The Forest of Dean). We then practised working 'en plein air', where we drew the silver birches outside.

5S made a great start to their week with me, where we created our plaster sculptures of letter forms, quite a sensory experience, if a little messy!

6F also enjoyed the plaster mixing (possibly a little too much!) where we cast their beautiful delicately moulded plasticine letter forms that they had made last lesson.





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Weekly Music Awards

KS1: Our Key Stage 1 music star of the week is Rowena in 2B. She showed wonderful musical skill with her partner on the xylophone, she recalled musical facts we've been learning and she sung beautifully. She showed us all the level we need to aspire to. Fabuloso!

Lower Key Stage 2: After technical difficulties in our year 3 and 4 assembly, who else could we turn to for quality live music in our hour of need? Malachi from 3DP would have earned the award solely for his focus and quality outcomes in the class learning sessions, but earns it also for the consistent, reliable pulse and groovy, engaging style that he played without stopping when called upon in assembly. Que heroe!

Upper Key Stage 2: Riziki from 6K is our Upper Key Stage 2 music star of the week. It is not often 6K are stuck for ideas or inspiration, being a creative and energised group of excellent learners, but this week Riziki practically ran the show. Answering every question, responding to every singing cue, reflecting back accurate pitch and timing with her voice; she was a force to be reckoned with. Bien hecho Riziki.

A Message from the Music Team

Wait, we've got how many choirs?! I thought most schools only have one! Well, they do, but following the combination of overwhelming demand, and the level of skill needed to attempt certain songs, Heber has several. This week has been about shuffling around the numbers and auditioning until we could finalise the choir numbers and names. Well done and a big thank you to everyone who auditioned: even getting up there in the first place to sing a solo is a feat many shake in fear at the thought of, but not you! Brave souls one and all. Don't forget to sign up to the after school clubs, such as ukulele and Young Voices!

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 – Livia and Molly
Year 1 – Anika and Bilal
Year 2 – Sofia and Daniel
Year 3 – Ariana and Marius
Year 4 – Tabitha and Lucas
Year 5 – Farah and Nasira
Year 6 – Justin and Clara

Book fair: 2nd October – 8th October

The travelling book fair is visiting us again next week. All classes will be visiting the book fair during school time during which children are welcome to bring in money to spend on books. The book fair will also be open every day after school for Parents and Carers to visit with their children. The book fair is a fantastic way for the school to earn money for new books – on average we earn about £1000 worth of books for the school. This money is then shared across the school to provide new high quality texts in classrooms. During school time, the children will be visiting on the following days:

Tuesday 2nd – Year 4

Wednesday 3rd - Nursery (am&pm), 1L, 6K and 2L

Thursday 4th - Year 5 and 3LP

Friday 5th- Reception, 6F and 3DP

Monday 8th – 1H and 2B



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Spanish of the week!

The children in KS2 have been learning numbers 6-10 and different greetings!

Numbers	Greetings
Siete	Como estas?
Ocho	Que tal?
Nueve	Bien
Diez	Mal
	Bastante bien

Heber School Council Polling Station

The children at Heber voted for their new class council representatives on Thursday. The children presented their manifestoes to the year groups and then each pupil voted for a boy and a girl representative. Here are photographs of the pupils placing their ballot papers in the Year 2 ballot box! The new school councillors will be announced next week. Well done to all of the children who wrote and presented their manifestos.



October

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

Monday 1 st (6:00pm)	Full Governing Body meeting
Tuesday 2 nd – Tuesday 9 th	Book Fair
Monday 8 th (9:30am & 5:30pm)	Mathletics parent workshop
Tuesday 9 th	The Globe performance of Julius Caesar (Years 3 & 4)
Tuesday 9 th	Year 6 – Imperial War Museum
Wednesday 10 th	Walk to School Day
Wednesday 10 th	Year 2 Adventure Learning in Crystal Palace Park
Wednesday 10 th	1L – Autumn Walk in Sydenham Woods
Thursday 11 th	1H – Autumn Walk in Sydenham Woods
Wednesday 17 th and Thursday 18 th	Parents Evening
Friday 19 th (9:15am)	Road safety theatre performance for Key Stage 1
Friday 19 th	Last day of half term – School ends at normal time
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th	Half Term

November

Wednesday 14 th	Peer Review (local Heads and Senior Leaders visiting)
Thursday 29 th	Open Morning for prospective parents