



Newsletter

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International Week

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Last week we started off the new term by celebrating International Week; a week of learning about the countries that our families come from and immersing our children in a range of activities aimed at helping us to understand each other a little better. The children had a fantastic time; whether they were listening to speakers or sharing their experiences with their peers. There was a real sense of cultural pride that was so incredibly heartwarming to see.

Thank you to all of our visitors for taking the time to come in to speak to the children and for making the learning so real and memorable.

A huge thank you to all of our P&F who made International Evening such a success. We really do appreciate all of the hard work that you all put into these events. And of course, thank you to everyone who came along, brought a dish to share and helped to create the wonderful atmosphere that evening.

The choir were outstanding, as always! Thank you to Ms. Dyer, our singing coach, for helping them to prepare for the event and for supporting them in their performance.

The children have written short accounts of their week below:



Nursery

The Nursery children learned about India for International Week. Some of the children and the adults who work in the Nursery have family who live in India. The children took part in a range of activities, including making Peacocks, the national bird, cooking some Indian sweets, designing their own Mendhi and Rangoli patterns and the children who did some dancing. The children also had a go at a celebratory dance using the jago stick and some Bhangra dance movements.

Reception

Reception focussed on Australia and New Zealand. The children loved finding out interesting facts about these countries and immersing themselves in some of their traditions. They took a trip through the outback, learning about the different types of animals they would see there. They then used books and websites to find out more about them. We read the book 'Why I Love Australia' by Bronwyn Bancroft. The children loved the aboriginal art in the illustrations which inspired them to try and create their own! We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered to come in and help. The children loved tasting food, listening to music and hearing stories all about Australia and New Zealand



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Year 1

For International Week, 1H learned all about Pakistan where Hadia was born. Hadia's mum sent us some lovely home-made biryani which the children really enjoyed and she wrote us a letter telling us all about her country. We also learned about Mehndi patterns which is a form of hand art that Pakistani women use for ceremonies like weddings. We designed and then painted our own.

In 1L we made posters on famous French landmarks. We also talked about other countries around the world where they speak French and learnt some French words. We learnt the colours in French and then painted the rainbow using our knowledge of the French words. Adam's mum came into class to answer our questions about living in France, teach us some French words and she brought croissants and pain au chocolat!

Year 3

3LP were delighted to have two special visitors to help them learn about South Africa. Ms Henderson Viera grew up in South Africa and taught 3LP a song called Shosholoza and played some language games to learn Afrikaans. The children tasted cookies called Hertzoggies, which were very well received! They were briefly introduced to Nelson Mandela's life through a story called Long walk to freedom and designed posters with key words that they associated with messages from the story.

3LP's second visitor was Mylo's grandad, Jon Blair, who visited 3LP to share his experience of growing up in South Africa. The children were very intrigued to find out how childhood might have been similar and different from their own and they prepared many questions. Whilst learning about Jon's childhood they also discussed themes of racial discrimination, prejudice and fighting for justice. Here are some of the responses from a couple of children:

"I felt proud for the colour skin I am because I am unique to everybody else." - Jacob

"I felt angry and asked: What is going on? Because it was just unfair." - Inigo

We will continue to discuss these themes and think about fairness for everybody.

3DP celebrated Jamaica during International Week, a country that is represented by many of our students.

We learnt some key facts about Jamaica and made Jamaican flags. Did you know that Jamaica has a population 4 times smaller than London?

We then sampled Jamaican food (many thanks to Betty - Kaya's mum). The food went down a storm - especially the dumplings! Our favourite part of the day was when Kaya and Solonja introduced the food in Jamaican patois! We thoroughly enjoyed the week and are already looking forward to our next instalment of Jamaican food!





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Year 4

4LJ were lucky enough to welcome Malachi's mum into our class during international week. She told us all about what it was like growing up in Dominica. We learnt lots of strange and wonderful things such as the national dish used to be mountain chicken...which was actually a frog!

4E were so excited to learn more about Brazil, especially because that is where Artur joined us from. He stood up and gave a fantastic presentation all about life in Brazil and even answered our questions. As a class we then had a great time creating a huge Brazilian flag made from recycled materials and full of facts.

Year 5

In 5S, we learnt about Iran to help welcome our newest member, Erfan! Erfan taught us how to introduce ourselves in Persian, and how to count to 10. We then went online in pairs to learn as much as we could about Iran, so we could come up with questions for a class Iran quiz. Did you know that Iranian people describe their country as being shaped like a cat? Miaow!

In 5C we explored the beautiful Ghanain Kente cloths and created our own designs by weaving paper together, selecting colours and patterns based on their symbolism. We also used iPads to conduct research into different aspects of Ghana and prepared quiz questions for the rest of our class to answer.

Marie's mum also kindly came in to talk to the whole of Year 5 about France. The children were particularly interested to hear about how their school days differ to those in England.

Year 6

6F learnt about New Zealand! We spent some time learning about the Maori culture and even learnt how to say a few things in Maori. We also made some koru designs. A koru is a spiral shape based on the appearance of a new unfurling silver fern and is an important symbol in Maori art and maori carvings.

Mrs Farrelly also told us what it was like to live in New Zealand and showed us some photos and videos so we could see what a beautiful country it is.

In 6K Harriet's Mum came in and gave a talk on Jamaica for International week. She also gave us lots of food which was delicious. We also celebrated our 'international' class and Emma spoke about Italy.

Football on Top of a Hill

On Monday 29th April some Year 3 and 4 boys travelled by minibus to Horniman School. The school sits high on a hill (Forest Hill) and seems to cling to the slope. The playground has a fantastic view of London down to the Thames.

The Heber team was playing together for the first time and their excitement was electric. The opposition were an experienced outfit who regularly play in the Saturday schools league in Blackheath. The first half was very close and the heroics of Sammy in the goal kept the score to 1-1. In the second half the players began to tire and there was less energy in defence. The final score was 6-3 to Horniman. The extra experience allowing the opponents to pass the ball around and conserve their energy.

However, the Heber players may have been tired, but their enthusiasm was unwavering. They are all looking forward to the return fixture at Heber in a few weeks' time.

Well done team, your attitude was superb: **Lucas, Artur, Sammy, Max L, Ethan, Sebastian, Camerone, and Serhat.**



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This Week in the Art Room

This week was a strong research and recording week in the Art room. 3LP uncovered the wonders of Cave Art through analysis of a documentary and imagery. I have selected work from Marius, George, Finlay and Joe's sketchbooks in 3LP that demonstrates great enquiry. 5S carried out extensive learning into the history of trees and how integral they are to our environment. Not only insightful, but evidently so visually rich, these research layouts cry out to be on show!



Heber Dads Cricket – Play or Watch

Do you fancy the chance of playing some friendly Sunday afternoon cricket this summer? The 'Heber Dads' cricket team will be playing five matches at Dulwich cricket grounds this term, against Dads teams from four other local primary schools (including Goodrich and Dulwich Hamlet). We welcome players of all ability, and if you haven't played cricket since you were 16 don't worry – half our squad were in a similar situation!

To find out more, email rob@eastaway.demon.co.uk

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 – Caden (Rec E) and Luther (Rec C)

Year 1 – Jayceon (1L) and Emily (1H)

Year 2 – Rosa (2A) and Milo (2B)

Year 3 – Max (3LP) and Arianna (3DP)

Year 4 – Sami (4LJ) and Ossie (4E)

Year 5 – Away on School Journey

Year 6 – Neve (6F) and Isabelle (6K)

A Message from the Music Team

This week Key Stage 1 have been advancing their singing skills, in particular with pitch. With young, developing voices, singing correctly from the get-go can be tough so we are working at training the children to prepare for singing in the right way to achieve maximum success. Year 3 have started their History of Music topic with learning around the Baroque period, combining key figures and instruments with the style of the time. Year 4 learned about the Beatles and begun working on an ensemble performance of one of their songs, and Year 6 worked on developing djembe skills to include new beats and patterns. Before they went on their residential trip, Year 5 practiced a special performance we hope to show in an upcoming assembly. Miss Carter was blown away by the progress they had made in one lesson.



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Weekly Music Awards

The following awards were announced in our weekly Merit Assembly.

KS1: We all know him for his fun personality, his friendly way, his responsible choices and his enthusiastic attitude to school. This week we saw clearly his resilient side as he learned to read music in the lesson, and cantó bellamente in singing assembly. Mason from 2B is our music star of the week this week.

Lower Key Stage 2: Zoe from 3DP played so beautifully during this week's lesson that the Lower Key Stage 2 music award must go to her. In our lesson about Baroque music and Vivaldi's Four Seasons, she jumped on the prospect of learning one of his songs and persevered with fantástico resilience to succeed. Excellent job, Zoe.

Upper Key Stage 2: Following from last week, we have seen such responsible attitudes to learning and singing in particular in Year 6. From volunteering to sing in front of everyone, to singing noticeably well in the mix of voices, Jaydon in 6K is the Upper Key Stage 2 Music Star of the week. His award has been coming for a while and, coupled with his dogged determination in learning to play the djembe effectively in a group, this week is his week

Half Term Sports Camp at Heber

Burgess Sports

For the first time Mr Neve-Dunn will be running a sports camp at Heber School during the next half term holiday, Tuesday to Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm. It will feature many sports but it is about so much more. The children will develop teamwork, resilience, setting goals, making friends and being confident in their abilities. Most importantly it will be FUN!

Mr Neve-Dunn's charity, Burgess Sports, has been running a holiday sports camp for children in Peckham, Walworth and Camberwell for many years. This is focussed on helping low income families in those areas. Any profits from the sports camp at Heber will go towards funding places for low income families.

The cost is £128 for the week (4 days) or £35 a day.

You can sign up on line at:

<https://www.burgesssports.org/sport-camps-1/heber-sport-camps/>

There will only be 60 places at Heber.



| HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP | |
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| <p>WHEN?</p> <p>FROM TUESDAY 28TH TO FRIDAY 31ST MAY</p> <p>SPORTS PROGRAMME STARTS 9:30 AM TILL 2:30 PM</p> <p>EARLY DROPPING 8:00 AM</p> <p>LATE COLLECTION TILL 5:00 PM</p> <p>£128 PER WEEK OR £35 PER DAY</p> <p>BOOK ONLINE: WWW.BURGESSSPORTS.ORG</p> | <p>WHERE?</p> <p>HEBER SCHOOL HEBER RD. EAST DULWICH, LONDON SE22 9LA</p> <p>FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-12</p> <p>TENNIS • HOCKEY • TAG-RUGBY • BOXING FOOTBALL • CRICKET • BMX • FUN & GAMES</p> |



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P&F Update

It was great to see you all at International Evening last Friday! The evening was a great success with many fabulous meals on offer from all over the world and a lovely performance by Heber's very own Performance Choir! The evening raised well over £500 towards our project this year - upgrading the main hall in order to improve it as a performance space with a specific emphasis on the acoustics, lighting, and performance equipment.

On that note, thank you very much for supporting the P&F so far, please note that you can continue to support the P&F by:

- Signing up to Easyfundraising. Use easyfundraising.org.uk (cause: "Parents and Friends of Heber School) to do your online shopping – every time you shop, we get a donation, and it doesn't cost you a penny! So far it has raised an impressive £1,061.61 - so please join and watch the number grow!
- Donating to JustGiving.com. Raise money by being sponsored for events such as running a marathon or Heber Family Fun Run 2019, or if you're short on time, simply donate to the website directly at <https://www.justgiving.com/pfhs> - (FYI - this site is currently being updated to reflect our new goals). Last year it raised a staggering £9,270.50!
- Ordering your Stikin Name labels using the Heber code 9323. That way Heber School is given a 30% commission. Stikin Labels are high quality permanent name labels that you stick onto the wash labels in clothes (& on any other items like shoes, water bottles, hats, etc). No need to sew or iron. You can order here: <https://www.stikins.co.uk>
- Agreeing to have an advertising board in front of your home for the Summer Fair. Pedder will generously give Heber school £15 for EACH board put up. To have a board outside your house please email your home address and postcode to heberpandf@gmail.com. The boards will be put up w/c 3rd June and taken down w/c 17th June.
- Attend our meetings to help us brainstorm new ideas and/or volunteer to help us run our events! The P&F is completely reliant on you as volunteers! Hence, if you would like to be more involved simply speak to your class rep or e-mail heberpandf@gmail.com

Coming up next:

Sunday 12th May: Heber family Fun Run - generously sponsored by KFH. This family event is not only a great way to promote sports and the strong Heber community, but it is also a massive fund raiser. Adults are invited to join us in Dulwich Park at 10:00am for 2 laps (2 miles) around Dulwich Park, followed by a 1 mile (1 lap) children's fun run at 11am. So please sign the form, get your sponsors, and get your running shoes on!

We look forward to hearing from you or seeing you all at the upcoming events!



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May

All diary dates are available on the school website calendar.

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| Monday 6th | Bank Holiday – School closed |
| Tuesday 7 th | 4LJ – Discovery Centre – Stratford |
| Wednesday 8 th | 4E – Discovery Centre – Stratford |
| Wednesday 8 th (3:00pm) | 5C – Class Assembly |
| Thursday 9 th (3:45pm) | Year 2 SATs meeting for parents |
| Friday 10 th | Immersive Theatre at the Young Vic (group from Year 5 & 6) |
| Sunday 12 th | P&F Fun Run |
| Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th | Year 6 SATs week |
| Friday 17 th | Year 5 – Coast study – Broadstairs |
| Wednesday 22 nd (3:00pm) | 1H – Class Assembly |
| Thursday 23 rd (3:30pm) | Year 1 phonics screening information meeting |
| HALF TERM 25th May – 2nd June | |

June

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| Tuesday 4 th | 4E – London Wetlands Centre |
| Tuesday 4 th | Choirs at Alleyn's – The Big Sing |
| Wednesday 5 th | Class photos |
| Wednesday 5 th (3:00pm) | 5S – Class Assembly |
| Thursday 6 th | 4LJ – London Wetlands Centre |
| Friday 7 th | Year 3 Freshwater Theatre – 'Ages of Early Man' |
| Wednesday 12 th (3:00pm) | 2B – Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 12 th | Career Day at Clifford Chance (group from Year 5 & 6) |
| Saturday 15 th | Summer Fair |
| Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st | Year 6 School Journey - Oakerwood |
| Wednesday 19 th (3:00pm) | Reception C – Class Assembly |
| Thursday 20 th | Reception vision tests |
| Thursday 20 th (3:45pm) | Welcome meeting for new Reception parents |
| Tuesday 25 th | Year 3 Pedestrian Training |
| Wednesday 26 th | Year 2 & 4 Pedestrian Training |
| Wednesday 26 th (3:00pm) | 2A – Class Assembly |
| Thursday 27 th | Year 2 & 4 Pedestrian Training continued |
| Thursday 27 th (3:45pm) | Welcome meeting for new Nursery parents |
| Saturday 29 th | Heber P&F Car Wash |