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This Week in Art

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All children this week worked collaboratively on artwork for our Notting Hill inspired Carnival procession for next week! We discussed why carnival costumes and decorations have evolved into such large and exuberant works of art. We were inspired by the influential Brazilian painter, Beatriz Milhazes and American black artist, Jean Michel Basquiat, to bring our own large scale collaborative paintings to life! Here we painted large shapes with vibrant colour onto large cardboard pieces. It was an immense team effort, where children's efforts paved the way for others to work on top of to finish. Children also worked with willow and Crete paper to create costumes to wear as they dance during the procession next week! We trialed these out as we listened to Bob Marley. There was such enthusiasm and a celebratory spirit amongst all the classes that I wish I could bottle! Great work Team Heber Artists!

Ms. Davies







The Continuing Drive to Recover Lost Learning

Since school closures we have been working hard on recovering the learning children missed out on whilst away from school. Our initial priority was to support the wellbeing of our children after the challenges of learning from home. To do this, we have invested in a new 'Social and Emotional' scheme of learning called <u>RULER</u>, which research has proven to have a significant impact on children's ability to recognise, understand, label, express and regulate their emotions.

With regards to academic recovery, much of our focus has centred around increasing the capacity of the people who know our children best, the Heber staff, to deliver the support the children need the most. This support has been, and will continue to be delivered through targeted interventions, small group and 1:1 tutoring, and booster sessions. To support this recovery, all subject leaders and teachers are implementing an adapted curriculum to ensure that children leave their current year groups with a sound understanding of the fundamental underlying concepts essential to preparing the children for the demands of the learning they will take on throughout the year.

Full details of our recovery strategy can be found on the 'Our Curriculum' page of our website.



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Heber Leaves the Dark Ages and Enters the Renaissance!

The Covid virus has stopped all sport for so long. The Heber pupils have come out of the Dark Ages and are now entering the Renaissance years for sport (sorry, a bit over the top).

The last time any Heber children played a competitive game against another school was nearly two years ago. It was a netball game that we won quite easily. Well, to show that world is getting back to normality we chose to play Alleyns at football. Clearly this was not a good choice. Our Yr3 girls have never played football and, to be honest, Alleyns are a big school with lots of sports teachers and immense grasslands to play on. It was Dulwich Hamlet taking on Crystal Palace.

When the Yr3 girls were first asked about playing a football match the interest was a bit disappointing. However, interest changed when Mr Neve-Dunn started to talk about post-match biscuits (some with chocolate) and the new lovely Heber kit (see photo). 21 of 25 girls in Yr3 signed up for the fixture! (84%). Tensions were building during the day as the girls realised the fixture was approaching. It was at times a bit like 'Strictly' when the voted off couple start to cry. Lots of nerves and worries, yet all the girls walked down to Alleyns despite any fears. A big pat on the back to Bridget who got a big fat lip with blood in her Heber PE lesson at the end of the day but still made the walk and played like a demon. Probably unnerving the other team with her fat lip and passion to win.

We had three teams playing against Alleyns. On pitch one Anaya conquered her nerves and played in goal wonderfully, making some great saves. Miley basically got stuck in and tackled anything that moved. Dorothy led the girls well and they battled to a 2-2 draw.

On pitch two the Khennouf twins (Hiba and Nour) battled in midfield. However, the work of Siena, Amelie and Amiya was crucial to the team. Amelie scored some great goals. In goal Saara was chatty and focussed, which seem to be essential goalie characteristics. She loved being between the sticks and her team loved her being there! Have we found a new Peter Schmeichel?

On pitch three there was an epic battle. Against the Alleyns 'A' team our girls were immense. Clearly our opponents had one great player with orange boots – she scored all their goals. However overall, we were the better team just losing 5-4. It was great to see Molly, Celia, Melodie, Olesja, Ruby and Bridget (with her fat lip) really getting stuck in. Molly was the closest thing to Roy Keane since he retired. Also, Heidi in goal seemed like she was made for the position. The team played a Wimbledon long ball game. They were instructed to kick a long ball down the field to Ruby who terrorised their goalkeeper. Well done Ruby!

The Heber parents behaved themselves. They were loud, but they did not start any fights. Lots of punching the air at key moments which encouraged the girls.

I felt very proud as a Heber teacher at the way the girls played and also proud to be at a school with such lovely parents (please don't quote me on that!)

Great effort Heber Yr3 girls. Well done to Ruby, Celia, Bridget, Heidi, Amiya, Melodie, Olesja, Molly, Siena, Nour, Hiba, Vita, Amelie, Matilda L, Dorothy, Mathilda S, Saara, Miley, Safa, Amiya, Anaya.

Mr Neve-Dunn



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Year 3 Girls Football Team

Haunted Heber's Pumpkin Hunt

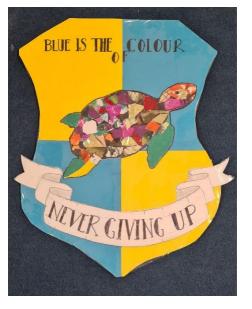
Save the Dates - Fun Stuff Coming!

Before those diaries fill up, please make space for these awesome 2021 Heber events:

- Thursday 18th November Heber Quiz Night
- Saturday 4th December Christmas Trail/Fair

Please do email heberpandf@gmail.com if you or any contacts are able to:

- a) donate prizes for the world-class Christmas raffle.
 Vouchers, experiences and tangibles all gratefully received!
- b) help out with either event. We need your time and expertise! More information to follow soon!



House Points - Half Term Results!

At Heber we have a House System that reflects the aims, vision and the values of our school. The Houses are named after children who have made an impact on the rights of children around the world. These children have used their voice to stand up for what they believe and make a difference. We have Emily-Ann Rigal, Kesz Valdez, Michaela Mycroft, and Barunani Ndume

Children can earn House Points for their Houses by working hard in class, producing really good quality work, being polite and courteous, helping each other and by setting a good example. Each half term the house with the most points wins a prize and this term the winning house is ...Mycroft! Their prize is to wear their own clothes to school on Wednesday 20th October. Well done to everyone in Mycroft!

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as the Star of the Week for demonstrating our school values this week:

Reception – Albert (RC) and Charles (RP)

Year 1 – Louis (1DT) and Samuel (1H)

Year 2 - Tahira (2JP) and Isabel (2S)

Year 3 - Anaya (3KE) and Jack Baker (3N)

Year 4 - Frankie (4C) and Hadia (4N)

Year 5 – Gianni (5K) and Nkemjika (5W)

Year 6 – Alfie (6A) and Lucia (6F)

Academic Excellence Awards

This week in our Merit Assembly we celebrated the successes of a child from each class, who excelled in their learning and produced some outstanding work. Well done to the following children:

Reception – Alannah (RC) and Mania (RP)

Year 1 – Max (1DT) and Shaniyah (1H)

Year 2 - Arthur (2JP) and Hannah (2S)

Year 3 – Vita (3KE) and Mathilda (3N)

Year 4 – Jayceon (4C) and Lamis (4N)

Year 5 – Nela (5K) and Freddie (5W)

Year 6 – Ned (6A) and Finley (6F)



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World Mental Health Day

On Sunday 10th October it was World Mental Health Day and each class looked at the importance of looking after your mental health. This linked to all the brilliant work the staff and children do at recognising their emotions with RULER. Linking to our school values, the school focus was on resilience. We learnt that resilience is not just something we use in the classroom but in all areas of our lives.

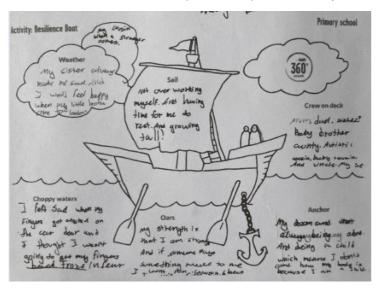
Key Stage 1 - Challenged ourselves to learn a new skill! Year 1 followed instructions to draw a turtle and Year 2 made fortune tellers. It was very tricky at first but the children showed great resilience.

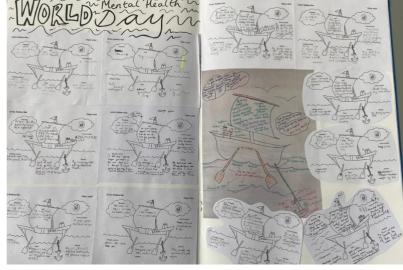






Year 5 and 6 used a boat template to help them identify the things in their lives that make them feel safe right now.





Black History Month

This Black History month the whole school have been learning about the history of Notting Hill Carnival and its two inspirational founders Rhaune Laslett and Claudia Jones. Every class has been deeply engaged with the topic, and especially the preparations for our own Heber Carnival next Wednesday. Keep your eyes peeled for a special edition of the Heber newsletter after half term which will focus on Black History Month.









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Great Independent Learning!

We love it when our children want to continue their learning outside of school. Year 2 is looking at the botanist Marie Clark Taylor; she was the first woman to earn a science doctorate at Fordham University. Edie, in 2JP, completed a brilliant project all about this amazing woman at home and brought it in to show us. It went straight up on the wall! Well Done Edie, we are very proud of you.



And Luka in 2JP, was inspired by Marie Taylor Clark to do his own science experiment! He has been investigating photomorphogenesis!



Ms. Harrower's Music Highlights for the Week

- Year 1 came up with some splendid actions for their song, notably Eleanor, who would only show us her actions once everyone was sitting properly.
- Year 2, a special mention goes to Monty for being an excellent helper and working so well with Max on the chime bars.
- Year 3's round singing is coming along nicely, now singing in four parts.
- Year 4 have been learning about how steel pans are made, and experimenting with playing them; some children were absolute naturals!
- Year 5 working in groups to come up with different performances of Bob Marley's One Love. We had steel pans, singing, keyboards, and drums, and one particularly lovely combination of all, plus a ukulele.
- Year 6 mastered their cross rhythms on the djembes, complete with cowbell and maracas. I'm looking forward to both performances on Carnival day.

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Haunted Heber's Pumpkin Hunt

Check schoolbags next Wednesday for a SPOOKY pumpkin picture which your kids can decorate and colour to their heart's content. STICK IT UP in your window to make your friends, neighbours and passers-by JUMP. See how many other PUMPKIN posters you can spot in the area between 22 October and 4 November!





October

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Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th	Winning House Reward Day – Own clothes for Mycroft
Wednesday 20 th	Heber Carnival
Friday 22 nd – Thursday 4 th	Haunted Heber's Pumpkin Hunt
Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd	INSET Day – School closed
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	Half Term Holiday
	November
Wednesday 3 rd	School photographer in - Individual and siblings photographs
Thursday 4 th (3:30pm – 5:00pm)	Year 4 Girls football at Alleyns
Tuesday 9 th	TeenTech City of Tomorrow - Years 4, 5 & 6 - Session 2
Wednesday 10 th	2JP visiting Madame Tussauds
Wednesday 10 th (3:30pm – 5:00pm)	Year 5 Girls football at Alleyns
Wednesday 17 th	2S visiting Madame Tussauds
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme: One Kind Word
Monday 15 th	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 18 th	Reception vision screening
Thursday 18 th	Heber Quiz Night
Friday 19 th	Children in Need – School Council charity fundraiser