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Newsletter

Pupil Voice (written by pupils)



Although this half term has been short, a lot of things have been happening in the last few weeks, so everyone has been very busy! These things include: The Dance Festival at the glasshouse; The talent show finals; and the amazing author, Chris Connaughton, who came in and talked about his job as a writer and his acting career. Overall, the past half term has not been short of excitement. After these busy times, we think everyone deserves a well earned rest. Enjoy half term and happy Easter. Have a great time!

Article 12: We all have the right to say what we think. Adults should listen and take us seriously.

Comic Relief Grand Total



On Friday 15th March, we raised money for Comic Relief. All of the children came to school dressed in their own clothes with a Comic Relief theme. During the day, the children found out about how the money raised will people in need. Later, the boys and girls enjoyed telling jokes to their classmates and voting for their favourites. There was even a teacher joke competition.

Our Rights Respect officers listened to the winning joke from each class. The winning teacher joke was:

Why was Eeyore in the toilet? He was looking for Pooh!

Parents and carers enjoyed meeting in the hall for coffee and Red Nose biscuits. After school, we were overwhelmed by the number of families that attended our biscuit sale. These were made by the children throughout the afternoon, and they were so delicious that they completely sold out.

For Comic Relief this year, as a school community we have managed to raise...**£620!**

This money will raise a smile for those that will benefit from it. Together we will change lives with the power of funny!

Article 27- We have the right to a good standard of living.

Diary Dates

March

End of term Thursday 28th

April

Start of term Monday 15th

May

Bank Holiday Monday 6th
Year 6 SATS Monday 13th to Thursday 16th
End of Term Thursday 23rd
INSET Day Friday 24th

Sporting Triumphs



Well done to all children who have taken part in the many sports competitions which have taken place this half term. From the annual Dance Festival to Creative Performance Festivals and Hockey Tournaments.

A few special mentions go to our year 5/6 Hockey team as they were crowned champions of Gateshead. This is the first time we have won this competition.

Three of our Year 3/4 Hockey teams took part in a Gateshead Hockey tournament – with one of our teams winning the whole competition – a fantastic achievement.

Finally, our girls' football team took part in the Felling Schools FA Girls' Football final. Harlow Green girls won every single game and never conceded a single goal. The girls were crowned champions – they retained the trophy for a second year in a row.

Well done everyone we are very proud of all our children! Please check the school website and Facebook page for regular updates.

Harlow Green's Got Talent



Throughout January and February, Mrs Chapman and Miss McCall held auditions for all children who wanted to take part in Harlow Green's Got Talent Show. Over the last two weeks, many of the pupils at Harlow Green have proudly displayed their talents. Over the course of two evenings and one afternoon show, children from Year 1 to Year 6 have showcased a wide range of talents including singing, dancing, skipping, gymnastics, comedy and drama. Our very own Ant and Dec led each show with great confidence. Our judging panel were fantastic too: Mrs Galvin, Mr McMann, Miss Rowe, Miss Norman and Mrs Holt were hugely impressed by everyone. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents, siblings and pupils watching the event too. Well done to all of our children who are so talented.

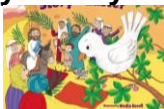
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Amazing Author Visit



This half term, author and actor 'Chris Connaughton' visited school. It is not often that a visitor can work from Nursery all the way to Year 6 and leave all of the children mesmerised – but Chris has managed to do this with his stories, performances and anecdotes. These experiences allow the children to see the possibilities that are open to them in the future; Chris told them that his interest in acting all stemmed from doing drama at secondary school.

Nursery –Story of Easter



To start our topic of 'Easter', children listened to the story 'Little Dove and the Story of Easter.' The story helped Nursery learn the meaning of Easter (apart from the Easter bunny and chocolate eggs!) They learnt how some bad men wanted to hurt Jesus and left him to die on a cross, but when his friends went to go and visit where he was buried, they found he was not there and had risen again. This learning has helped children complete many different activities such as; beginning our Easter cards, making chicks in the playdough area, rescuing eggs from the water tray, and painting eggs using potato mashers.

Article 30 – We all have the right to use our own language, culture and religion.

Reception – Jungle Gymnastics



Reception have been exploring the jungle in PE and developing their ability to move in a range of ways. Children have been moving around the hall on a range of apparatus, acting as different animals you would find in the jungle, such as lions, snakes, monkeys and tigers. They began by thinking about how the different animals would move and which animals would climb, jump, crawl or slither. Carefully using the apparatus, they pretended they were something you would find in the jungle and explored how to get on and off things, through things, under and over things, as well as going round them. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in gymnastics and have developed a range of motor skills such as climbing and balancing.

Article 29: We all have the right to develop our personalities, talents and abilities.

Year 1 – Beamish



Year 1 had a fantastic time at Beamish and, luckily, the rain stayed away all day! The children were thrilled to be going on a coach at last and after an immensely exciting bus journey, they arrived at Beamish. Year 1 tried to visit as many places at Beamish as possible. They started off by riding on the tram, it was very rickety! Next, the children enjoyed the farm, the allotments and the different plants they saw growing. The children also visited the Victorian school room. It was so different to our school. The children had to line up in a separate line for boys and girls and had to call the teacher "Ma'am" at all times. In the afternoon, Year 1 even had time to visit the Victorian town. They visited the drapery, the food store, the bakery and the chemist. Phew, what a busy day!

Article 28: We all have the right to a good quality education.

Year 2 – Our brilliant bodies



In PSHE, Year 2 have been learning all about their bodies and how they change as they grow. To begin with, the children learned about things that can help their body and things that can harm their body. The children looked at a range of products and decided which would be helpful and which would be harmful. They decided that medicine is safe to put inside your body, but products such as washing up liquid are not. Next, the children looked at how their bodies change as they grow. They ordered pictures from youngest to oldest to show how our appearance changes as we grow. Then, they matched statements to the person they thought would be most likely to say it – a baby, teenager or adult etc. The children quickly recognised that the way we communicate changes as we grow as well as our emotions and responsibilities.

Year 3 –Branching Databases



This half term, Year 3 have been learning all about branching databases. They began by finding out about how 'yes' and 'no' questions can be used to group and sort objects and had a go at generating some of their own. They then worked in pairs and used yes and no questions to separate a group of dinosaurs, playing a game to check that they had sorted the dinosaurs effectively. The children then used a branching database on the iPads to identify one object from a group of objects.

Year 4 – Real Life Rock Stars!



Every Tuesday, the children in Year 4 are lucky enough to have Ukulele lessons with Mr Langford. The children have been working on chords and composition as well as learning all about the history of music. They have focused on many genres of music such as pop, folk and blues, but the crowd favourite was rock week.

The children learnt about the instruments used in rock music, how rock songs are put together and also how to play simple rock songs on the Ukulele. Because the children showed such enthusiasm for this genre of music, Mr Langford brought in his electric bass guitar along with an amplifier and pedals. He showed the children the different parts of the instrument and played some songs. The children then got the opportunity to play the bass guitar. The children loved taking part and there are definitely some keen rock artists in the making.

Year 5 – Interesting Islam



Year 5 have had the opportunity to visit Newcastle Central Mosque as part of their RE lessons. Throughout the day, the children recapped what they had learnt in school about the Islamic faith. The children were able to see the minbar (where the imam who leads the prayers and delivers the sermons stands). Additionally, the children learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam, which are the core beliefs and practices of Muslims. Did you know that Muslims try to pray five times a day?

Article 31: We all have the right to take part in cultural and creative activities.

Year 6 – Cooking in the USA



As part of their DT work, the Year 6 children enjoyed working with Chef Nick, who worked with them to create two healthy dishes from America. He also talked to them about the possibilities that are open to children who enjoy cooking and his career path to becoming a chef, an educator and becoming and owner of his own cookery school in Jesmond.

The children studied America as a superpower as part of their 'How Precious Life Is' topic and this inspired Nick to look at some American recipes, but to add a twist and to teach the children the importance of a healthy diet too. The children were all happy at the thought of making a spaghetti bolognese but were a little bit less certain making cheeseburger soup. It was lovely to see the children chopping, dicing and slicing to prepare the ingredients and then eagerly awaiting the final outcome. Both dishes were a tremendous success even the cheeseburger soup!

Article 24: We all have the right to information which keeps us safe and healthy.