



Summer 2 2024

Newsletter

Pupil Voice (written by Yr 6 pupils)



We have all had a memorable time at Harlow Green and we will keep and cherish our memories forever and always. Our time at this school has been unforgettable and we can't put our thanks into words. Over the years, we have made many friends and taken part in many experiences. We were lucky enough to go on residential to Lockerbie Manor which was great fun. We will look back on our years at school fondly and be able to see how far we have come. We would like to wish everyone a lovely summer holiday and wish them lots of luck in their new year groups.

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

Summer Fayre



Our family members, members of the community, children and staff all enjoyed a fantastic afternoon on the school grounds at our annual summer fayre. Once again, the weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed having a go at traditional games such as lucky dip, scoop a duck and the coconut shy. Other sports games were popular too, with families trying their hand at archery, basketball and the football speed gun challenge. Many people were tempted by the food on offer and enjoyed waffles, candy floss, ice-creams and pizzas and garlic bread made in our outdoor pizza oven. Our choir and dance group provided the entertainment throughout the afternoon. Many of the children enjoyed 'Sponge the teacher' and Mr Malik, Mr McMann and Mr Allen were very willing volunteers. Tyne and Wear Fire Service kindly gave up their time to bring a fire engine onto the school site which the children enjoyed exploring. Lots of our younger children enjoyed creating bubbles of all shapes and sizes on our school field too. This year, as part of their enterprise project, our Year 6 pupils worked in small groups to sell a range of items that they'd made, such as milkshakes, biscuits and jewellery. Thank you once again for everyone's support, it was a huge success as we managed to raise a huge £1,922! The money raised will be used to subsidise the Halloween disco, next years summer fayre and purchasing more outdoor equipment for the children to enjoy.

Article 31 – We all have the right to rest, relax and play.

Sports Week



It has been lovely to welcome so many parents/carers, grandparents, and other family members to watch Reception and Nursery children compete in a variety of sporting activities. Unfortunately, Sports Day for Year 1 to Year 6 had to be held behind closed doors this year due to the inclement weather. All the children should be very proud of themselves for the hard work they put in during the event, during which the importance of health, fitness and **fun** has been paramount.

Athletics Festival



20 children from Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in the annual Gateshead Athletics Festival at Gateshead International Stadium. It is always a fantastic day of sport and excellence from over 40 schools across Gateshead, and this year, with a few downpours dotted in between, we came home with two gold medals and a bronze. Well done to our jumper, thrower and hurdler for their medal successes! It is always a day filled with emotions, but this just shows how passionate and committed the children are towards taking part and doing their best. We are extremely proud of all of them and know that, in every event, they put in 100% effort.

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

World Music Day 2024



To coincide with this year's World Music Day – the school choir and all of the children (with some surprise guest appearances) created our version of Unwritten by Natasha Bedingfield. It tells the story about how our lives remain unwritten and we can impact on the next page and the next chapter.

Through school, the children enjoy a variety of music including playing the ukulele, boom-whackers, glockenspiels, singing, writing music digitally and listening and watching live music! This year the choir recorded their first single, which can be heard and viewed on our school website. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

Barnardo's Big Toddle 2024



On Friday 14th June, Nursery and the Harlow Green Toddler Group took part in 'The Barnardo's Big Toddle'. The Barnardo's Big Toddle has become somewhat of a tradition for our Harlow Green Community. We have been taking part for four years now, and we always manage to raise a little money for a turtle-y awesome cause. The Big Toddle is a short, 1 mile, sponsored walk for under 5's to raise money for vulnerable children and young people through the charity Barnardo's. We raised an INCREDIBLE...£1,992.10!!! An amazing effort by everyone involved. Thank you so much!

Diary Dates

July

Last day of summer term Fri 19th July

September

Staff Training Day Mon 2nd September
First day of Autumn term Tues 3rd September

Nursery – When life gives you lemons... make lemonade!



As part of their summer topic, Nursery made their own Harlow Green lemonade. The children made lemonade by following a set of instructions. Nursery found that to make lemonade they needed; One litre of Sparkling water, the juice of 6 lemons and 125g of sugar.

Children followed the steps on the instructions to make sure they made the lemonade correctly. Nursery had a go at juicing the lemons before mixing up all the ingredients. Children tried their homemade lemonade during snack time, deciding if they thought it tasted nice or not. Watch this space, we might see Harlow Green Nursery lemonade sold at a school event in the future!

Reception – Beautiful Butterflies



Children have had an exciting arrival in Reception this half term. Caterpillars have joined their class and they have already started to make their cocoons. Children cannot wait to see them transform into butterflies.

The children enjoyed reading 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and discussing the different foods that the caterpillar tasted such as lollipops, cake and a variety of fruits. The children then wrote some simple sentences in their books such as 'The caterpillar ate a lollipop and a cake'. Getting creative, the children cleverly folded paper to create caterpillars as well as painting some symmetry butterflies.

Year 1 – Fraction Fun!



Year 1 have been having fun with fractions this term. Children started by learning what half means. They learnt that when they halve a shape, they have to split it into two equal parts. Next, the children cut out a square, a circle and a triangle. They folded each shape in half and coloured half of it in. School staff were impressed with their cutting, colouring and folding skills. Next, Year 1 looked at pictures of shapes and discussed which shapes had been halved correctly. The children had to remember that each half needed to be equal in size. Ready for Year 2? Bring it on!

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

Year 2 – Community Care



This term, Year Two visited Saltwell Park. As part of their PSHE work the children have been thinking about how they could help their local community. They took part in a litter pick while they were there and also used the opportunity to carry out some geography fieldwork.

Before beginning the litter pick, the children enjoyed a picnic lunch in the sunshine chatting to their friends as they tucked in to their delicious lunches. Children first discussed which litter was safe for them to collect and identified the importance of using the litter pickers rather than their hands to pick up any litter. The children found that although the area initially looked quite tidy, there was actually a lot of litter in the bushes and trees surrounding the field. After that, the children completed some fieldwork. They discussed which areas of the park they had found the most litter and then created a simple key to represent this. Finally, the children were given the opportunity to explore the play area for some well-deserved playtime.

Article 24: We all have the right to live in a clean and safe environment.

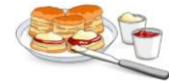
Year 3 – Wonderful Weaving



During Art, Year 3 have looked at the work of the artist Julia Lidell. She is a textile artist who produces woven designs. They began by commenting on which pieces they liked the best and identified how her work made them feel before sketching one of her designs. In order to replicate her artistic style, the children then designed a castle flag to create using weaving. Before they could begin, they made a cardboard loom and added warp strings to it. Then, while creating their final designs, they were able to follow an over and under woven pattern to produce their flags. The boys and girls were very proud of their finished work.

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

Year 4 – Harlow Treats Café



This year, we have introduced a new range of activities for the children to take part in during their time with us at Harlow Green, and one of them is to run a café.

In Year 4, children had their first experience of running Harlow Treats Afternoon Tea for parents and family members.

Prior to the café, Year 4 had done a lot of work looking at the roles and jobs within the food industry and in hospitality, and the children worked hard to staff, serve and manage the café. The children had been involved in role plays in the class and activities around customer service roles. They discussed hygiene and handling money and change and experience potential issues that might arise. This helps the children look at future aspirations and links to our Possibilities and Communities drivers that underpin our teaching at school. The children had so much fun that they were desperate to do it again!

Year 5 – Virtual Reality



Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their experience learning about space through a VR headset. Last term, the children in Year 5 loved their Earth and Space unit in Science. The children were thrilled to find out that they had one more lesson to enjoy – this time with something even more exciting! After putting on the VR headsets, the children were transported to space, looking at our rocky planets and gas giants in even more detail. They were able to see close up features of each planet that are hard to show in pictures and listened attentively to the information on each planet.

Year 6 – Residential Adventures!



Year 6 visited Lockerbie Manor in Scotland for their residential trip in June. The children took part in various activities over the three days including rock climbing, axe throwing, abseiling, aeroball, and scavenger hunts.

All children worked fantastically in teams and challenged themselves to take part in activities they wouldn't normally get to experience. Despite heavy downpours, the children's smiles and determination never faded and a great time was had by all.

Article 13 – We all have the right to share what we learn, think and feel with others.