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Newsletter

Easter Activities



A huge thank you to everyone who entered the Easter Egg competition this year. The entries showed a huge amount of creativity, skill and humour which meant that the judging by the School Council was made extremely difficult. However, a winner and runner-up from each year group was found and their creations can be found on our website.

The Easter Coffee Afternoon also went well with the support of Harlow Green Unite. The raffle was well-stocked with treats thanks to the wonderful donations we received and this helped us raise £149.45 which will support school funds to purchase a range of school resources.

Community Work



As part of our work in the community, over the last few weeks we have had some drama students working alongside Jill, one of our regular artists, at Angel Court Care Home.

Working in groups, the residents and children created characters for a story that they will build over the next few weeks. Props were used for inspiration, the characters were developed by old and young and the beginnings of some story lines started to take shape.

It is an important part of the school to develop relationships between generations and to support children to develop an understanding of respect with their elders. The work with Angel Court brings opportunities for a huge amount of personal development for our children and is a key aspect for us to have a positive impact upon the Harlow Green community.

Please visit the school website (Curriculum/Outdoor & Community Learning) where you will be able to see some great pictures of young and old having fun in each other's company.

Hockey Tournament



A massive well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 boys and girls who competed in the Gateshead hockey tournament at Cardinal Hulme School. Everyone had a positive experience, regardless of results, but the bonus was that our Team A finished in 1st place out of 30 teams. These children have done exceptionally well to win gold and, as a result, went through to the regional finals. Team B reached the quarter finals but lost in what was a very tight match. All of the boys and girls were excellent during the session and have shown great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Sports Relief



On March 23rd, boys and girls throughout school took part in activities in support of Sport Relief. Children across school dressed up in sporty attire and, along with their teachers, ran a mile. The boys and girls completed four laps of our field and playground but had the choice to run, walk or jog.

The children have all done really well to reach such a far distance. Some of our eager Reception and Nursery children even wanted to do more. In fact, by the end of the session, many children felt that running a mile would be a good activity for us to do more regularly so we will consider what we can do to organise this.

We would like to thank everyone who brought in donations which raised £432.98. This generosity will go towards helping those in need through supporting the many charities who work tirelessly to make their lives better.

Gateshead Dance Festival



Children from Years 4, 5, and 6, who have been attending an after-school dance club with Miss Bradshaw, were proud to present their dance at the Gateshead Schools Dance Festival. The children have been working hard this term to create a dance based on the musical Oliver Twist. They all looked great in their costumes and performed extremely well in front of a large audience at the Sage in Gateshead. We are very proud of all of them. Some pictures of the group can be seen by visiting the school website.

Forest Schools - Camp Fires



Over the last few weeks, Year 5 has been looking at the preparation that goes into laying a good camp fire, safely; focusing first on fire safety, both inside and out and then learning about the fire triangle. The children have learned about the flammability of materials and what impact this can have on the type of fire and its effects.

Continuing with our Forest School campfire safety theme the children were tasked first to indicate good or bad fire site locations: red cones for bad, green for good. The children have enjoyed the work but more importantly have learned a lot about how to keep themselves safe whilst developing important skills for outdoor activities.

Nursery – Counting Sheep



The children in Nursery enjoyed listening to the story 'Sleepy Sam the Shepherd' and talked about the job that a shepherd does. The children enjoyed counting sheep at the maths table with some children being able to solve simple addition and subtraction problems with their sheep.

In the outdoor area, some pictures of sheep had been hidden. The children enjoyed finding them and making a tally mark on the chart each time they found one. Everyone checked that all of the sheep had been found by counting the tallies.

Reception – Telling the Time



Recently, Reception children have been learning all about time. The boys and girls have been learning how to show o'clock times on small clocks and have even made their very own watches to take home.

Year 1 – Palm Sunday



As part of their RE lessons, Year 1 has been learning about the Easter story. In class, the children made palm leaves from paper and then re-enacted the story of Palm Sunday. The children very much enjoyed learning that this day is when Christians remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. They discovered that it is called Palm Sunday because Christians believe that the people were so happy to see Jesus that they took branches from the Palm and Olive trees that lined the road and waved them in the air.

Year 2 – Northern Lights T-Shirts



After watching videos of the Northern Lights, Year 2 investigated with different techniques and colours while dip-dyeing. They then evaluated the effects of each one before choosing a technique and colours for their own Northern Light inspired t-shirt.

Year 3 – Illustrations as Inspiration



Children in Year 3 have been learning about cave painting, linked to their class topic on the Stone and Iron Age. Last half term, they were tasked with making some paint of their own. They came out ready for action, having learned in class about the types of materials that people used in the past.

This was also a fantastic opportunity for the children to demonstrate their Forest School skills. This outdoor theme was safe campfire preparation and management, so it was fantastic to see the children applying their knowledge during their outdoor challenge.

Year 4 – Electricity and Circuits



In Year 4, the children have been learning about electricity. Initially, they were given the components for a circuit and needed to figure out how to put it together. The children had a great time investigating how to create light.

Later, the children continued to learn about how to make a lightbulb light up. This led to pupils creating circuits in Design and Technology that included a working switch.

Year 5 – Art Sculpture



In Art, Year 5 has been studying the artist Alberto Giacometti and looking specifically at his figurines. His work is very unusual, as the sculptures aren't in proportion and have very thin limbs. The children designed their own figurines showing various sports poses to represent movement, in the Giacometti style. Following the design, the boys and girls used artist wire, clay and Mod Roc to make their sculptures and finally painted them. The children are very proud of their work so please visit the website to see pictures of the final products.

Year 6 – Home-Schooling Debate



In English, Year 6 has been reading *Skellig* by David Almond. A character in the book, Mina, is home-schooled which formed the focus for the lessons. In preparation for writing a balanced argument about home-schooling, the children took part in a debate. The children were given time to prepare their arguments from a variety of people's point of views. Interestingly, at the end of the debate, the majority of the children were against home-schooling.

Spring Term Diary Dates

April

Start of summer Term	Mon 16 th
Year 1 Visit to Beamish	Fri 20 th
Cheerleaders to Basketball	Friday 27 th

May

Reception visit to farm	Thurs 10 th
Class Photographs	Wed 23 rd
Summer Fayre	Thurs 24 th
INSET Day	Fri 25 th

Half Term

Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June

June

Glynwood Games	Fri 8 th
Y6 Bikeability	Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th
Y6 Residential	Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th

July

Year 6 Transition Week	Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th
Sports Week	Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th