



May 2018

Newsletter

Summer Food Festival



A massive thank you to everyone who attended our food festival this year, once again it was a great success. There were lots of appetising food stalls, fun activities and even some beautiful weather throughout the afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, indulging in the weather and some football but especially the ice creams!

Local businesses provided some delicious and varied food whilst Miss Rowe did a fantastic job alongside Mrs Forbes cooking some of our own pizzas in our cob oven – the queue was never ending!

A big 'well done' to the boys and girls who performed on the school MUGA throughout the afternoon. The dancing and singing was great entertainment for the afternoon.

The day was a brilliant example of the school community coming together positively in a manner where they can relax and have an enjoyable time. Although it was not designed to make money, the school made £500.50 which will go towards the purchasing of new books for our reading scheme.

Year 6 SATs



During the week commencing the 14th May, Year 6 children took part in the end of Key Stage national assessments (SATs). This can be an anxious time for the children due to the way in which they are administered under specific conditions. However, all the pupils came in every day focused and determined to do their best.

Although the tests were challenging, by the end of each day and, particularly, the end of the week, everyone had a sense of achievement that they completed it all.

Well done to all of Year 6 for showing the resilience, ability to meet a challenge and the self-confidence to tackle such activity.

KS2 Yard New Surfacing



Over the half term, using money raised over time, some surfacing development was carried out to improve the area. Where there had previously been dried soil and loose bark, there is now a soft rubber surface (in front of the MUGA and behind the bike shed where the gazebo is).

To ensure that the surface lasts as long as possible, we would request that parents do not stand on it if wearing heels when they are dropping off or collecting children.

Online Safety – Tellonym App



The Local Safeguarding Children Board has been made aware of the potential dangers associated with the use of the app "Tellonym" (a play on the words "Tell on him"). The app is available as a free download on the Apple Store and Google Play but is not regulated.

Tellonym advertises itself as "... the most honest place on the internet. See what your friends think of you, answer anonymous questions and ask others the things you have never dared ...".

The facility to allow anonymous postings has seen users (of any age) post a wide range of inappropriate messages, comments and photographs which have caused upset and distress to children and young people using the app which has required intervention from the police and other services.

Please be aware of the dangers of the use of the app and, if there are any concerns, feel free to contact the school office who will direct the appropriate member of staff to support.

Transition



As part of our support for children moving to their new year group in September, we will be arranging two transition days for all pupils. During week commencing July 2nd, the Year 6 pupils will be taking part in transition to their new secondary schools. We will take this opportunity to have our own transitions days on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July.

On these days, children will be organised into their new classes and will take part in sessions/activities within their new classrooms. Where possible, the children will be taught by their new teachers. However, as we have new appointments, this may not be possible and so a different teacher will lead the sessions. This will be explained to parents/carers and children closer to the time.

Parents/carers will receive confirmation of their child's new class/teacher on Thursday 28th June.

New Starters



We have recently had a number of new pupils starting with us, during the summer term. As you can imagine, it may be quite difficult for children to come into a school where classes have been well-established since September. However, the children across the different year groups have been wonderful in making the new boys and girls feel welcome and, as a result, they have all settled in really well. This is a testament to the supportive families our pupils have who guided them to understand the need to be kind and caring to those around them.

Nursery – Royal Wedding



The boys and girls at nursery have been talking about weddings this month. During this time, they have read 'Cinderella', 'Willie goes to the Wedding' and 'Katie Morag and the Wedding'. The children have taken part in lots of wedding-related activities including: making wedding cakes, making crowns with repeating patterns, acting out a wedding, ballroom dancing, printing gold and silver rings with cylinder shapes and making buttonhole flowers. They have also been busy baking cakes and making sandwiches for the nursery Royal Wedding garden party.

Reception – Down at the Farm



Reception had a fantastic day at the farm on Thursday 10th May. On their visit, they carried out a number of activities including: holding rabbits and baby chicks, feeding Rocky the Ram and the rest of his friends, grooming Summer the donkey, washing Bob the pig and a very exciting tractor ride to visit the cows and their calves ... phew! The boys and girls were so sensible and well-behaved throughout and were able to finish the day off with some fun in the play park.

Year 1 – Forest School: Stick Safety



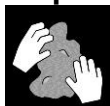
All children at Harlow Green take part in Stick Safety Training when they begin their journey into our Forest School. Natural resources are a fundamental part of our outdoor learning experience but it is important that the children know how to move these items safely.

Year 1 began by looking at what kind of accidents could happen when carrying sticks and branches and how our behaviour can influence outcomes. The children then experimented carrying a variety of sticks and branches and gave feedback to each other. They then gradually worked out the safest way to move things from A to B.

Once they had decided the most appropriate carrying methods, the children practised as a whole class, walking in large circles so that they could assess each other as they moved.

As the children move up through school they will mentor each other in safe practice, helping each new group to enjoy the Forest School safely.

Year 2 – Exploring Clay



The children in Year 2 have been learning some new skills to use when working with clay. They have used a variety of tools such as: plastic knives, cocktail sticks, rollers and water. The boys and girls used the smoothing technique as well as crosshatching to join clay together. In preparation for the final challenge, the children chose their own leaf to create using clay; these skills were used later when the children produced their own sculpture of the Angel of the North.

Year 3 – Perfect Timing



In music lessons, Year 3 have been learning to play the melody to a tune on the glockenspiel. The children have learnt how to play C, A and G and have been focusing on copying rhythms accurately and keeping pulse. The children had to listen carefully to each other, and to the backing track to make sure that they played in time.

Year 4 – Angel of the North Field Trip



On Thursday 17th May, the Year 4 children enjoyed a fun-packed Geography field trip at our local landmark ... The Angel of the North. During the visit, they conducted a traffic survey, undertook questionnaires, made some observational drawings and compiled a list of human and physical features of the area.

Year 5 – Heritage Hunters



As part of their Heritage Hunters Topic, Year 5 children enjoyed a visit to Birtley. They were able to hear more about the Birtley Belgians who set up the village of Elisabethville during World War One and made shells for the war effort. The children visited the only remaining building – a garage that was previously a food store – and walked around the area to see where the projectile factory, barracks and school would have been. Many thanks to Birtley Library for a great, informative visit.

Year 6 – Anyone for Cricket?



This half term, in PE lessons, Year 6 children have been working on their cricket skills. Batting, fielding and catching skills are improving session by session and the children are thoroughly enjoying playing competitively in the summer sun.

Summer Term Diary Dates

June

Glynwood Games	Fri 8 th
Y6 Bikeability	Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th
Year 1 Phonics Screening	Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th
Y6 Residential	Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th
Rec Welcome Meetings	Wed 20 th
Nursery Welcome Meeting	Wed 27 th

July

Year 6 Transition Week	Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th
Sports Week	Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th
Year 2 Topic Showcase	Tues 10 th
Nursery Sports Day	Wed 11 th am and pm
Rec Sports Day	Wed 11 th pm
Y1-Y2 Sports Day	Fri 13 th am
Y3-Y6 Sports Day	Fri 13 th pm
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Tues 17 th 2.30pm
Year 6 Newcastle Visit	Wed 18 th
Year 6 Performance	Thurs 19 th 5.00pm

Last Day of Term

Fri 20th