



May 2019

Newsletter

May Fayre Success



Once again, our annual food fayre was a huge success! It was a glorious day and it was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and family members coming along to join in the fun!

We all enjoyed delicious food (including pizzas made by the staff in our very own cob oven), a range of stalls and chatting to friends in the sun.

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in donations and to the food vendors who came and helped make our event so successful.

The event managed to raise an impressive £1,202.65 which is amazing. This will go into our school fund which we are currently using to purchase additional high-cost school resources, details of which we will bring to you soon.

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

Operation Encompass



We are pleased to share with you that our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office approved project. It is being led by Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird and Northumbria Police in partnership with Barnardo's and Operation Encompass. The project, named **Operation Encompass: The Next Steps**, aims to educate children and young people about healthy relationships.

The project will help all children in Northumbria to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and empathy and rules and expectations, so that they can live and work together safely.

Our school will also benefit from having one of twelve School Safeguarding Liaison Officers who will:

- Work with our teachers to deliver an age-appropriate session exploring friendships /relationships/emotions
- Be available in school at specified times so that children and parents can talk about issues that they may have around relationships

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for children and the whole school community. When the Liaison officers are in school, we will let you know in the event that you may want to speak with them.

UNICEF Article 12 – We all have the right to say what we think and to be listened to.

Children's Mental Health



Harlow Green, like many other Gateshead Schools, are now part of a project called Trailblazer which aims to work with families in support of children's mental well-being. This will lead to various sessions and activities as well as guidance and support over the next few months.

Coming soon is a family event which we would like to advertise. This will take place on Saturday 08.06.19 from 12:30-4:30pm at Eldon Leisure Centre in conjunction with Rollercoaster Support Group, who support children and young people with any kind of emotional or mental health problem. The aim of the session is to listen to children and young people's views on the Trailblazer programme and to tell us what they want and need from new mental health support services.

If anyone would like to attend the event, please read the attached poster which provides the information you will require.

Transition to New Classes



This half term we will be organising our class structure for September. Once this has been done families will be informed of who the class teachers will be and to support a successful transition we will again have two transition days. Whilst Year 6 children are at their respective secondary schools we will have our transition days on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July 2019. We will provide further information about all of this closer to the time.

Sports Days Information



Sports Days, this year, will be scheduled for week beginning 8th of July. We would love as many parents/carers and family members to attend as possible to encourage and cheer children on during what we hope will be some lovely sunny days. However, older brothers and sisters from secondary school should not miss school to attend.

The schedule will be as follows:

Year Group	Day	Time
Morning Nursery	Tues 9 th July	11.00
Afternoon Nursery	Tues 9 th July	14.30
Reception	Mon 8 th July	14.00
Years 1 and 2	Wed 10 th July	09.15
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Wed 10 th July	13.00

Nursery – Under the Sea



The boys and girls in Nursery have enjoyed taking part in lots of 'Under the Sea' themed activities. They have been creating fish using bubble wrap to paint texture and developing this with collage materials. The children have also been involved in lots of counting activities using ten frames to count seaside objects. To develop their writing skills, the children have been writing messages in a bottle and writing their names on these. They also enjoyed playing a tag game called 'Sharks and Starfish' which was great fun to play with friends.

Reception – Using Technology



The children in Reception have spent time recently using various types of technology to see how this can be used in different ways. Everyone had lots of fun using walkie talkies to talk to their friends over large distances; using this technology they were able to talk to each other in different locations around school. The children have also had the opportunity to use remote control cars and were able to make them move in different directions and at different speeds.

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Year 1 – Disgusting Sandwiches!



In Year 1, the children have been reading 'The Light House Keepers Lunch' and their job for one of their sessions was to design a *disgusting* sandwich to keep the annoying seagulls away. Everyone had great fun smelling a variety of pungent foods and thinking of adjectives to describe each one such as 'vinegary' and 'revolting'.

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Year 2 – Starting Art with a Bang!



Year 2 had an amazing time working with a local artist as part of their art topic this month. They used the outdoors for inspiration and collected their own leaves to inspire their work. Each class created a large piece of artwork using a range of techniques to recreate the colours, shapes and patterns they could see. Please visit the Year 2 page on our website to see what the children created with some professional guidance.

Year 3 – Time Masters



During maths sessions, Year 3 have been learning to read time. The boys and girls have used their reasoning skills to solve problems about the months of the year and have been learning to tell the time at 5-minute intervals. The children have also worked extremely hard to read Roman numerals to tell the time and have labelled these on an analogue clock.

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

Year 4 – Working Collaboratively



In PSHE, Year 4 have been learning about the importance of working collaboratively to complete a task. During one of their sessions, their challenge was to work in teams to build the tallest structure possible, using only paper and sticky tape. They had lots of fun and demonstrated the benefits of working as a team. Visit the website to see how teamwork can lead to (slightly wobbly) success.

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

Year 5 – Boardroom Challenge



Year 5 are absolutely delighted to be taking part in Newcastle Building Society's Boardroom Challenge, this year.

The process began with some very special visitors from the company, who came in and spent a morning with each class. During this session, the children were introduced to the brief of the Boardroom Challenge: create a fundraising idea to help raise money for a local charity. The boys and girls were informed that, if an idea from Harlow Green wins, the school could be awarded £500 by NBS to actually put on the event!

The experts from Newcastle Building Society taught the classes about budgets, financial planning, marketing and so much more. The children were then able to put their new found knowledge to work when they designed and made marketing materials for Poppy Pound (a way for children to start earning interest on their pocket money). The pupils made a poster, a kite and a bag, and loved working out how much to sell them for, in order to make a profit.

Everyone had a fantastically productive morning. The groups enjoyed getting their hands on budgeting sheets and producing some fantastic promotional materials. Boardmembers can't wait to see what the Boardroom Challenge teaches them next!

Year 6 – Residential Experience

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end! And so it was with the Year 6 residential to Dukeshouse Wood. However, during the time in which they were there, the children learned a lot of new skills, but they also learned a lot about themselves. Everyone was pushed outside of their comfort zones and met challenges they were unsure they would be able to meet whether this was climbing heights, staying away from home or even eating unfamiliar meals!

The staff have been very proud of the children over this time with comments from Dukeshouse Wood staff and staff from other attending schools stating how impressive our children were in their attitudes, politeness and overall behaviour.

If you want to get a flavour of what it was like for our children, you can visit the school website to see photos and even watch a video montage.

Diary Dates

June	
Phonics Screening Check	Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th
Year 6 Bike-ability	Mon 10 th – Thur 13 th
July	
Whole School Transition Days	Mon 1 st – Tues 2 nd
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Tues 16 th @ 2.30pm
Year 6 Leaver's Performance	Thurs 18 th @ 5pm
Last day of summer term	Fri 19 th
September	
Start of Term	Tues 3 rd