



June 2019

Newsletter

Sports Days Information

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

As the weather forecast looks poor next week, please be prepared that cancellations may happen. We will inform parents/carers by text as appropriate (fingers crossed this isn't required!)

Athletics Festival



On Friday 28th June, twenty-four of our amazing athletes competed in an athletics festival at Gateshead International Stadium. The children competed against 48 other schools in a range of track and field events. As a team, they achieved some fantastic results as well as showing maturity and commitment in their events.

In respect of successes we had:

- 9 individuals or teams that won their heats, which then meant progressing into the semi-finals
- 2 sprinters who made it into the finals of their events
- the Year 4 sprinters placed 2nd and 4th in the 50m and 60m races
- an incredible Year 6 thrower (who almost beat the record!) throwing a fantastic 31m to place first and win the gold medal

All the children who participated should be very proud of themselves and the hard work they put in during the event. Well done Harlow Green athletes, we are all very proud!

Women's World Cup Support

It has been a positive time during our non-uniform days in support of the England Women's Football Team, this month. On match days, everyone has been dressed in red, white and blue or sports clothing to show their support for the national team. During assembly time, we have looked at the skills required to be successful, as demonstrated by the ladies, and how we could emulate this when we are working in class. Although it has been disappointing not to reach the final (maybe not unexpected in terms of England!), we have been inspired and amazed by what has been achieved. Well done to the Lionesses!

UNICEF Soccer Aid Challenge



As part of our Sports week, we are also taking part in the UNICEF Soccer Aid Playground Challenge on Friday 12th July 2019. Our Rights Respecting Group and School Council have designed a Soccer Aid challenge, which each year group will complete. Alongside the challenge, each year group will also be running the daily mile around the school grounds.

We kindly ask for a £1 donation from each child towards the work of UNICEF. The money raised will help provide clean water and vaccines, as well as education and protection from violence for children all over the world. Plus, every pound raised will be matched by the UK Government, doubling the difference we have made to children's lives.

We look forward to a week of sporting activities and sunny weather and we hope to fundraise for such a worthwhile charity.

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

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

Staff Changes



As we come to the end of the academic year there will be the inevitable staff changes in September.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Mr Hollingworth who will be teaching in Year 4. Mr Hollingworth will also have responsibility for leading across Year 3 and Year 4 and will be part of the senior leadership team.

We will be welcoming back Miss Callaghan who has been working abroad over the last two years. Miss Callaghan will join the Year 6 teaching team for 2019-2020.

Miss Herron, who has been an apprentice Teaching Assistant over the last two years, will be working as a fully-qualified Teaching Assistant next year. Miss Herron will be working within the Reception team.

Moving on

After, 7 years working at Harlow Green, Mrs Reeves will be leaving at the end of the summer term. We would like to thank her for her commitment to the school in which she has supported many children and worked with lots of parents/carers. We all wish her the best in her new endeavours.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Miss Maddock, Miss Tubbritt and Miss Middleton for their work at Harlow Green this year and we wish them all the best for the future.

Transition to New Classes



The transition days for the school went very well with the children getting a small taste of what it will be like when they start their new year group and class after the summer break. Thank you to all family members who have spoken positively to the children about the challenge of moving to a new year group, which has supported the process greatly.

Nursery – A Visit from the Ducklings



The Nursery children were very excited when one of the parents brought some ducklings to visit. The ducklings were only one week old and very cute. The children asked lots of questions about the them: finding out what they eat; where they live; how big they will grow and the type of ducks they were. Everyone enjoyed watching them splash in the pool and they even got the opportunity to stroke and hold them.

Reception – Hall Hill Farm Visit



Despite the wet weather, this did not stop Reception from having a brilliant time at Hall Hill Farm. The children loved feeding the baby lambs, holding the baby chicks, feeding the goats, meeting the donkey, holding the rabbits and guinea pigs and meeting the piglets. A particular favourite was the very bumpy tractor ride to see the animals in the fields. Everyone enjoyed their lunch in the barn and we even had time for a little play on the soft play. After such a busy and wet day, the children and adults were all able to dry off on the bus journey home and some even fell asleep!

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Year 1 – Creating a Woodland Scene



Though not everyone has enjoyed the wet weather of late, the plants have certainly benefited. Year 1 children took advantage of this and set off to collect leaves, grasses and interesting objects. Once they'd gathered their items they then put them together to create their own woodland scene. Children used the likes of pine cones for hedgehogs, leaves for trees we even had a snake made from a dried catkin. This was an interesting exercise where children were bale to sort and classify items in their own way; some children preferred to interpret their objects in a more literal sense whilst others are more adventurous in their imaginative expression. Visit the website to see some photographs of the children at work.

UNICEF Article 6: We all have the right to live and to succeed at whatever we do.

Year 2 – Investigating Money



The children in Year 2 have recently been working with money in their maths lessons and this led to completing a very tricky investigation. To be successful, the children had to only use five silver coins, work systematically and find all possibilities. Initially, the boys and girls found this a really difficult concept; however, they quickly began to spot the patterns and some children could predict how many combinations there would be using what they already knew. We are really proud of the perseverance and team work the children displayed. Well done everyone!

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

Year 3 – Aim and Fire

During PE, the boys and girls have been developing their throwing skills. In athletics, the children have been competing to throw the furthest distance with Nerf rockets. In cricket and rounders, they have been learning how to aim, in order to hit a small target. The children worked hard on their technique, varying the power used in each throw, to hit different targets.

UNICEF Article 24: We all have the right to be healthy and happy.

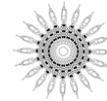
Year 4 – World Transplant Games Workshop



Mrs Blinkhorn and Mrs Old's class were very lucky to have two sets of visitors on Friday in relation to the World Transplant games that are going to be held in the region this summer. During the morning session, the class learned about the important work regarding organ donation. In the afternoon, two local artists worked with the class to plan their ideas for printing a poster about organ donation. The class discovered a lot about the different organs that can be transplanted and enjoyed using different artistic techniques.

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Year 5 – Oriental Museum Visit



Year 5 had the opportunity to visit the Oriental Museum in Durham, to consolidate their learning about the ancient city of Baghdad and their RE work regarding Islam. The classes began the visit by studying various rare artefacts from C.900. They then worked in pairs to search for answers to questions about the period before choosing one artefact each to study in more depth.

To complement their DT work about Islamic patterns, the children worked collaboratively to design a pattern on a ceramic tile. Everyone was challenged to make sure the patterns on the tiles fitted together! Later colour was added which meant they were ready to be baked in the oven at home.

After lunch, the boys and girls enjoyed working in a group to produce algorithms using a movable toy. Finally, the children performed some of the stories from 1001 Arabian Nights having great fun using props and costumes to tell the stories.

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Year 6 – Residential Experience

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the Roman fort of Vindolanda. They were able to explore the ruins and discover what the different buildings had been used for. It was interesting to see a real archaeological dig taking place, where the first pair of Roman boxing gloves has been discovered. The children then enjoyed the opportunity to see artefacts in the museum and watch a 3D movie about life in the fort at the time.

Diary Dates

July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Year 6 Leaver's Performance
Last day of summer term

Tues 16th @ 2.30pm
Thurs 18th @ 5pm
Fri 19th

September

Start of Term

Tues 3rd