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Back in the swing of it!



It has been the longest half term that we will have this year but that has been what we have needed to get everyone back into school so we can start learning and enjoying the additional activities, once again.

Our newly designed e-Newsletter will be issued at the end of a half term with the aim of sharing some of the highlights that have occurred over that period as well as provide important reminders and information for families.

Don't forget, more information can always be found on our website at:

www.harlowgreen.org

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Harvest Collection

We greatly appreciate all the donations of food for our collection, this year. Your generous contributions will be so important in helping those who need support this winter.



Labelling Uniform

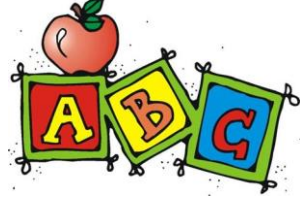
Although children wearing PE kits all day on PE days has reduced missing uniform, we still regularly have unclaimed items such as jumpers and coats. These are easily returned when names are written in them. Therefore, over half term, please could we ask that time be spent writing names in all uniform and coats.

Open Evenings

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who were able to partake in meetings with teachers to talk about how children have settled into school. We had a **99%** attendance rate, which is absolutely brilliant! These events are an important part of our collaborative working which provides the best chance of supporting each child to reach their potential.



Early Years



Nursery

As part of their new topic of 'Little Bear and Me', our Nursery children were able to bring in their favourite teddies and cuddly toys and take them on a 'Teddy bears' picnic. A special delivery of porridge oats from the three bears was thoroughly enjoyed as part of snack time which was delicious!

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Reception – Home Learning Workshop

In October, a workshop was held to help families with creative and supportive activities at home which children can enjoy as well as learn from. As part of this, each child was provided with a bookbag of resources to take home and lots of ideas were suggested. It was lovely to see adults and children enjoying the learning experience.

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Key Stage 1



Year 1 – Handling ‘Dinosaurs’!

What would it be like to touch a dinosaur? This is a very difficult question to answer for young children but after having a visit from some scaly creatures, the children in Year 1 had a much better idea of what it would be like – even if this was with the safety of some smaller everyday animals!

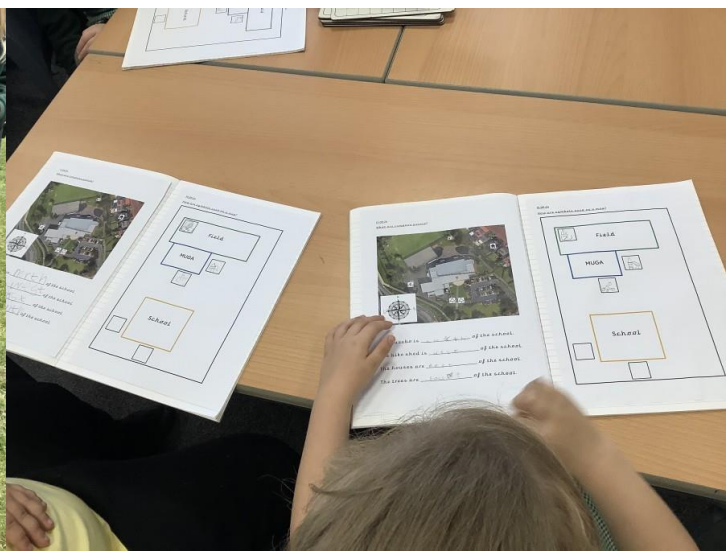
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Year 2 – Clever Compass Points

Getting around school is fairly easy for our Year 2 children but being able to follow directions to accurately navigate larger areas is a little more challenging. The start of being better at this is to learn about compass points and use North, East, South and West to be more accurate. This included using a real compass!

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Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 - Exploring Ancient Egyptians

Tombs, mummification, hieroglyphs and artefacts – what's not to like about Ancient Egypt! Year 3 have loved learning about this civilisation and the importance of the famous river Nile. There is so much to learn but it is hugely fun!

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Year 4 – Respecting the Dangers of Fire

The children in Year 4 have been involved in a range of sessions teaching them about fire safety. This has included a visit from the fire service as well as time in forest school at the fire pit, supervised by Miss Rowe. This has been especially important with Bonfire Night just around the corner.

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Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 – Brilliant Batik!

The children in Year 5 having been learning about the art technique 'Batik' which is a dyeing method using wax resist. This art has been used around the world since the 3rd century but, this term, it became the medium for our children to create river scenes linked to their 'River of Life' topic.

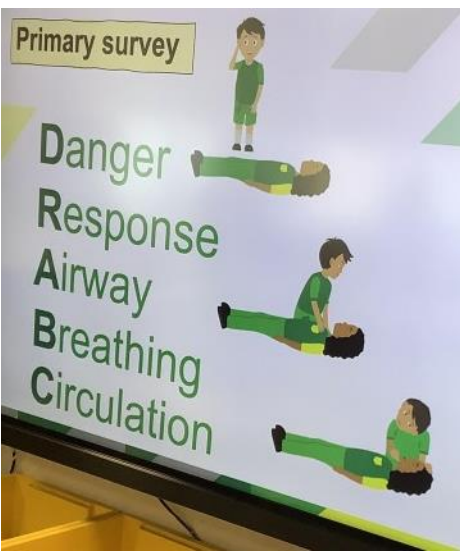
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Year 6

The children were excited to be visited by St John Ambulance to learn some basic information about how to react to an emergency and apply some simple first aid if they were the first on the scene. Practising what the paramedics had demonstrated was fun but also potentially life-saving!

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Sports Update

Y5/6 Football Team

The Year 5/6 football team signed their contracts in preparation for being part of a squad with high expectations of behaviour and conduct, both on the pitch and in school.



After a hard-fought set of matches one of our teams managed to top the group in the Autumn cup qualifier after a dramatic late goal. They will now play in the Autumn cup Final after half term.



Indoor Athletics

Our Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics teams took part in the Gateshead SSP Competition held at Gateshead Stadium. After a wide range of events, Harlow Green won by over 100 points, securing gold medals.



Tag Rugby

This half term, our Year 5/6 rugby teams competed at a Gateshead tournament. Both teams did brilliantly with one even winning the event, qualifying for the finals. Fantastic teamwork from everyone again!

Attendance



The highest attendance this half term has been for **Year 1** with an impressive **97.9%**.



02/09/24-18/09/24

Rec	94.0%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	94.1%
All	95.6%

**235 children
attended for
96%
or above**

**175 children
still have
100%
attendance**



Coming soon ...

Initial Christmas Info ...

For 2024, we will follow our usual pattern of Christmas events once again:


- Christmas performances for Reception to Year 6 will take place w/b Monday 9th December
- Christmas parties will take place during the last week of term, w/b Monday 16th December
- The Nursery nativity performances will take place on Wednesday 18th December (AM and PM)



Specific Christmas dates will be sent via School Ping after half term.



We can't tell you about everything that is going on but ...

Remember, the events and club calendar can be accessed on the  SchoolPing app.



Some Important Dates

Date	Event	Group
November 5 th	Safety Works Visit	Year 6
November 6 th	Glass Making Workshop	Year 4
November 8 th	St Mary's Heritage Centre	Year 2
November 15 th	Children in Need	All
November 20 th	Jarrow Hall Visit	Year 5
December 11 th	Flu Vaccinations	All
December 18 th	Music Workshop	Rec – Year 6