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A busy but successful term



That is 15 weeks done! Where has the time gone? Over the term, children have settled into new classes and worked extremely hard in their lessons all whilst engaging in a wide offer of events and activities.

The last few weeks have been particularly enjoyable with all the Christmas activities we have organised at Harlow Green. We would like to thank family members for supporting every performance which helped make them feel so special!

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

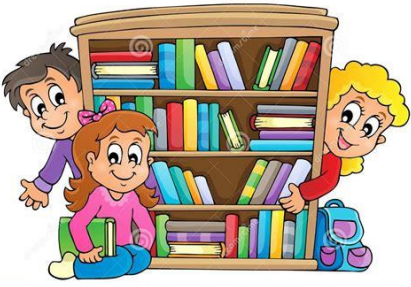
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Notices



Gateshead Christmas Library

Gateshead Library has an exciting Christmas workshop on Monday 23rd December, 10am-2pm, involving Christmas crafts such as Reindeer acorn tree decorations, sock snowmen, festive inspired fruit kebabs and an Elf hunt - don't miss out on all the fun, book today! Book by emailing:

CAYPLibraries@gateshead.gov.uk

Staff Training Day

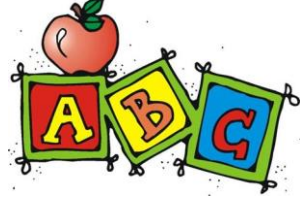
On the Monday after the Christmas break, the school will be closed for staff training. The office staff will be working in school and can be contacted, if required. However, the rest of the staff will be attending a conference at another venue along with other schools we work with.

Message from Year 6 Head Children

It's been a busy term for all year groups and all of the children have been adjusting to their new classes and the new topics that they have been studying. There have been a lot of fun trips and visitors that the children have enjoyed and numerous clubs and sports opportunities. Over the last few weeks, as Christmas has approached, the children have been finishing their Christmas plays and carols for the parents which were all thoroughly enjoyed. From all of the students at Harlow Green, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Early Years



Nursery

During the build up to Halloween, one of nursery's favourite activities was pumpkin carving. Using a range of tools to scoop and carve, the children created a range of 'scary' faces to display outside of the nursery for everyone to see.

Fantastic fine-motor skills everyone!

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Reception – Letters to Santa

Our Reception children were very excited when they went out of school to post their letters to Santa. Writing about what toys they would love to receive and then making sure they were ready for the post workers to start the journey to the North Pole was a lot of fun!

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Key Stage 1



Year 1 – We are United (Kingdom)!

In geography, the children used maps to see how our country of England is part of four main countries that make up the United Kingdom. After this, everyone had the opportunity to make their own Union Flags with the national colours of red, white and blue.

Very patriotic!

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Year 2 – Dodgeball Delight

As part of their PE sessions, Year 2 learned all about the extremely competitive but fun game of dodgeball. Tactics, teamwork, determination and skill were all learned over the weeks. They didn't quite follow the 5 Ds of dodgeball – Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and Dodge – but they did apply what they had learned in some competitive games.

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Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 - What makes a good friend?

Although all the children in Year 3 work hard at being a good friend, we know friendship is not always easy. However, knowing what makes a good friend can help us all to think about the way we behave and how we can strengthen our relationships.

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Year 4 – Hoist the sail!

Within their Vikings topic, the children in Year 4 learned about how sailing ships were used to travel across the seas to explore and invade. In DT sessions, the classes had the opportunity to create their own Viking sails with simple pulley systems so that they could raise and lower their designs.

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Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 – A trip to Jarrow Hall

Learning about the Anglo-Saxons in the classroom is interesting but nowhere near as interesting as visiting a replica Anglo-Saxon farm and village! During the visit, the children were immersed in Anglo-Saxon life which helped them understand more about their way of life at home and on the battlefield.

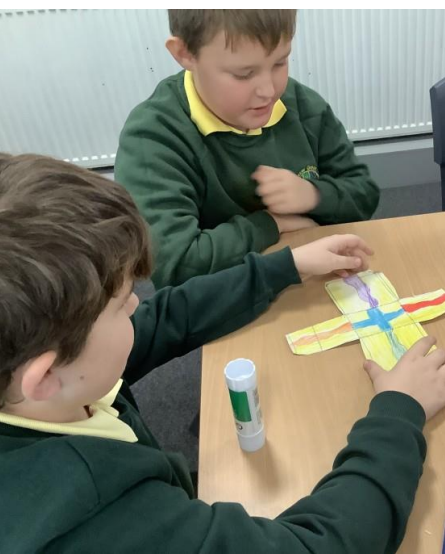
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Year 6 – Morse Code Transmitter

Within DT this half term, the children in Year 6 have made a working Morse Code transmitter. Research was undertaken, designs were produced, and finished products were carefully crafted. Great fun was had with the working Morse code transmitters and their buzzing.

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Sports Update

Indoor Athletics

Over 70 schools took part in the local Indoor Athletics tournament this half term. We did exceptionally well and finished second overall within Gateshead, taking home the silver medals.



This means we will now represent Gateshead at the county finals which will be held after Christmas.

Panathlon Event

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Gateshead Panathlon Challenge. The team came 1st out of 8 schools and won the trophy. That means another team are now through to the county finals!



Tag Rugby

One of our Year 5 and 6 rugby teams took part in the Gateshead Finals which was held at Blaydon Leisure Centre. Our school finished 3rd overall in the whole of Gateshead and took the bronze medals back to Harlow Green. Well done Everyone!



Christmas Events

Singing in the Community

The school choir performed for the congregation at St Ninians Church. The choir sang a selection of traditional carols and some more upbeat Christmas hits. We invited residents from Angel Court and Craigielea Care homes to come and join in the festive fun. We had lots of wheelchair dancing and even got some of the parents and the Vicar joining in with the actions for “The 12 Days of Christmas”.

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Christmas Performances

We were delighted to invite families into school this year, to watch the Christmas performances. The children (and staff!) have worked hard over the past couple of weeks to be able to perform a Nativity, a Christmas production, or a Carol Service so that our community can spend quality time together.



Attendance



The highest attendance this term has been for **Year 4** with a fantastic **96.2%**.



02/09/24-13/12/24

Rec	92.2%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	94.2%
All	94.3%

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

**75 children
still have
100%
attendance**




Coming soon ...

Extra-Curricular Clubs Spring 1

Club	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Y5/6 Hockey
Tuesday	Y4 Basketball Team	Y5 Vex Robotics
		KS2 Choir
		Y3/4 Hockey
		Y2a Art
		KS2 Steel Pan Band
Wednesday	Y5/6 Football Team	
Thursday	4/5/6 Girls Football	KS2 Dance Festival Rehearsal
		Y5 Guitar
		Y3/4 Reading Club
Friday	Y4 Tennis	

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
06/01/25	Training Day	Staff
07/01/25	Start of Spring Term	All
13/01/25	Vision Screening	Reception
24-28/02/25	Half Term	All
11/04/25	Last Day of Spring Term	All