



Summer 2 2022

Newsletter

Summer Fayre



Parents, carers, family, friends, members of the community, children and staff all enjoyed a fantastic afternoon in the school grounds at our Summer Fayre. Once again, the weather was hot and sunny, and everyone enjoyed trying their luck at traditional games such as *Roll a Penny*, *Hook and Duck* and the *Coconut Shy*. Other games were popular too, with families trying their hand at archery, basketball, or the football speed gun challenge. Many people were tempted by the food on offer and enjoyed hotdogs, candy floss, ice-creams, cakes, brownies along with pizzas and garlic bread made in our outdoor pizza oven. Our choir and dance group provided the entertainment throughout the afternoon, as well there being a special visit from the fire service where children got to sit in the fire engine and use the hose. This very much felt like our first full community event and, with everyone's support, it was a huge success!

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

Early Years



Over the last few weeks, it has been lovely to meet parents and carers of our new Nursery and Reception children. We look forward to welcoming them to Harlow Green in September, when they start their school journey.

We still have some places available in our Nursery in September. Please contact school if you wish to take up a place or if you would like to apply for a place in the future. Additionally, if you know any friends or family who are considering Nursery, we would appreciate it if you could direct them to Harlow Green.

Harlow Green Toddler Group will continue to run in the Autumn term, every Friday morning. Early Years staff have enjoyed working with a local child minder, grandparents, and parents this year to organise a session where the young children can play and socialise before they start their own school journey.

Sports Week



During an amazing week of sunshine, all children have taken part in their own Key Stage Sports Day. It has been lovely to welcome so many parents/carers, grandparents, and other family members to watch the children compete in a variety of sporting activities over the past three days.

All the children should be very proud of themselves and the hard work they put in during the event, during which the importance of health, fitness and fun has been paramount.

Community Links



Harlow Green is a community school and, consequently, our links with the community are extremely important to us.

We are currently working in partnership with the Equal Arts Council and HenPower to help create a Jubilee sensory garden at Angel Court Residential Care Home for the residents to enjoy. The design for Angel Court will stimulate the senses, there will be fruits and vegetables to harvest, a contemplative pond, and some beautiful plants. We hope our design will create a space that the Angel Court residents and the wider community can enjoy all year around, whether they are sitting inside looking out or they want to go outside and get involved.

The aim is to then replicate a slightly wilder version of the garden for our Forest School.

Article 23 – We all have the right to special care and support if we are disabled and be able to live a full and independent life.

Athletics Festival



On Friday 8th July, seventeen 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.

After a big focus on training and coaching in school, we are delighted to see the beginning of our athletics journey - what a great start with six medals!

Year 3/4 Girls Relay team won gold along with two individual medals - gold for long jump and bronze for individual sprint.

Well done, Harlow Green athletes, we are all very proud!

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

Diary Dates

July

Year 6 Graduation	Tuesday 19 th July at 2pm
Year 6 Leaver's Performance	Wednesday 20 th July at 5pm
Last day of summer term	Friday 22 nd July

September

Staff Training Day	Monday 5 th September
First Day of Term	Tuesday 6 th September

Nursery – The Big Toddle!



Nursery and the Harlow Green Toddler Group took part in "The Big Toddle" this half term. The Big Toddle is a short, sponsored walk to raise money for vulnerable children and young adults through Barnardo's.

During the safari themed event, it was a chance for children to be as brave as a lion, put their best foot forward, and simply have buffa-loads of fun with family and friends! Everyone "toddled" all around the school grounds in the sunshine, dressed up in their best safari outfits and enjoyed a delicious picnic in the Nursery Garden afterwards. By the end of the event, Nursery managed to raise an amazing £188.57! Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the children, it is really appreciated.

Reception – Hall Hill Farm



Reception class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Hall Hill Farm this half term. 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 they even had time for a little climb on the soft play. After such a busy day, the children and adults were all able to rest on the bus journey home and some even fell asleep!

Year 1 – Fruit Kebabs



This half term, Year 1 have been enjoying their Design & Technology lessons. It all started by investigating which foods are healthy and which are unhealthy. The pupils all decided that fruit was a healthy option and they used this as a basis for their design for fruit kebabs. Everyone primarily designed their kebab using grapes, strawberries, satsumas, and bananas.

The children also learnt about the importance of hygiene: washing preparation surfaces and hands before cooking. The children used a chopping board and knife to carefully cut up the fruit before placing the pieces on a skewer. All the kebabs looked amazing, and the children really enjoyed eating them.

Article 24 – We all have the right to information which keeps us safe and healthy.

Year 2 – Tick Tock Goes the Clock



In Maths, Year 2 have been learning how to tell the time. Firstly, they learned about *o'clock* and *half past*. They were able to explain that when the minute hand points to twelve, it is *o'clock*, and when it points to six, it is *half past*, because it has moved halfway around the clock. Next, it was time to move onto *quarter past* and *quarter to*. The children used their knowledge of fractions to work out whether the minute hand was at *quarter past* the hour or a *quarter to* the hour. Then, it became very tricky as they learned how to tell the time in five-minute intervals, *past* and *to* the hour. However, with hard work and practise the children made great progress and were proud of their achievements.

Year 3 – Alnwick Castle



In June, Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Alnwick Castle. After learning about the features of a castle in class, the children were all really keen to see which of these they could spot as they explored the castle and its grounds.

During the 'Storming the Barbican' workshop, the children learned all about castle defences and then split into two teams, the English army and the Scottish army. They re-enacted a battle with the Scottish army trying to conquer the castle and the English army defending it. In the 'Castle Life' workshop, children learned about the many jobs people would have had. After learning about these, they then became artisans themselves and made their own clay tile. Learning about castles in a castle – what could be better?!

Article 28 – We all have a right to a good quality education.

Year 4 – Dazzling Dandiya



In RE, Year 4 have been learning about the different festivals held in the Hindu religion including Navratri which is a festival that celebrates good over evil. The festival of Navratri is celebrated at the end of September or the beginning of October, usually lasting for nine days. During this time, people gather to worship Lakshmi, Durga and Saraswati. The children learned about Dandiya Raas ('dandiya' meaning sticks) which is a dance that is associated with the festival of Navratri. The sticks used in the dance represent the swords used by the goddess Durga in her nine-day battle against the demon, Mahishasura. The children found this very interesting, and they had lots of fun creating their own colourful and highly decorated dandiya.

Year 5 – Quel temps fait-il?



This half term, Year 5 have been learning how to describe the weather in French. In each lesson, the children had the opportunity to practise the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening, in the target language. At first, the children learned 9 key phrases to describe different types of weather, with the use of pictures and visual clues. Next, the children recapped key cities within France before learning phrases to describe the location of these cities. The classes were then able to combine their knowledge of weather vocabulary with directional language to create longer sentences verbally and in writing. To end the topic, the children enjoyed preparing and delivering a weather forecast in French using a weather map and symbols.

Year 6 – Residential Adventures



Year 6 visited Ford Castle for their residential trip this year. The children took part in various activities over the three days including archery, trapeze leap, zip wire, buggy building, and campfire games.

All children worked fantastically in teams and challenged themselves to take part in activities they wouldn't normally get to experience. The instructors commented upon what a polite, enthusiastic and friendly group of children Year 6 were – they were a credit to Harlow Green!