



Summer 2 2023

# Newsletter

## Pupil Voice (written by pupils)



This year has been an amazing year filled with many great memories. From the residential, to SATs, to the leavers show, we have lots to look back on. We will be terribly sad when we have to leave, but know we have left a legacy behind. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff for making Harlow Green special.

**Article 12: We all have the right to say what we think. Adults should listen and take us seriously.**

## 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 sunny, and everyone enjoyed trying their luck at traditional games such as *Hook and Duck* and the *Coconut Shy*. Other games were popular too, with families trying their hand at archery, and the football speed gun challenge. Many people were tempted by the food on offer and enjoyed burgers, Chipstix, candy floss, waffles 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. For the first time, we also had Gateshead Fell Football Club and a Bubble-ologist providing fun activities for all the family to participate in. Thank you once again for everyone's support, it was a huge success as we managed to raise a huge £1,820! The money raised will be used to support additional activities and community events for the children to enjoy next year.

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

## Sports Week



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 – with us managing to beat the weather throughout! All the children should be very proud of themselves for the hard work they put in during the event, during which the importance of health, fitness and **fun** has been paramount.

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## Athletics Festival



The Gateshead School Sports Partnership annual athletics festival at Gateshead International Stadium is always a highlight of the annual sporting calendar.

It was another amazing day and largely dry and bright! Our team of twenty children from Years 3-6 raced, hurdled, jumped and threw their way to a great haul of rightly deserved medals. After weeks of training, we were delighted to bring home a GOLD for the Girls' 400m long distance, a SILVER for the Boys' 400m (missing gold by just one second) and 6 BRONZE medals for the Girls' Relay team, the Boys' Three Spring Jump and Girls' Long Jump.

It is quite overwhelming performing at the stadium, so we were delighted to see the children rise so well to the occasion and start to really enjoy the atmosphere and the crowd!

Well done to all of them – many of whom have just started competing in athletics this year, and we hope it leads to further competitions. Thank you also to the parents and school staff who attended; staff clocked up nearly 50,000 steps between them – and that is without competing!

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## Family Support Worker



We are pleased to announce the appointment of our own Family Support Worker. Miss Mould will begin in September with the aim of working directly with children and families in various capacities: ensuring that children attend school regularly, providing family support when and where appropriate, and supporting safeguarding and welfare across our community.

This is an extremely positive appointment which we are confident will have a great impact for children and families.

**Article 3: Everyone who works with children should always do what is best for the child.**

## Diary Dates

### July

Year 6 Leaver's Performance Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm  
Last day of summer term Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July

### September

Staff Training Day Mon 4<sup>th</sup> September  
First day of Autumn term Tues 5<sup>th</sup> September

## Nursery – Ahoy, My Hearties!



Nursery children have enjoyed learning about pirates this half term. They started this topic by entering the classroom wearing a pirate hat, an eye patch and holding a treasure map which had been left on the floor, mysteriously. This led to lots of discussion about who may have been in the classroom and resulted in the children using the treasure map and clues to find the missing treasure chest. Children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and decided to use tea bags to stain the paper to make their very own treasure map! Please note, Harlow Green School holds no responsibility for any lost treasure at home!

## Reception – Fun at the 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. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt so much about the animals and the work that is done on a farm. 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 – Meerkat Mail



Year 1 were so excited to be introduced to their new text in English this half term. The text is set in the Kalahari Desert in Africa. The children made safari name badges and then Year 1 all took their pretend binoculars and clipboards outside to see which animals they could spot on a Harlow Green animal safari. Hidden amongst the wilds of Harlow Green, they found a tiger, a lion, a giraffe and eventually Sunny, a meerkat and the main character of our story. The children enjoyed listening to the story of Meerkat Mail. In part of the story, Sunny decides to leave his annoying family and his home in the desert. Back in the classroom we discussed what he might pack in his suitcase for his adventures. The children came up with some fantastic ideas such as a supply of scorpions in case he gets hungry, a camera to take pictures, and a portrait of his family for when he starts to miss them. Public safety announcement – the tiger, lion, and giraffe have all now travelled back to Africa and are no longer in Harlow Green!

## Year 2 – Ramadan and Eid



In Religious Education, Year 2 have been learning about the Islamic celebrations of Ramadan and Eid. First, the children found out that Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, which is based on the moon. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to dusk. Children compared this to how Christians may choose to give up a particular food during Lent. They found out that Muslims get up very early in the morning during Ramadan to have a meal called suhoor, before the sun rises. This meal contains food such as eggs, bread, rice, fruit, and vegetables. During the hours of daylight, Muslims do not eat or drink anything. Then, after the sun has set, they enjoy the iftar meal together which may include rice, meat, samosas, roti, and desserts. The children used this information to design their own suhoor and iftar meals. Next, the children found out about Eid al-Fitr which is the celebration of the breaking of the fast at the end of Ramadan. They found out that during Eid, Muslims often wear new clothes, visit their friends and family, exchange gifts and put-up decorations. The children compared this to celebrations that they take part in.

**Article 30 – We all have the right to use our own language, culture and religion.**

## Year 3 – Castle Life



As part of their History topic, this term, Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Alnwick Castle. They loved finding the features of a castle that they had learnt about in class, excitedly spotting arrow slits everywhere they walked.

The children were lucky enough to participate in two workshops – Storming the Barbican and Castle Life, during the visit. During Storming the Barbican, 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, the boys and girls learned about the many jobs people would have had. After learning about these, they then became artisans themselves and made their own clay tile.

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

## Year 4 – Water Safety



As we approach the summer holidays, Year 4 had representatives in from Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade to talk about water safety and how to contact the emergency services. The children spent some time looking at risks around water and then learned about how to float to live and stay calm, should they fall into water, or help someone who has. Year 4 learned about the different flags at the beach and how to contact the emergency services using 999. They had lots of questions and their own top tips too!

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

## Year 5 – Eggciting News



Year 5 children have had several new furry classmates join them this half term. Children (and staff!) have been very eggcited as we have been able to incubate eggs. Jos, our Henpower friend, came into school to show the children how to set up the incubators and keep the eggs safe once they are inside. A wide variety of breeds have been chosen that lay some beautifully colourful eggs.

Dave, our caretaker, was surprised on day 21 as he was greeted to our first chick hatching. Consequently, the children have aptly called this chick, Dave! Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying supporting all 21 eggs through the incubating and hatching process and we will keep you posted.

**Principle 3: Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all those involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent, and creative learners.**

## Year 6 – Residential Adventures!



Year 6 visited Weardale Adventure Centre for their residential trip in June. The children took part in various activities over the three days including archery tag, rock climbing, water adventure, high ropes, and scavenger hunts.

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 – as usual, they were a credit to Harlow Green!

**Article 13 – We all have the right to share what we learn, think and feel with others.**