



Summer 1 e-News

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Hard work but lots of fun

Another short half term has flown over with a lot going on at Harlow Green. In amongst the usual lessons, there has been a range of activities such as a geography field trip, glass art, golf lessons, and even some Ancient Greek classics.

Of course, the month of May has significance for our oldest children as they took on the challenge of Key Stage 2 assessments – SATs. Although the children worked hard with their teachers and displayed a fantastically mature attitude, there was still time for other lessons, sport and Forest School. Teaching children the balance between work and relaxation is essential, and SATs is the perfect context to do this.

Read on for more about some of these activities but also visit our website at:

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Notices

Sports Days

We know how important Sports Day is for families and we wish to give early notice that this is scheduled for July 9th (Nursery & Reception) and July 10th (Year 1 to Year 6). We will give more details next half term and keep our fingers crossed for good weather!

Bringing Toys into School

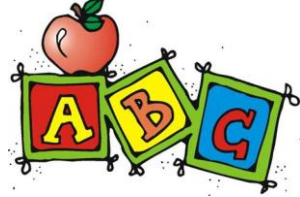
A message was sent to families reminding that children are not to bring their own toys into school. If it has been agreed that a child needs a concentration aid, this is to be provided by school only, after agreement with our SENDCo, Mrs Softley.

Uniform Reminder

We understand that children's uniform may become worn or damaged over the summer term, as well as children growing out of their current items; however, this does not mean that other items of clothing should be worn instead. Uniform is an essential aspect of being a pupil at Harlow Green whether that is normal uniform (yellow polo t-shirt, green jumper, grey trousers/skirt) or PE uniform (plain white round-neck t-shirt, black joggers/shorts, green hoodie).

In relation to PE kits, alternative colours, items with large branding, and various tracksuit tops/hoodies are not to be worn. Where this does happen, staff will contact parents/carers.

Early Years



Nursery – Gateshead Librarian Visit

Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed their library visit from Gateshead Librarian, Joanne. During the session, they listened to stories about moving into Reception, which won't be too far away for a lot of our children. They loved the story about a dragon who went to school for the first time.

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Reception – Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflowers

This half term, Reception spent time enjoying and exploring some of Vincent Van Gogh's beautiful artwork, especially his famous Sunflowers painting. The children used oil pastels to create their own bright and colourful sunflower pictures, thinking carefully about shapes and colours. They also planted sunflower seeds outside and are excited to watch them grow!

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Key Stage 1



Year 1 – Fraction Frenzy

Year 1 have had a focus on Fractions this half term. During their maths lessons, they learned that when a shape is split into two equal parts, each part is a half. Using different shapes, with some folding and cutting, the children developed their understanding and even moved onto quarters!

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Year 2 – Hole in (Year) 2

Move over Rory McIlroy, there's some competition at Harlow Green! Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn how to hold the club to strike the ball and quickly moved to learning about the different parts of a golf course – the rough, fairway, water and bunker.

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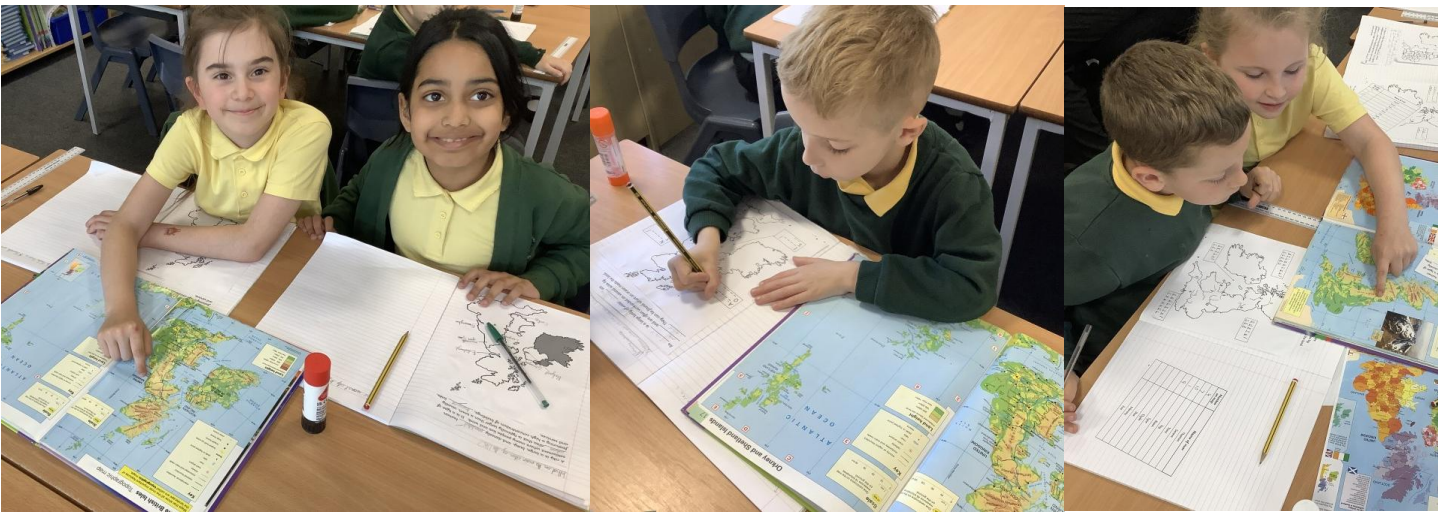


Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 – Sense of Place

In Geography, Year 3 have been learning all about where our school is located. They started by reminding themselves of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom before moving on to learn about counties, successfully identifying Tyne and Wear as our local county and locating Newcastle upon Tyne as the closest city to our school.

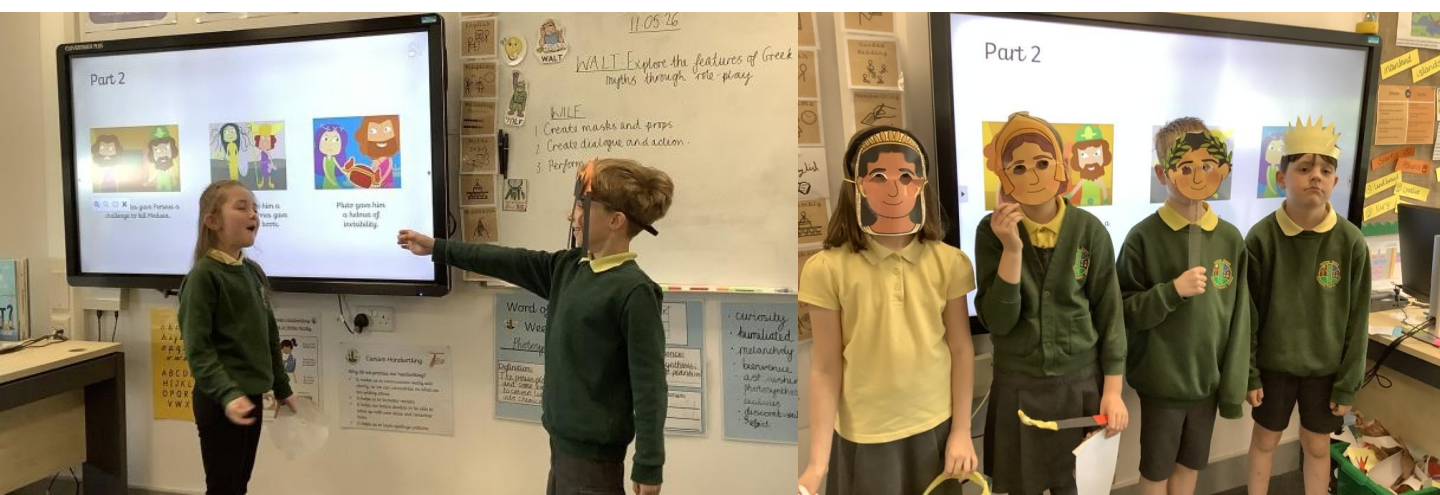
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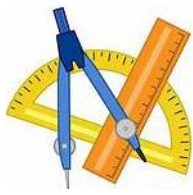
Year 4 – Greek Myth Role-Play

For the launch of the new curriculum topic, Year 4 watched an animation of the story of Perseus and Medusa, and discussed the common features of myths, such as their heroes, villains, mythical creatures Gods and Goddesses, and dangerous quests. This then led to the children acting out the story playing the main characters.

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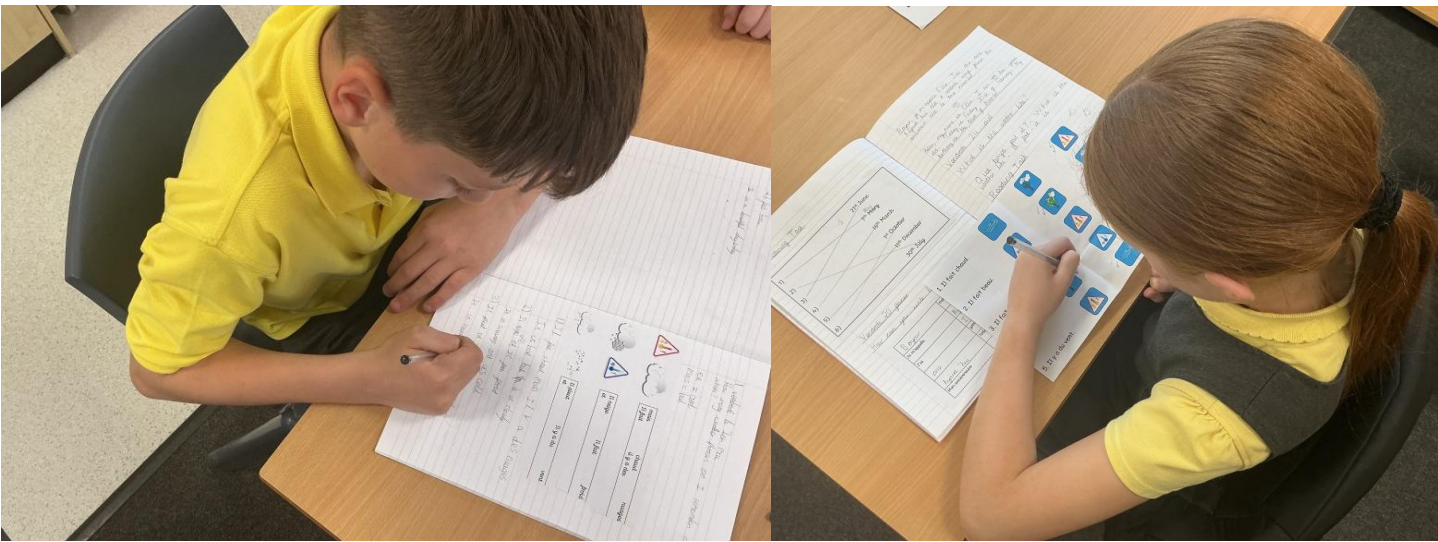
Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 – Quel temps fait-il?

This half term, Year 5B have been learning how to answer the question “Quel temps fait-il?”, meaning “What is the weather like?” The children explored five basic weather phrases, learning how to say, “it is hot”, “it is cold”, “it is a nice day”, “it is an unpleasant day” and “it is windy.”

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Year 6 – SATs Done and Dusted!

The SATs week went over in the blink of an eye as our children put their full effort into four days of assessments. Across spelling, grammar, reading and maths, the children were challenged to show determination and resilience which they did without question. By the Friday, it was just time to relax, have fun and eat ice-cream!

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School Events

Tennis Superstars!

After weeks of dedication to early morning training, alongside practise in PE lessons, the Year 4 tennis team were well-prepared to take on the challenge of competition. The children played magnificently and applied all they had learned, in a number of matches, during the session.

Representing Harlow Green is all about attitude and respect which each and every one of our team did. Positive attitude and hard work brings success – a fine second-place finish!



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Outdoor Orienteering

A group of children from Year 3 enjoyed the chance to go orienteering at Grace College. During the session, the children had to complete a range of team challenges and solve problems using all sorts of different skills. Our outdoor Forest School lessons certainly helped here! From balancing nails and working out riddles to creating channels, the groups were great together, the sun shone and we loved being outdoors!

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Attendance



Year 2 and Year 5 are leading the way with both having attendance over 96%!



02/09/25-17/05/26

Rec	94.4%
Year 1	95.01%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	94.9%
All	94.8%

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

**25 children
still have
100%
attendance**



Coming soon ...

Extra-Curricular Clubs Summer 1

Club	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Multi Sports
Tuesday	Y4/5 Rugby	Y3/4 Cricket
		Choir
Wednesday	Y2 Multi Sports	
Thursday	Y306 Athletics Team	Y6 Gardening Club
Friday	Y6 Tennis Team	

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

Remember, to download and check on the  Arbor app to sign up to clubs.



Some Important Dates

Date	Event	Group
21/05/26	Last Day of Summer 1	All
22/05/26	Training Day	All
25-29/05/26	Summer Half Term	All
03-05/06/26	Residential Visit	Y6
18/06/26	Summer Fayre	All
30/06/26	Class Transition Day	All
09/07/26	EYs Sports Day	Nurs/Rec
10/07/26	KS1/KS2 Sports Day	Y1-Y6
17/07/26	Last Day of Term	All