



Harlington Lower School

Half Term School News - Summer (A) 2025

Message from our Headteacher

It is amazing that we're already at half term! Although it has been a very short one, there have been so many wonderful things going on.

Each week, I have the pleasure of leading our celebration assembly, and it's truly lovely to see the huge range of activities our children are involved in, both in and out of school. We've seen fantastic achievements, from certificates for the Junior Mathematical Challenge and enthusiastic participation in many sports festivals.

It's a joy to celebrate successes that aren't just academic; this truly demonstrates our school values in action. We love celebrating accomplishments from outside of school too, such as Brownie badges, swimming certificates, and football medals. It's always wonderful to highlight our children's diverse talents and efforts.

I look forward to welcoming you back for the second half of the Summer Term, when we will be enjoying a number of summer events. I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term break!

Oak Class

Oak Class were thrilled to partake in a beach day as part of their learning around their book 'Crab and Clem'. The afternoon of fun involved digging in our new human sized sandpit and splashing in the sprinklers. We were delighted that the sun shone and we truly felt as though we were at the beach. Of course, ice-lollies were eaten and lots of fun was had!



Lorelai: We played in the water sprinkler!

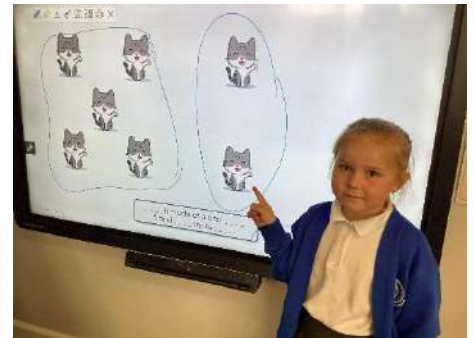
Elsie: I liked sunbathing!

Mylee: The ice-lollies were so good!

Having delved further into the story, Oak Class have taken on the challenge of recycling litter by going on a litter pick. We also enjoyed acting out what happens to our oceans when we litter.



In our maths lessons we have been learning about the composition of numbers up to 10 and ordering numbers correctly.



We had a wonderful day in school celebrating VE day. The children learned lots of facts, such as what VE stands for and how many years the second world war lasted. We completed activities in class, such as flag making and medal decorating. At lunch time, Oak Class enjoyed sharing a picnic lunch on the field, with the rest of school.



Sophie: We went on the field for a picnic lunch.

Christian: VE day is celebrating when the war was over.

Sumaya: We wore red, blue and white clothes.

Oak Class were treated to a pyjama party, for working hard as a class to fill their marble jar. There was lots of dancing and chocolate milk. It was a fabulous end to a busy week!



Kaya: We had fun at the pyjama party

Luca: We drank chocolate milk!

George E: We had an outdoor disco!

We were so lucky to watch the production of Alice and Wonderland in our school hall! What a treat!



Golden Book
Mylee



Wow work
Mylee
George E

Chestnut Class

In our History lessons this term we have explored the lives of fascinating Kings and Queens who shaped the world. We talked about what it might be like to live in a palace and wear a crown.

Rebecca: I want to be a queen so I can have a big castle and eat cake every day!

Elliot: I think I'd make a good king.



We had so much fun celebrating International Dance Day!
We showed off our best moves during our exciting dance-a-thon. Everyone joined in with lots of energy, laughter, and rhythm. It was a fantastic way to stay active, express ourselves, and celebrate the joy of dancing together!



We'd like to end with a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined in, supported us, and donated so generously to make our dance-a-thon such a memorable and meaningful celebration! We raised £180 for Ronald McDonald House Charities UK.



Golden Book
Decarlo



Wow work
Warris
Nell

Hawthorn Class

We have been very busy in Hawthorn Class this half term. The children have really enjoyed our Art unit of work on Cityscapes and Landscapes. They have looked at the artists Monet and Metzinger and they have recreated some of their artwork.



Ernie - I liked designing my own mosaic.

Pietro - I really liked using the pastels because we can be creative.

The children had lots of fun on dance day. They learnt about dance through the decades and tried out different dance styles. We also learnt about Irish dancing and the children had a go at doing some Irish dancing (which was very tricky)!



Ibby - I liked learning lots of new dances.

Jaskirat - I liked having a picnic on the backfield.

The children have really enjoyed their English topic this half term. We have been looking at the book 'Tidy'. The children started off the topic by doing a litter pick around the school. The children have completed lots of different types of writing, including writing instructions, diary entries and letters.



Millie - I liked using the litter picker to collect rubbish off the floor.

Zach - I enjoyed writing about the story 'Tidy'.



Golden Book
Elijah



Wow work
Holly
Georgia

Rowan Class

During our music lessons this term we are learning to play the Pbuzz with Mr Lowe. We can't wait to take our instruments home so we can do lots of practising and show off our new skills!

Harper: I like learning the PBuzz because I enjoy learning new things. It has been hard but each lesson it is getting easier.

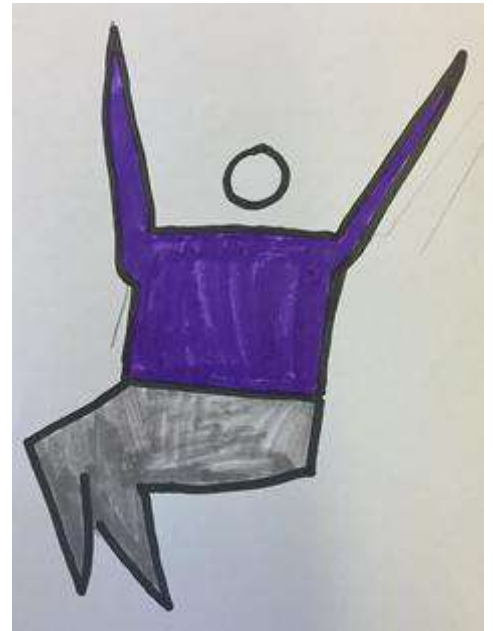
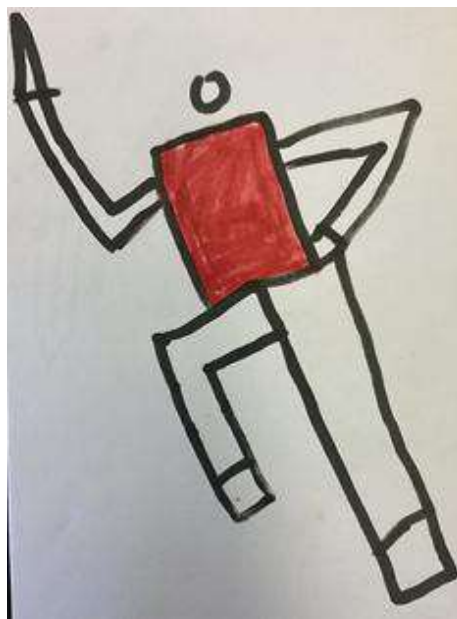
Eris: It's awesome because I like learning the different songs. It's really good.

Vincent: 10 out of 10!





This term in Art we have been developing our drawing skills. We have taken inspiration from a range of artists. We enjoyed learning about Julian Opie and replicating his modern approach to drawing bodies. We also enjoyed being the model; creating some interesting poses for our friends to draw. I think you'll agree they did a great job!



This half term in Science we have been developing our knowledge of plants. We performed our first dissection! Each of us was given a flower to dissect so we could identify the different parts and understand how they create a seed.

We have also been learning how water is transported inside the stem. We now know water travels up the stem in a straw-like structure called xylem. We saw this happening when our white tulips and leafy celery started turning blue due to the blue dye in the water.



Golden Book
Eris



Wow work
Tabby
Georgie

Beech Class

In Science, we have been learning about Living Things and their Habitats. We know the 7 life processes, how to identify vertebrates and sort them into different groups (mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians).

Our favourite lesson was learning about the different types of invertebrates because we went on an 'Invertebrate Hunt' outside. We really enjoyed searching our school grounds using magnifying glasses to find microhabitats. We found so many invertebrates including snails, worms, ants, spiders, woodlice. We were able to use a classification key to identify any invertebrates we were unsure of.

Aleksandar: I enjoyed finding all the different invertebrates on our hunt like arachnids, insects and a couple of annelids.

Maisie: I liked learning about reptiles and amphibians.

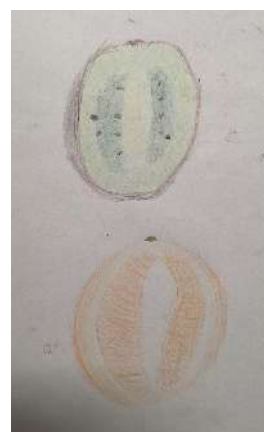
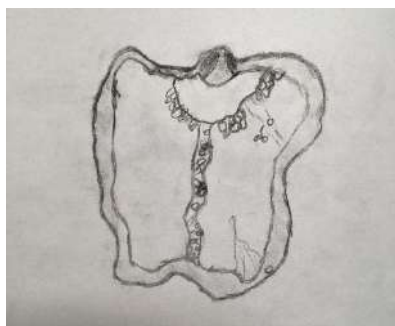
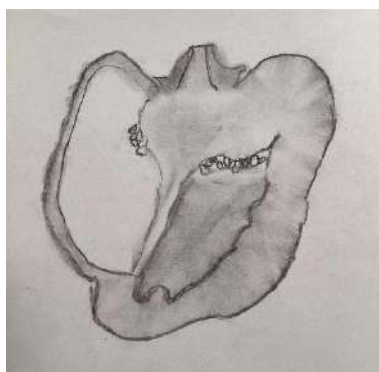
Ralph: We asked Miss Hines lots of scientific questions about invertebrates and I liked it when she found out the answers for us.

Mila: I loved making our own Venn diagrams to classify living things.

Alayna: I enjoyed it when I saw what plankton looked like.



We have been developing our drawing and painting skills in Art whilst learning about a range of artists whose work is based on food (fruit and vegetables). Carl Warner was our favourite as he created photos of 'foodscapes' using real food and the names were really funny. We voted on our favourite one and the winner was 'Garlicshire' with 'Parmesan Cliffs' coming in as a close second. Throughout the half term we have used charcoal to draw peppers, drawn fruits in colour and then improved our painting skills too. Here is some of the fantastic artwork that we have created.



Connor: I liked focusing on shading and making it look realistic when we were drawing the fruit with coloured pencils.

Alec: I enjoyed the chaotic mess when drawing with the charcoal.

Lucy: I liked looking at the pictures of Carl Warner's foodscapes because it seemed real and it didn't always look like fruit and vegetables.

We really enjoyed celebrating International Dance day this half term. We spent the first part of the morning exploring different dance styles from across the decades. We learned The Twist, Disco Dancing, the Cha Cha Slide, a Spice Girls dance which Miss Hines knew very well and The Floss. After break we learned about the choreographer Alvin Ailey and his very famous work called 'Revelations'. We couldn't believe how talented the dancers were, especially in the 'Sinner Man' dance.

Evie: I like watching Alvin Ailey's dancers perform because it was satisfying.

Grace: I enjoyed learning all of the types of dances people would have done in the past.

Lily: It was fun when Mrs Keeble came in and we had to stop everything and dance as soon as she played the song 'APT'.

Elsie: I liked it when we all did the Cha Cha Slide.



Golden Book
Lorcan



Wow work
Lucy
Chloe

Sport

International Dance Day

On April 29th, the whole school celebrated International Dance Day. Children participated in a variety of dance workshops throughout the day, exploring different styles such as Charleston, strictly, disco, and musicals. Each session was filled with energy and excitement as students learned new moves and expressed themselves through rhythm and movement. In the classrooms, they also learned about famous choreographers, different eras of dance, and iconic movements that shaped dance history. The combination of physical activity and creative learning kept the day lively and engaging. It was wonderful to see students so enthusiastic as they explored rhythm, culture, and expression. The day concluded with a performance where the children showcased what they had learned in their workshops to the entire school.



Y3/4 Kwik Cricket

Our Year 3/4 pupils recently took part in an exciting Kwik Cricket tournament, with two teams proudly representing our school. Both teams played with great spirit, teamwork, and determination throughout the day. Team 1 put in a fantastic performance, winning two out of their three matches. Unfortunately, they missed out on reaching the finals by just 3 runs – a very narrow margin that showed just how competitive the tournament was. Team 2 also played exceptionally well, displaying great sportsmanship and enthusiasm in every game. Although we didn't make it to the final, we are incredibly proud of how both teams performed. Their effort, positive attitude, and support for one another were a credit to our school. Well done to everyone who took part – you represented us brilliantly!

Harlington Lower and Sundon Football Club Year 1 Debut Football Tournament

On Saturday 17th May, some of our Year 1 pupils proudly represented Harlington Lower and Sundon Football Club in their very first competitive football tournament, hosted at Ramsey Manor Football Club. This was a truly special moment, as it marked their debut matches—and what a debut it was!

Demonstrating co-operation, respect, and responsibility, the children played beautifully as a team, supporting one another with encouragement and enthusiasm. Their team spirit and unity were a shining example of the school's values in action.

They finished second overall, an incredible achievement for such a young team playing their first ever matches. Their performance not only made their families proud but also served as an inspiring example of what can be achieved through unity, perseverance, and collaboration.

This success reflects the school's vision: to nurture confident, caring individuals who strive to reach their full potential. The Year 1s have shown us all what it means to work together in harmony, and we couldn't be prouder.

Well done!