



Harlington Lower School

Half Term School News - Summer (B) 2025

Message from our Headteacher

As the year draws to a close, it's always a time to reflect on the wonderful moments that we've shared as a school community. This half term has been packed with fantastic events, from the Y3 Grove Theatre performance and the Pyramid Schools Trust Music Concert to our sports day, trips out of school, and our Fathers' Day breakfasts – and much more!

This year's KS2 production was a real highlight, and I was especially touched by the brilliant speech delivered by Georgie, who played the part of the Headteacher. She perfectly captured the essence of what I want to convey.

She said, "We are gathered here to celebrate all the wonderful things that have happened at school this year, to say thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication, and to wish a fond farewell to those who will shortly be leaving us." This sentiment encapsulates the spirit of this time of year. It is a time to applaud the efforts of every child and celebrate their growth and achievements. It is also a time to express gratitude to our amazing staff, whose consistent hard work and dedication makes our school such a special place.

We also say a big thank you to our Year 4 pupils who are moving on to their next adventure; you have enriched our school community. We are sorry to see you go, but we hope that your time at Harlington Lower School has helped set you on a path to happiness and success. As Georgie, playing Mrs. Blunt, so beautifully put it, "Whatever happens, and whatever the future brings, I know we'll all think fondly of our time together, and smile when we remember all the good friends we made." I couldn't have said it better myself!

Have a fantastic summer break!

Oak Class

Supertato and the Evil Pea

It has been another busy half-term. In English, we looked at the story of Supertato and the Evil Pea. Our stunning start was a superhero day and what a day it was! We all came to school dressed up as superheroes! Later, we thought of ways to capture the evil pea and have created some fantastic plans! Each day, we discover escaped peas, in the learning environment. Oak class have been fantastic at capturing the peas and writing notes to leave around the classroom!



Kian: We all wore superhero costumes.

Kaya: We have learnt lots about superheroes.

Christian: We tried to rescue Supertato!

Golf Experience

We were delighted to participate in a golf workshop, organised by Mrs Keeble. We learned how to hold a golf club and make good contact with the golf ball. We played some games in small teams.



Elsie: It was fun when we got to hit the ball.

Maisie: It was a lovely day.

Charity Bingo Event

Oak Class enjoyed a charity bingo event. We decided to raise money for RSPCA as we think that we should do more to look after animals and improve their lives. We also sold some preloved books. A huge total of £87.20 was raised! Oak Class wish to thank their parents and grandparents for joining them for their fundraising event.



Sports Morning

It was absolutely wonderful for Oak Class to participate in their very first HLS sports morning. There was lots of cheering and fantastic team effort as the children congratulated one another on their efforts!



Stanley: I really loved racing.

Niamh: I loved running on sports day.

Joshua: I loved that blue team won!

Caterpillars to Butterflies

Mrs Puntrello bought us some caterpillars and we have spent the last few weeks watching them grow into butterflies. Oak Class were very excited to set them free. The butterflies have been great to remind us that we all grow and go through changes and that as we come to the end of this school year, we think ahead to our next class and a new cycle of learning.



Theo: The butterflies are happy to be free.

George: The butterflies are really pretty.



Golden Book
Jack



Wow work
Naimh
Kaya

Chestnut Class

Golf morning

The class enjoyed a fantastic morning playing golf on the school field. The students relished the fresh air and friendly competition. There were some impressive moments too – a few pupils even managed to score a hole-in-one! It was a brilliant way to start the day, with smiles all around.



Geography

As part of our geography topic on weather, the class transformed into aspiring meteorologists and assumed the roles of weather forecasters for the day. Using maps, symbols, and their understanding of weather patterns, pupils created and presented their own forecasts. It was a fun, hands-on activity that brought learning to life and sparked a great deal of enthusiasm!

Art

In Art, we explored the works of various artists, focusing particularly on Paul Klee, whose use of colour and abstract shapes genuinely inspired the class. Using his style as a starting point, the pupils created their own vibrant 'colour chaos' designs. The results were brimming with imagination, creativity, and bold expression—a wonderful showcase of artistic talent.

Science

This term in Science, our young inventors have been exploring the exciting world of Inventors and Inventions! We've been learning how inventions help us in our everyday lives – from the wheel to the lightbulb, and even the telephone!

The most exciting invention we've explored is one we helped design ourselves – a Sensory Garden where we made sensory tables and really enjoyed the different smells .



Golden Book
Violet



Wow work
Teddy
Karis

Hawthorn Class

It's been a busy half term for Hawthorn Class. The children have really enjoyed their DT unit of work on 'Sensational Salads'. They tried a variety of salads including potato salad, coleslaw and beetroot salad. The children had fun making a carrot and sultana salad and a tuna pasta salad. They are looking forward to making their fruit salad in the last week of term.



Ibby - I liked grating the carrot. It was a bit hard but fun.

Chloe. C - I really liked eating the tuna and pasta salad that we made - it was delicious!

Dylan - I enjoyed putting all the ingredients for the salad in the bowl and mixing them up.

The children have enjoyed reading and learning about 'The Tempest' in English. They have taken on the role of different characters in the story, they particularly like pretending to be Caliban and hiding from the fairies under the cloak. The children worked really well on retelling and acting out the story using actions.





Boden - I liked the part of the story when Prospero breaks his staff right at the end.
Keziah - I enjoyed acting out when Caliban hid under his cloak - it felt exciting and fun.
Oliver - I liked the ending because everyone was happy.

We had a wonderful time on our trip to Shuttleworth. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of activities based on vintage aircraft, bicycles, carriages and cars. We also got to have a ride on a vintage bus which we all loved.



Ernie - I really liked standing next to the big black aeroplane when John was telling us about it.
Georgia - I enjoyed sitting on the old bus and waving to the people as we went past.
Harper - My best bit was when we got to wear the hats and also finding out what the wooden framed planes were made of.

Science

This half term, Year 2 has absolutely loved learning about scientists and inventors! We've been busy carrying out lots of exciting investigations, like testing which materials are best for waterproof clothes, exploring how germs spread when we don't wash our hands using the mouldy bread experiment, and discovering how our oceans can become polluted by chemicals from farms.



Golden Book
Boden



Wow work
Millie
Camilla

Rowan Class

Year 3 took part in a singing showcase at The Grove Theatre to perform songs they learned in their music/singing lessons. All children performed brilliantly and represented our school wonderfully. We have also had a fantastic time learning the Pbuzz. Some children attended the music concert at the Upper School and performed their Pbuzz with Mr Lowe.



This term Rowan Class really enjoyed the special golf experience. They all listened attentively and their skills definitely improved. They all loved challenging 'the teacher'. However, Mrs Farrugia likes to play golf so she often won the challenges.



Lots of hard work was put into rehearsing and performing the KS2 play - Lights, Camera, Action. The children have done a fantastic job learning all their lines, performing the songs with vigour and their acting was truly entertaining.





Golden Book
Alice



Wow work
Zoe
Dante

Beech Class

In Beech Class we have had another fantastic half term full of exciting learning opportunities and activities. In DT, we learned about the history of Warburtons. We tasted lots of their products and rated them based on their appearance, smell, texture and taste, before finally designing our own bread.

We have all chosen our ingredients and are looking forward to baking our bread in the last week of term for 'The Great Bread Bake Off'!

We also used our super sewing skills to finish off our juggling balls. It was tough (especially threading the needle over and over again) but we feel so proud of ourselves for persevering and we love the final products.

Here are some photos of the juggling balls we made!





Last term during our Egyptian topic, we mummified some tomatoes and this half term we finally opened them up and got to see what they look like now. The tomatoes had all dried up and the skin was really wrinkly. None of them went mouldy and they didn't smell at all so we all agreed that our mummification had been successful! Even though they were all well preserved, based on how the tomato looked and the lack of moisture in it meant that Jack, Lily and Lucy were the winning team!



We have worked incredibly hard these last few weeks on our end of year production and we have finally completed all three performances. Our teachers said it was fantastic and we hope our adults at home enjoyed it too. We loved learning the songs, especially 'Lunchtime Frontline' which is our favourite.





Golden Book
Grace



Wow work
Alayna
Ralph

Sports Day

This years winning team was Astrey. Well done to all the children who took part.



Lord Lieutenant Visit

We were delighted to host the Lord Lieutenant at Harlington Lower School recently for a very special occasion. The Lord Lieutenant presented a well-deserved certificate to Margot Best from School Readers, recognising her incredible decade of volunteering. Margot has dedicated ten years to hearing our children read, making an invaluable contribution to their literacy development and fostering a love of reading in so many young lives. We extend our sincerest gratitude to Margot for her unwavering commitment and truly inspirational service to our school community.



Pyramid Schools Trust Music Concert

We had a fantastic evening recently at the Pyramid Schools Trust Music Concert! The choir sung wonderfully, both with Sundon Lower School, and when joining with other lower schools in the Trust. Year 3 also did an incredible job showcasing their skills on the PBuzzes, a testament to their hard work and musical development. It was also brilliant to see some of our very own brass players take to the stage, performing with confidence and flair. Events like these really highlight the incredible musical talent across our Trust and provide invaluable experiences for our young musicians.

Harlington Hotshots

Presentations 2025

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, coming out each week no matter the weather. All us coaches have loved coaching you all every week and hope you have had as much fun as we have!

A massive well done to year 2s for how well they have improved in such a short matter of time. Especially with how much information we bombarded them with each week

Years 3&4s have kept every training session interesting with their craziness! They have all grown in confidence so much and are starting to become amazing netballers.

Look forward to coaching you all next year and hopefully get some more matches in. Have an amazing summer and some well deserved rest We'll be back 15th September so see you all there!

BIG WELL DONE TO OUR AWARD WINNERS

Top Shooters:

- Lily(13 goals from Easter)
- Aurora(35 goals all year)

Players Player's:

- Pietro
- Holly

Breakthrough Player:

- Georgie

Coaches Award:

- Emilia

Special well done to Holly & Alice for winning killer and seaweed against parents and players