



Harlington Lower School

Half Term School News - Spring (2) 2023

Oak Class



Oak Class kicked off the term with a splendid 'Superhero Parade'. The children had created such fantastic props!

Harper: It was amazing!

Keziah: I loved dancing to the music.

This was soon followed by a wonderful World Book Day Celebration. Oak Class particularly enjoyed sharing their books in the fields' story telling area.

William: I liked story time on the field.

Kay: I loved everyone's costume!

Ernie: The story sacks were fun.



We were fortunate enough to be invited to see the Pre-school's ducklings and some of the children handled them too!

Arthur: I liked holding the ducklings.

Jaxson: I stroked a duckling.

Miss Coffey created a Volcanic Eruption using vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and washing up liquid.

Dylan: Red lava came out.

Lily: I liked the colour of the lava.





Rebecca from Harlington Life Church popped in to talk to the class about how she celebrates Easter and helped the class to make some Spring garden boxes.

Chloe: I made little sheep for our Spring garden boxes.

Tillie: I made a pond!



27.3.23 Oak Class Golden Book - Camilla



Oak Class Wow work
Arthur and Amelia

Chestnut Class

Geography

In Chestnut Class we have been learning about the United Kingdom in geography. After sharing the story, *The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse*, the children enjoyed drawing features of cities, towns and countryside in chalk on the playground. We labelled maps of the United Kingdom and looked at the flags and national symbols for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We made landmark models of landmarks in London. We pretended to go on a hot air balloon ride over London and we drew a journey line of landmarks we might see. Finally, we compared Brasilia with London.



Vincent - I enjoyed drawing the journey line because I would like to go on a real hot air balloon ride.

Eris - I loved learning about Scotland because my mummy is from Scotland.

Ellie – I enjoyed making a model of Big Ben. Big Ben is a clock in London.

Charlotte – I recognised the tube from when my mummy took me to London.



27.3.23 Chestnut Class Golden Book - Archie



Chestnut Class Wow work

Harlee and Tabitha

Hawthorn Class

Art

In Hawthorn Class we have been learning about the artist L.S.Lowry. First the children painted seascapes. They then created collages based on Lowry's Industrial paintings. The children painted the backgrounds, drew the buildings and the matchstick people, they then created some amazing collages.



27.3.23 Hawthorn Class Golden Book - Max



Hawthorn Class WOW Work

Felicity and Lily

Rowan Class

Geography

In Geography this half term the class has learnt about Extreme Earth. They have looked at Volcanoes, Tsunamis, Earthquakes and Tornadoes. The class had a project to make a volcano which we then erupted. The class had previously learnt the process of an eruption and this was discussed when we used bicarbonate of soda and vinegar thinking about the reaction caused. Every single child put so much effort into their volcano.



27.3.23 Rowan Class Golden Book - Annabelle



Rowan Class WOW Work

Umer and Lucy

Beech Class

(Beech Class worked together to write this text)



There was extreme excitement this half term as most of Beech class went to Caythorpe. Highlights included the giant swing, rock climbing, the zip wire and aeroball. Everyone enjoyed the food and sharing dormitories with our friends. One night, we had a campfire and sang songs. We will all remember this trip forever.



Those of us who stayed behind had a wonderful time working on projects, learning about different countries and languages. We listened to stories and music from each of the countries and it was rather peaceful without the rest of the class!



On World Book Day we dressed up as our favourite characters – Harry Potter was the most popular! We had a classroom scavenger hunt which we enjoyed because it was fun looking at different books. We also learnt about blurbs and even wrote our own mini-books.



Our history topic has been the Romans. We learnt about how they attacked the Celts and built Hadrian's Wall. All of us worked together to make our own Roman roads from junk modelling. Finally, we learnt about Roman gods and goddesses and had a poster competition.



27.3.23 Beech Class Golden Book - Livvy



Beech Class WOW Work
Logan and Michaela

Book Fair



A huge thank you to everyone who bought books from our Book Fair. We took over £1000 which means that we now have over £600 worth of vouchers to spend with Scholastic Books, on new books for the library and book corners.

Spring Music Assembly



We held our Spring music assembly in February. We were delighted that so many parents were able to come into school to hear their child perform. We have many talented musicians who work hard showing perseverance and determination in order to master each new piece that they play. We were fortunate to have pianists and recorder players performing in the assembly. We are hoping that our brass players will also be able to perform in our summer assembly. More photos from this event can be found in the photo gallery on the school website.



World Book Day and Library News



World Book Day was on Thursday 2nd March 2023 but we celebrated all week. Every day we opened the library at lunchtime and a member of staff read a story or two to whoever wanted to listen. Mrs Churchill's animal conga story that travelled from the library, through the playground and back again, was a particular favourite!

We created a library display about our favourite books and story characters.

Alfie - *Mr Fox* because I love the actions and the pictures

Tabitha - *The Fairy that Loved to Sleep* because it's really funny.

Leo - *Fantastic Mr Fox* because they use lots of expression and adjectives.

Holly - *Rapunzel* because I like her singing

Georgia - *Witches* for the drama and storytelling.

Vincent - *Little Rabbit Foo Foo* because it has a song

Olivia - *Harry Potter* because it's very exciting.



On Wednesday we hosted a book swap where children brought a book in and swapped it for one that someone else had brought in.



On World Book Day itself, everyone dressed as a character from a book and we talked about our enjoyment of books and reading.

We also found out the results of the vote for the Harlington Lower School winner of the Lollies Award (a Scholastic Books Award for the best and funniest children's books in the UK) - our winner was "Wee? It Wasn't Me" by Clare Helen Welsh.



Our costume winners were:

Oak - Lily; **Chestnut** - Riley; **Hawthorn** - Caleb; **Rowan** - Grayson; **Beech** - Xiaoyao

Easter Service at St Mary's Church



The Easter service was an amazing experience to teach children about Christ. The Year 4s were with Oak children who paired up and the Year 3s paired up with Y1s. Sadly it was very windy so some hats fell off but the teachers did get them back. Even my hat came off! The people who worked at the church were very nice and they loved our singing. All the Year 4s spoke into a microphone in front of everyone and we all got hot cross buns. One of my friends didn't get a hot cross bun but they got a different type of food. Then we had the walk back which was an amazing walk. Then we went into school to have another great day. I rate it 10/10 and the Year 1s were as good as gold.

By Eddie, Rowan Class

HSBC Bank Visit

People from HSBC bank came in to tell us all about budgets and healthy eating. We also worked out some costs of dinners and worked out if they were within the budget price. It was very fun as we got to tell the HSBC our favourite fruits. We learnt about the sections of the healthy eating food plate: fruit and vegetables, carbohydrates, protein, dairy and foods that are high in fat or sugar. At the end we got a certificate and a sheet to complete at home. We are very grateful to those who came in as it was so much fun! By Phebe, Rowan Class

Lost Property

In lost property we currently have:

- Girls black fleece age 7-8 years
- Green wellingtons size 2
- 4 x girls school cardigans, sizes 26,28,30,30
- White headphones with butterfly edging, left at Book Fair

All of these are either unnamed or names are children who are no longer at the Lower School. Anything not collected by 21st April will go to FHLSA for their uniform sale. Thank you.

Diary Dates for Summer Term

| DAY | DATE | MONTH | DETAILS | Time |
|------|------|-------|--|------------------|
| Mon | 17th | April | Training day - school closed | |
| Tue | 18th | April | Back at school | |
| Tue | 18th | April | Science Week | |
| Wed | 19th | April | Explorer Dome visit for pupils | |
| Thur | 20th | April | Y4 transfer Festival Parkfields | |
| Fri | 21st | April | Class Newsletters to Parents | |
| Mon | 1st | May | Bank Holiday | |
| Mon | 8th | May | Bank Holiday (for the Coronation) | |
| Tues | 9th | May | Kings Coronation Dance Workshop | |
| Fri | 19th | May | WOW Tea Party | |
| Mon | 29th | May | Break for Half Term | |
| Mon | 5th | June | Return to School | |
| Wed | 7th | June | September 2024 Reception Intake Evening | 7pm |
| Fri | 16th | June | Fathers' Day Sale (FHLSA) | |
| Thu | 22nd | June | Music Assembly | 9:05am - 10.00am |
| Thus | 29th | June | Transition Day | TBC |
| Fri | 30th | June | Sports Morning | 9:30am - 11.00am |
| Sat | 1st | July | FHLSA Summer Fayre | 11.00am - 2.00pm |
| Mon | 3rd | July | Y3 Grove Theatre Sing Up | 6pm concert |
| Mon | 3rd | July | Pupil Reports sent to Parents/Carers | |
| Thu | 6th | July | KS2 Concert | 9.30am - 10.30am |
| Fri | 7th | July | KS2 Concert | 9.30am - 10.30am |
| Fri | 7th | July | KS2 Concert | 2.00pm - 3.00pm |
| Fri | 14th | July | Reserve Sports Morning | 9.30am - 11.00am |
| Fri | 14th | July | WOW Tea Party | |
| Thu | 20th | July | Leaver's party (for Y4 parents to join) | 1:15pm |
| Fri | 21st | July | Last school day before the summer holidays | |