



Harlington Lower School

Half Term School News - Summer (1) 2023

Welcome to the latest issue of our School News. We have had a wonderful half term with lots going on! We hope you enjoy reading about it and seeing the pictures!

Oak Class



Golden Book 22.5.23
Holly



Wow work
Kezia and Ernie

Wow what a busy term it has been in Oak Class. We started off the term by celebrating Science week. We loved the dome that was set up in the hall during Science week. We also made bird feeders to look after the birds.

Georgia said " I really enjoyed going on the backfield to hang our bird feeders to look after the animals."

Ebube said " I really loved dressing up in the dome and acting out how we should look after animals."



We then moved on to our next topic "we are Britain" and a highlight was decorating a royal biscuit. Mrs Ghuman then let us eat our biscuit as a Friday treat!

Ben said "We were so lucky to eat them and have sprinkles, sprinkles are my favourite." **Jaxson** said " I enjoyed icing them like the England flag."



Celebrating the King's Coronation was amazing. We painted rocks, learnt the 70's, "disco", wrote a time capsule and made a crown to wear for the day.

Camilla said " my favourite part was learning to dance and when we got to watch everybody's dances." **Annie** said " I enjoyed decorating the stones in the union jack flag, I tried my hardest."



Chestnut Class



Golden Book 22.5.23
Riley



Wow work
Aurora and Alice

This half term, Chestnut class has been learning about plants in science. We have planted sunflower seeds and have enjoyed watching them grow. We have talked about what plants need to grow and we now know the parts of a plant. To link in with science week, we planted our seeds in used plastic bottles as we decided this would be a good way to reuse plastic bottles.



Chestnut Class really enjoyed celebrating the King's coronation. We especially enjoyed learning to dance the 'twist', painting portraits of the King and having a whole school picnic in the hall.



Hawthorn Class



Golden Book 22.5.23
Felicity



Wow work
Lorcan and Sasha

This half term, Hawthorn class have been very busy. They have particularly enjoyed the Art topic of Landscapes and Cityscapes. We started the topic by looking at the work of the artist, Claude Monet. The children recreated his painting of 'Monet's Garden'. They then used pastels to recreate a picture of the 'Houses of Parliament' at different times of the day.



We then learnt about the artist, Vincent van Gogh. The children painted a landscape in the style of Van Gogh and then they recreated Van Gogh's famous painting of a 'Starry Night'.



Alec - I enjoyed learning about Neo-Impressionism and learning about how beautiful you can make Art. **Mila** - I enjoyed doing the different types of Art - finger painting, using pastels and making a mosaic landscape.



Hawthorn Class loved celebrating the King's Coronation on our special day. We enjoyed learning the jive, painting portraits of the King, making a crown, painting pebbles and making a time capsule. It was great having a whole school picnic and seeing each class perform the dance they had learnt.



Rowan Class



Golden Book 22.5.23

Lucy



Wow work

Sophia B and Shaheer

"We had a brilliant day for the Coronation, doing lots of different activities to celebrate. We really enjoyed Line Dancing!"

"We loved drawing portraits of King Charles using felt tips!"

We had Jamie Knight who is a Professional Football Freestyler come into school to lead workshops for every class, watching and learning lots of different amazing tricks and skills. Rowan Class loved their workshop and all did brilliantly well trying each trick.



Beech Class



Golden Book 22.5.23
Mason



Wow work
Olivia and Jake

During Science week, we went out around the school grounds to pick up litter. We were shocked by how much we found!



Lots of us have really enjoyed our English work this half term. We have been reading *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo. He is a really good author who creates lots of detailed images with his writing.

We enjoyed the Coronation Day because there were lots of fun activities. We particularly liked sketching portraits of the King using chalk and painting pebbles. It's exciting to think that the pebbles will be on display for years to come - we are looking forward to coming back and spotting our own stones! The street dance workshop was a lot of fun and we learnt some cool moves.

Later in the same week a football freestyler came to school and showed us some tricks, which was really cool. One of the best tricks was when he did push-ups in between catching the ball. We learned how to do the blind heel kick, which was awesome!



Our topic in Science has been looking at living things and their habitats. We enjoyed going on a bug hunt and discovering lots of invertebrates.



In Art, we have been looking at fruits and vegetables, practising lots of different drawing and shading techniques.



Library News



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair last term. Thanks to your purchases, the school received over £500 of vouchers to spend on books. This enabled us to buy a range of new titles for every classroom's book collection, as well as some lovely new additions to the library shelves. Pictured here are some of the Year 4 "library ninjas" with a selection of our exciting new books.

Walk to School Week

The School Council encouraged children in all classes to walk to school during national *Walk to School Week*. Chestnut Class collectively made the most walks and were given a special class treat, which they negotiated with Mrs Greaves.