



# Harlington Lower School

## Half Term School News - Autumn (1) 2023

*Welcome to our Autumn edition of School News. This is our half-termly newsletter where we celebrate all the wonderful things that we have been doing over the half term. We hope that you enjoy reading about our exciting Autumn Term!*

### Oak Class



Wow! Oak Class have made it to the end of their very first half-term at Harlington Lower School. This half-term has been full of many new challenges and all of the children have impressed us with their effort to follow our school rules and learn new routines. They performed 'Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow' in our whole school Harvest assembly and thoroughly enjoyed our autumn walk around the village.



**Polly:** We are big boys and girls now. We share nicely.

**Wills:** I like counting.

**Maia:** I really like junk-modelling!

**Kylo:** I like playing.

**Rebecca:** I like learning new sounds in Sounds-Write.

**Theo:** We played quiet games in the library.



**Golden Book 16.10.23**  
Jude



**Wow work**  
Maia  
Owen

## **Chestnut Class**

### **History**



This term in Chestnut Class we have enjoyed learning about toys. We have talked about toys we play with now, toys our parents played with, toys our grandparents played with and toys from the Victorian times. We have spent time exploring toys and comparing past toys to present toys. Mrs Greaves brought in some toys from when she was small and Mrs Phillips brought in her teddy bear which had glass eyes! We have also explored what makes toys safe to play with today. We are looking forward to having our grandparents in at the end of the term to share some of the work we have created.

**Chloe C:** I enjoyed looking at the dolls house, it was made from paper.

**Holly:** I liked comparing the skipping ropes. One was made of wood and one was made from plastic.

**Kay:** I tried to skip with the skipping rope.

**ibby:** I like the Jack in the Box. It gave me a surprise.

**Sophia:** I brought my daddy's bear to school to show. It has a pink bow.

### **Take One Picture**

Chestnut Class loved taking part in the Take One Picture event. We talked about the picture and things we had noticed. We learnt about the artist Henry Rousseau and created our very own version of the picture using sketching, painting and collage making skills. We were excited to share our art work with our parents.





**Ben:** The trees look like fingers.

**Annie:** The picture was called 'Surprised'. It was really pretty.

**Camilla:** The Artist was called Henri Rousseau.

**Georgia:** It was very fun to paint the tiger.



**Golden Book 16.10.23**  
Oliver



**Wow work**  
Ebube  
Kay

## **Hawthorn Class**

This half term Hawthorn Class have really enjoyed their Art unit, Nature Sculptures. The children had fun making clay models of natural objects, they learnt different techniques when using the clay. We went on a walk around the school to collect natural materials to create their own land art. The children worked with a partner and created some excellent patterns.





**Charlotte:** I enjoyed making patterns out of the things we found in nature.

**Finn:** I loved learning about Andy Goldsworthy and his amazing sculptures.

**Sophia:** I loved using clay to make my model of a worm.

**Aurora:** I enjoyed going outside and finding different things to use to create out Artwork.



**Golden Book 16.10.23**  
Charlotte



**Wow work**

Dante  
Aoife

## **Rowan Class**

Rowan Class have had a busy half term!

The children have absolutely loved their introduction to the Inspiring Music Singing Sessions. Mrs Monteith has begun to teach the children songs ready for the concert next July.

On Tuesday, Year 3 had their WOW Viking Day to celebrate all they have learnt about the Vikings this half term. The children had a busy but fantastic day, making shields and using these to make shield walls, brooch making, writing a newspaper article, creating clay runes art and even trying Skyr with honey.

All children dressed in traditional viking clothes as well and looked brilliant - thank you to all the children and adults for the effort that went into these.





On Wednesday 11th October, Year 3 were lucky to experience the Queen's Park Faith Tour in Bedford. They were greeted by the different faith leaders to learn about three places of worship: the Sikh Gurdwara, the Muslim Mosque and the Christian Church. The children lived our school values throughout the trip respectfully listening to the talks about the Sikh and Muslim religions, learning about the different beliefs and how their worship differs. They particularly enjoyed the hands-on experiences within the church. All children enjoyed playing the drums and standing at the top of the pulpit.





**Golden Book 16.10.23**  
Evie



**Wow work**  
Lorcan  
Mila

## **Beech Class**

*We have had a fantastic half term in Year 4 and have enjoyed so many of our topics so far.*

**Phebe:** I have really enjoyed learning about Anselm Kiefer and Le Corbusier when we were drawing broken buildings and shape houses in Art. One of my favourite activities this half term has been making the responsibility acrostic poems.

**Rory:** I have enjoyed Art when we learned about Le Corbusier and drew our dream houses and broken buildings.

**Oliver:** I liked Art and I really enjoyed practising our shading skills.

*History and Science have definitely been popular too...*

**Leo:** I have enjoyed Science because we have been thinking about which drinks are good for your teeth and to figure this out we have been using eggs. This half term I have enjoyed learning about WWII in History because we have been learning about the Battle of Britain and what it was like during the war and how people would ration.

*In Science, we made model teeth using plasticine making sure each type of tooth was the right shape and size. We also investigated the effect of different liquids on the shells of eggs (which represented our teeth). We were very surprised by some of the results!*





**Umer:** My favourite subject is Science because our investigation with the eggs is really satisfying.

**Arielle:** I have enjoyed History so far because we have been learning about WWII and all of the dramatic battles.

**Annabelle:** I have enjoyed History because I love learning about WWII and I wanted to know all the different kinds of planes there were.

*We were very lucky and even had a special visitor come into school to tell us about her experiences as a child during WWII – it was Sophia's Nanny! She brought in a real ARP warden's helmet and a ration book for us to look at.*

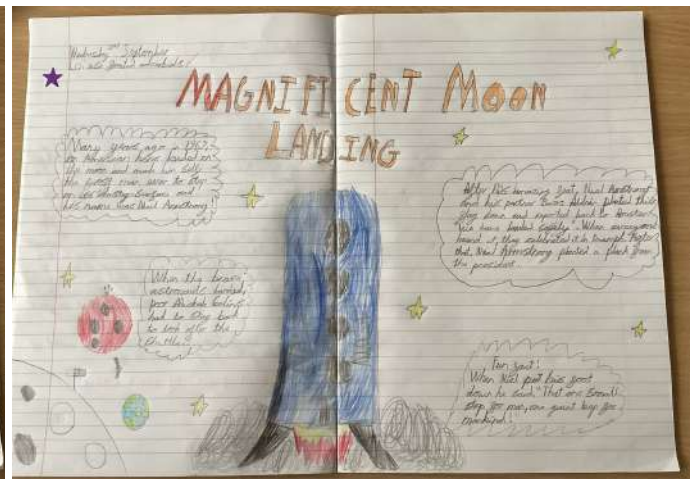
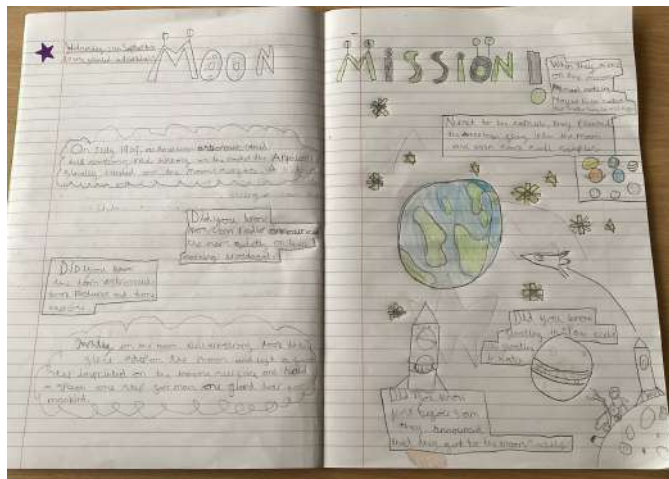
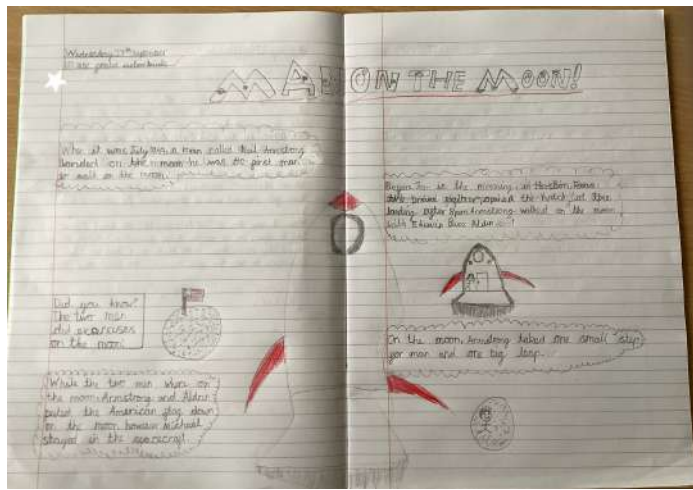
**Ronan:** I liked the way that the visitor told us what happened when she was younger in the war.



*In English, we have been learning about the skilled mathematician Katherine Johnson and her contributions to NASA and the Apollo space missions. We created some incredible fact files about the moon landings which were so much fun to make. We included expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.*

**Jonida:** My favourite lesson is English because I liked learning about Katherine Johnson.

**Chloe:** My favourites are PE and English because I like writing and in our PE we are doing netball and tag rugby which are both really exciting.



Golden Book 16.10.23

Eddie



Wow work

Ava

Chloe

## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



Thank you to everyone who donated cakes or came to our fundraising event. We raised a fantastic £429. Thank you so much for your generosity.



## **School Council**

After a very close election, the following children have been elected to represent this year's School Council.

Phebe, Davida, Ronan  
and Chloe from Year 4.

Lucy, Max, Maisie  
and Mila from Year 3.



*Well done to all of the children in KS2 who put forward their views at the election campaign.*