



Harlington Lower School

Half Term School News - Spring (2) 2024

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

Message from our Headteacher

Despite being a short half term, we have packed a lot into it at Harlington Lower School! This half term has been full of special days, visitors and experiences for the children. We hope that you enjoy looking at our photos and reading about what we have been up to.

Oak Class



Oak class really enjoyed dressing up for world book day, they enjoyed learning about the author Julia Donaldson. We especially appreciated the year 4 children coming to read with us.

Nell: I dressed up as Harry Potter

Derin: I liked showing my friends my dragon costume



Taking part in the Harry Potter Quidditch Tournament was great fun. We learnt how to take part in a team, follow instructions and accept that taking part is more important than winning.

Owen: It was a challenge. It was something new!



Having the opportunity to listen to and take part in activities from a Team GB sprinter and hurdler was super fun. We enjoyed listening to their journey on how determination can help us achieve our goals.

Rebecca: The running races were fun

Warris: I won



We took a very wet spring walk to the cafe. We managed to find signs of spring on our way. We paid £2 for a selection of yummy cakes and juices. We were so lucky, thank you to the Hub and Spoke cafe in Harlington.

Jesse: We had yummy cakes

Elliott: We had two cakes because we had good manners



We had a lovely firefighter visit us to talk about making good choices and bad choices when playing. We understood what not to touch and what is a good toy to play with.

Polly: We were given an activity pack

Flo: I liked learning about what was good and what was bad



Oak class had a fabulous time on our science day. We got to take part in lots of different experiments and we also made rockets. In class we had a whole day learning all about dinosaurs, we made dinosaur fossils, skeletons out of pasta and painted dinosaurs.

Elliot: We got to make experiments

Luca: I liked making all of the fossils



In English our work has been based around the story 'Something Else'. We have explored the topics of how to be inclusive and friendship. We have enjoyed writing about how *Something Else* might be feeling and how we could include him and cheer him up. We have also been making *Something Else* out of playdough and junk modelling.



In Maths we have been exploring height and length, learning about the numbers 9 and 10 and one more and one less.



Golden Book
Owen



Wow work
Jesse
Lacey

Chestnut Class

Chestnut class have enjoyed making pictures with moving parts this half term in design technology. We have made a lever, slider and a wheel. We worked hard to learn the skills required to create the part and used split pins to secure them onto our pictures. Our pictures were based around fairy tales.



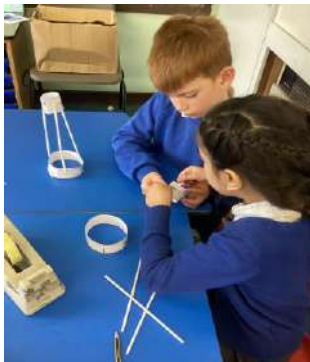
Arthur - I liked making the lever. It went up and down to make it look like Jack was climbing the beanstalk.

Ebube - When we made the Three Billy Goat Gruff picture I made the troll come up so he could say "who is that trip trapping across my bridge".

Lily - I liked making the troll move so he could go on the bridge.

Pietro - The slider made the gingerbread man run.

For science week we were lucky enough to participate in a workshop. The workshop looked at the history of flight and the best materials to use to create a flying vehicle. We created a ring wing each and then flew them to see who could fly theirs the furthest.



Oliver - I found it easy to make the ring wing, but it was hard to fly.

Millie - I liked adding the straws to my ring wing. I could fly mine far.

Keziah - I found learning how to fly interesting.



Golden Book
Elijah



Wow work
Jaxson
Tillie

Hawthorn Class

The children in Hawthorn class have really enjoyed learning to play the recorder in our music lessons. We have learnt to play the notes B, A and G and the children have been learning to play some different pieces of music using these notes. The children will be able to carry on learning to play the recorder if they would like to in a lunchtime club next term.



Vincent - I like recorders because I like learning to play new songs.

Eris - I like learning to play the recorder because it helps me with learning to play the piano.

Finn - I like learning to play the recorder because I want to learn a new instrument.

Aurora - I like playing the recorder with the backing tracks.

Hawthorn class loved taking part in our Science day. They enjoyed doing all the fun experiments including making cornflour slime, lava lamps, fizzy colours and growing a rainbow. They had fun taking part in the workshop about the history of flight and making a ring wing to see who could fly it the furthest.



Archie - Science day was amazing because we got to make and fly a ring wing.

Elliot - It was a cool day because flying the ring wing was fascinating.

Robyn - It was really exciting and fun when we flew the ring wing.

Tabby - I liked making the rainbow and watching what happened when we put it in water.



Golden Book
Henry



Wow work

Jamie
Eris

Rowan Class

For our Science Week celebrations Rowan class focussed their learning on our solar system. They had lots of fun completing quizzes and learning interesting facts about the planets. We learned about the NASA Mars Rover programme and during our workshop the children had to create a capsule to land our precious cargo (a raw egg) safely. The children worked well in teams to design, cost and create their capsules. We had great fun testing out the capsules. There were two successful capsules that landed the egg from a height safely in one piece.



Y3 have really enjoyed their Geography topic of Extreme Earth this half term. They have completed a Volcano Project at home that we have erupted in school and discussed the process of a Volcanic eruption.



The class also had a go at creating their own Earth showing the layers inside.



The whole school also took part in a Rebound Fitness Workshop using small trampolines. All children absolutely loved it and all were engaged throughout!



Golden Book
Chloe



Wow work
Ollie
Youran

Beech Class

In Year 4, we love reading and we were really looking forward to World Book Day. We looked at some books by the author Tom Fletcher and read the first chapter of his book *Space Band*. Then we got to create our own bands and write silly songs which we performed to the class. We even got to perform them for Miss Paulding! We also worked really hard to learn a World Book Day song by MC Grammar and performed this in the assembly to the rest of the school (even now a few weeks later, the song is still stuck in our heads). Later in the day, we went down to Oak Class and shared stories with the reception children. It was so much fun reading with them!



For Science day we had a very 'eggciting' challenge to complete. We had to design and create a capsule that would protect an egg when dropped from a height. We had a choice of materials and had to decide which would be the best protection. While designing, we thought about the different layers we would need, which way up the egg should go and whether we should attach a parachute. The capsules were very successful and 5 of them made it safely through the final round where they were dropped heavily onto the playground. In our workshop at the end of the day we learned about different types of energy and then made rockets which we launched across the hall to see which would travel furthest. The red team won!



This half term we were also visited by two Team GB athletes - a sprinter and a hurdler. They told us their stories and how they persevered and worked hard to achieve their goals. It was really inspiring. We practised lots of different running drills and then raced each other. Racing over the hurdles was really fun too.





Golden Book
Beech



Wow work
Reggie
Sophia B

Music Assembly

We enjoyed listening to some fabulous musicians perform in our Spring music assembly. We have many talented pianists who played for us, the recorder group played and the school choir sang too. It was wonderful to see so many children with an opportunity to perform to an audience.



Mother's Day Tea



We were delighted to be able to invite parents in for a Mothers' Day tea and thank everyone who was able to attend.

Easter Service

On the last day of term the whole school walked to St. Mary's Parish Church in Harlington for our Easter Service. Year 4 shared the story of Easter and the whole school sang songs. It was a wonderful occasion and we thank St Mary's for welcoming us to the church.



HARLINGTON HOTSHOTS!

INFORMATION FOR THE EASTER TERM

Thank you to all our hotshot players who have come every week whatever the weather. We love training with you and seeing the progress you guys make every week. We even had some hail last week so enjoy a few weeks lie ins and hopefully the weather will improve for next term.

We are back on the 20th April and would also love to see some new faces, INCLUDING YEAR 2s! We plan to have our first session back as a taster session for any new people interested and wanting to see if they would like to join. They will join in with the usual session with the players and include playing some netball games and learning some basic skills.

Then depending on the amount of year 2s we get interested, we will then decide how we continue with training for that year group.

Hope to see you after Easter :)

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