



Harlington Lower School

Half Term School News - Summer (1) 2024

Welcome to our Summer 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 Summer Term so far!

Message from our Headteacher

It has been another jam-packed half term full of exciting opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. As the weather is warming up, it's lovely to be able to get outside more and make the most of our surroundings.

Staffing updates

As we shared earlier in the year, Mrs Edmonds, Deputy Headteacher at Harlington Lower School, will be retiring at the end of the academic year. We will obviously miss Mrs Edmonds greatly and will be planning opportunities to say goodbye to her at the end of term.

However, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Mason will be joining Harlington Lower School in the role of Deputy Headteacher from September 2024. Mrs Mason is currently an Assistant Headteacher at a school in Bedford and has a wealth of experience. Her values and vision for education also align with that of Harlington and Sundon Lower Schools.

Oak Class

We started off the Summer term by celebrating Eid in class. It was wonderful to see all of the children in their party best! We enjoyed learning new dances and we sampled some delicious foods and of course, no celebration goes without cake!



Paisley: We learned how Muslim's pray

Owen: We ate rice and mango chutney

On St. George's Day we learnt the history of St. George and why the date is significant to our calendar. The children enjoyed making flags and decorating an English flag on a biscuit...what a treat!



Rebecca: I liked decorating the biscuits
Freddie: We had fun pretending to be knights

Lots of money learning took place during our visit from HSBC Finance and the children were, as usual, ever so grateful to have visitors in school.

We have enjoyed learning lots of new listening games, to support our listening throughout the day.

Our understanding of mathematics has continued to develop this term and we have been challenged to apply the facts to ten that we already knew, to numbers 11-20!

Learning about the story of 'Clem and Crab' in English, has provided us with further knowledge about the importance of recycling and looking after the sea animals. Look at all the rubbish we collected on our walk! We have been showing off our sentence writing to promote recycling, our teachers are so proud of us!



Waaris: We make a crab
Ally: We played in the sand and had lots of fun putting our feet in the sand

Our teacher's arranged for us to visit the Methodist Church, to end our RE work on Special Places.



Golden Book
Wills



Wow work
Luca
Violet

Chestnut Class

We have enjoyed learning about plants this half term. We learnt what plants need to grow and we planted our very own sunflower seed. We nurtured the seeds into a plant by frequently watering them and ensuring they had sunlight. We were happy to take the plants home to plant in the garden or into a bigger pot. We are looking forward to sharing with each other how our sunflowers are getting on. We also enjoyed a flower hunt on the school back field looking for wild plants and garden plants.



Thank you to all the sponsors for our dance-a-thon. We danced non-stop for 60 minutes to our favourite music. We were proud to have raised approximately £150 for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).



Golden Book
Dylan



Wow work
Sophia
Ben

Hawthorn Class

In Hawthorn class, the children have really enjoyed their Art unit of work. We have been learning about the artists Monet, Van Gogh and Metzinger. The children have worked hard and had lots of fun recreating some of their artwork.



Emily - I enjoyed doing the mosaic and making the gaps between each square.

Harlee - I enjoyed using the pastels to draw The Houses of Parliament.

Dante - I liked painting using my fingers to create Monet's Garden.

Vincent - I liked painting Van Gogh's Starry Night because I liked making the swirls.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about three famous nurses in our History this term. They have particularly enjoyed learning about Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell, who were unknown to them. The children learned how determined, brave and heroic all three nurses were. We had great fun performing role plays and playing board games; sharing our new knowledge.



Alice - I enjoyed learning about what the nurses did in their lives and how they built their hospitals.

Jacob - I enjoyed learning facts about the nurses.

Aoife - I liked seeing the nurses helping the soldiers as much as they could.



Golden Book
Harlee



Wow work
Georgie
Elliot

Rowan Class

It has been a busy term for Year 3. In History, the class has been learning about the history of Harlington. The children have compared Harlington now to in the past. The class prepared questions to ask Mrs Gadsden questions they wanted to know about Harlington 60 years ago. Mrs Gadsden helped the children to understand what her childhood was like as well as her school experience and the class were very surprised by some of her facts! The class also went on a village walk to observe buildings, roads and streets within Harlington and compared what they could see with pictures from the past. The children identified there were some changes but also parts that haven't changed.

This half term Rowan have conducted several enquiries to discover what plants need to healthily grow and have learned the jobs each part of the plant as which helps it complete its lifecycle.

Each table group started with some healthy broad bean seedlings. The children then subjected them to several conditions: no warmth was placed in a freezer, no sunlight into a very dark art cupboard, no water, no soil and no carbon dioxide had its leaves glued. After four weeks the children have discovered how important warmth, sunlight, water, carbon dioxide and soil were to our broad bean plants. Take a look for yourselves!



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sunlight



water

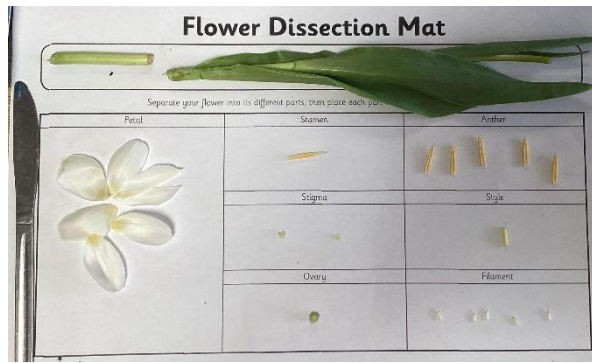


soil



carbon dioxide

We have also learned about the role of the flower in pollination and fertilisation (creating new seeds). The children dissected tulips to learn about the names for the different parts of a flower and the different jobs they have.



We finally learned how important the stem is in the process of photosynthesis, as the xylem inside the stem allows the water to travel up towards the leaves, where the plant will make its food.



Golden Book
Sonny



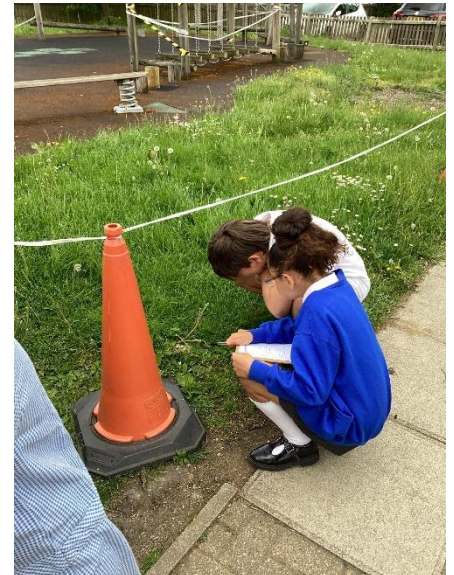
Wow work
Ava
Connor

Beech Class

We have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt this half term, it was a really interesting topic. We had so much fun mummifying tomatoes, writing in hieroglyphics and learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.



In Science, our learning has been all about Living Things and their Habitats. We have used and created classification keys and explored what living things need to survive (MRS GREN). We now know how to identify different vertebrates and sort them into their different groups (mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians). Our favourite lesson was when we learned about the different types of invertebrates and then went on an 'Invertebrate Hunt' outside. It was so exciting using magnifying glasses to search the outside area for microhabitats. We found so many different invertebrates including snails, worms, ants, spiders, woodlice. We were able to use a classification key to identify anything we were unsure of.



In Art, we have been developing our drawing and painting skills whilst learning about a range of artists whose work is based on food (fruit and vegetables). Carl Warner was our favourite as he created photos of 'foodscapes' using real food and the names were really funny. We loved 'Parmesan Cliffs' and 'Garlicshire'. Here are some photos of the drawings and paintings we created.

