



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

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Brilliant Books



Using a £400 Community Chest grant and Department for Education catch-up funding we have invested over £800 in new books to support our Accelerated Reader scheme in classes 3 and 4.

Eliza shares her thoughts on the new books

We have new books so we can make reading more fun. Harrowbarrow has the most books ever and we can make reading more exciting so much that you won't want to stop. We have different books like Rainbow magic, David Walliams and Tom Gates and loads more. Harrowbarrow will try to find a book that will suit you. If you have any problems just ask a teacher. Harrowbarrow will help you with reading and if there is a word that you can't work out just ask a teacher or your friend. You will be able to read when you come in, in the morning and when you come in after lunch break in the afternoon.

Five Top Tips To Boost Your Child's Vocabulary

The BBC recently posted an article about the growing evidence of the impact of lockdowns on children's language development: www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/education-56765177

We know many of you will be doing these things intuitively, but it is worth consideration:

1. Have conversations with your children about things of interest to them.
2. Read with them because books are full of rich vocabulary.
3. Provide new experiences, such as gardening, to expose them to new vocabulary.
4. Question, comment and explain with them to expand their vocabulary.
5. Sing songs and rhymes together.

Harrowbarrow School's Got Talent



Congratulations to Luc who received the most online votes for his dance routine. Luc received a wonderful trophy and jar of sweets from the PSA. All participants received a runner up certificate as they were all fantastic acts. Almost 2,000 viewings have been recorded on the PSA Youtube channel and the range of acts was remarkable. Thank you to all those who took part. Overall, the talent show raised £110 for PSA funds.

Easter Homework Activity

Thank you to those children who completed the Easter homework activity. You were asked to record your thoughts on living with Coronavirus over the last year for the parish archives. We will send all submitted homework to the parish archivist on Friday 7th May, so you have one more week to complete this activity. Work should be accessed and returned through your Google Classroom accounts. Thank you.

Plymouth Argyle Multi-sport Coaching



Plymouth Argyle coaches are now providing after school sessions for Class 3 and Class 4. These are free and will cover a wide range of different sports. For the first two weeks they are focussing on handball games before moving on to another sport. Places are still available, so if your child is interested please email Lesly Connell: clerk@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk. Class 2 have similar sessions on Friday afternoons, which will swap to Class 1 after half term.

It has been great to see children enjoying these opportunities once again.

Please note: for collection after club, please use the one way system as usual and Gary the coach will see children out to you through the school field gate.



Some fast and furious action shots from the Class 4 after school handball session this week.

Cornwall Early Help

The last year has been extremely challenging and left many people struggling with finances, relationships, parenting etc.

If you or your child need some additional support you can request this through Cornwall's Early Help Hub. As a school, we have referred many families in the past, so they can benefit from some additional support at a time when it is needed. However, parents and carers can also request support directly. The range of support available includes:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Early Support - Supporting Change in Partnership (SCIP)
- Early Years Service
- Family Group Conferencing
- Family Support
- Health Visiting (over 2 years) (including ASD, ADHD, Tics, and learning, sensory and coordination difficulties)
- Parenting Support
- Portage
- School Nursing
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Targeted Youth Support

To self refer, simply go on the council website and follow the links: www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelp

If you would like further information about services, please message Emotional Health & Wellbeing Support Worker Abi Nicolle: abini-colle@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

- 3.5.21 - May bank holiday - school closed
- 28.5.21 - Last pupil day before half term
- 7.6.21 - Staff training day (school closed to pupils)
- 8.6.21 - First day of second half of term