



Harrowbarrow School Newsletter

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The Story of Harrowbarrow



In preparation for our main 150th anniversary celebrations next term, we have put together a display from the school archives. The Story of Our School reveals many of the changes that have taken place, the challenges our community has faced and the learning experiences of children over multiple generations. Perusing our archives, we have discovered photographs of many of our current parents, from when they were at school here. We have revealed the role the school played in supporting the war effort between 1939 and 1945; our school bell was commandeered by the Home Guard and would have been rung had there been an invasion. Not just a history of our school, this is a social history of the area; attendance rates dropped during harvest periods and families emigrated to America when the mines closed. The children will be able to use the archive material as part of their summer term topic, learning about our school. We feel sure they will be fascinated to learn how different education used to be. For example, they will be horrified to see what '2 stripes across the hand and 2 across the buttocks' meant and was given for in the old punishment book. As the threat of Covid dissipates, we hope to invite parents and carers in to view this display too.

Calling all Garden Designers

To mark the sesquicentennial of Harrowbarrow School, we would like to turn one of the duller and most uninspiring parts of our school into something we all value and appreciate. The front playground, where parents and carers wait during school pick-up time, has been identified as a space ripe for redevelopment. At a time when we should be improving natural environments, this area is about as hostile to wildlife as you can get. We are inviting children to design a wellbeing garden that will benefit children during the school day as a space to read, work and relax. It should also benefit local wildlife. Finally, it will create a waiting area, where parents and carers can catch-up with each other in a more pleasant environment.

Design might consider the following:

- Planting that is good for nature and for people. Perhaps think about how it might benefit all of our senses and what wildlife it might attract.
- Spaces that promote friendship and social interaction. Perhaps it might include seating that allows groups of people to have a conversation.
- Good access, to allow a flow of people through to the next playground and to the bicycle/scooter rack.
- Links to the local area; the Tamar Valley once had a thriving market garden industry, growing a range of fruits and vegetables. Could our garden include local plant varieties?

What have you done for the first time?



Willow has completed a charity park run for her Brownies group in aid of the Afghanistan Children's Crisis Appeal. She wasn't able to take part in the real event but wanted to complete it on her own to earn her sponsorship money. She's raised £71 for the appeal and pushed herself really hard on the laps. Well done Willow!

If you have done something for the first time, or want to share an achievement, please let us know and we can put it in the newsletter.



Children are invited to submit their ideas from Monday 28th February, giving them half term to work on their ideas. We are not looking to use one design, but to incorporate ideas from lots of designs. Designs may be presented as drawings, plans or models. We encourage children to be as creative as possible. The only limit is the limit of the imagination.

Cross Country Running

Well done to our cross country runners, who recently raced at Lanhydrock. The course was particularly hilly and, with the usual mud to contend with, the team did extremely well.



Dates for your diary

- 18.2.22 - Last day of school before half term
- 28.2.22 - First day of school after half term
- 14.3.22 - Songfest rehearsal at Liskeard Town Hall
- 16.3.22 - Songfest performance at Plymouth Pavilions