



Harrowbarrow School Newsletter

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Gardening Plans Gather Pace

Wellbeing Garden By Andrew Hunt

We are just waiting for builders to cut holes in the front playground so we can start building our 150th anniversary commemorative wellbeing garden. There will be some raised beds edged by gabions (mesh cages) which we plan to fill with interesting objects such as stones, bricks, terracotta, slate, pebbles etc. To do this, we will be welcoming donations from our families. I will be donating some old slates, left over from a roofing project, which have been sat in my garden for many years; I will be pleased to get rid of them. Likewise, you may have some left over bricks or stones that you would be happy to see used in a more sustainable way than ending up in landfill. If you are happy to donate such objects, please hold on to them until we put out the call to bring them in.

We will also require some topsoil to fill the beds and want to adopt a sustainable approach by using leftover/unwanted topsoil from the local area. If you have some or know of someone who has some, please contact me: head@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk

Finally, we have some ash trees suffering with dieback. For health & safety reasons they will need to be felled. Whilst this is a great shame we can ensure the ash logs live through our upcycled seating plans (see below). If you have an old chair, perhaps sat in your garage or shed waiting to be repaired but in all likelihood will never get seen to, please hold on to it and donate to the school so we can create some fantastic seating for the garden.

As soon as the tarmac has been cut and broken up we will set up a working party day and share the date as we will require as much support as possible.



Achieve Believe Enjoy



Taylor and Jack show some of the finds from the archaeological dig, which includes lots of pottery (above).
Sophie and Ava look for further finds by scraping away at the soil with trowels (below).





Class 3 enjoyed their trip to Bodmin & Wenford Railway, which included a journey on the steam train.



Early Help Hub Support for Families

Attached to this newsletter you will find the Early Help newsletter along with information about some of the parenting courses they are running. Several parents have previously accessed these courses, such as the ones linked to autism, and have found them useful.

What have you done for the first time?



Recently, Amber attended a Karate competition. This is her report:

We left after school and got to Birmingham at 9pm. The next morning I was buzzing with excitement but was also a bit nervous as we approached the building. Even though I had an injury I kept my guard up and won my bronze medal.

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.

Roman Dig

On Tuesday 11th October, Class 4 went on a school trip to Calstock. They went there to see a Roman fort that archaeologists found. It was in a place that people would not really expect there to be a Roman fort under the ground. On the school trip, we got to see what was under a Roman road. Sophie F found a tiny but thick piece of Roman midnight blue glass; it was lucky for her to find it because people got mixed up with Roman glass and Victorian glass. Sophie W found a large piece of Roman pottery, which was very surprising to everyone. One of the newer archaeologists found a thick but delicate handle to an amphora, which was under a Roman road, which means it is older than the road. The other group was exploring a field where there was a Roman road and another part of the Roman fort. There was a lady metal detecting for the archaeologists to see if there was any leftover treasures that they could connect to any of the other treasures the archaeologists found. The Roman fort was over a graveyard and another field. By Annabelle and Phoebe.

Amazing Authors

Inspired by their class reading book, *The Elephant in The Garden* by Michael Morpurgo, Class 4 have written their own innovated versions of this story.

Ruby screamed, "They are here. They are coming!"

The Bombers had arrived.

And so they had. The bombs were a ferocious bird, ready to strike with their razor sharp claws, coming closer ever closer. Ready to destroy us with their deadly talons. Ruby, who was trying to raise the alarm, was running at rapid speed. In the blink of an eye, bomber planes were doubling up fast. Then they were dropping bombs everywhere. On the school, on the park, on our garden. They were falling like flies. It was a nightmare. It was the end.

Ruby knew what to do. The city everyone once loved would sink like a candle that had been burning all night. We wouldn't be returning. We never looked back. Ruby cried and cried and cried.

By Ellie Sleep

"It's coming for us!" screamed Hazel.

It was here chasing after them, following them. It was a grain of sand in the distance getting bigger and bigger until it was a boulder standing right in front of them. It was a dragon. Ready to burn them to a crisp. They ran as the dragon, which was firing fire from its steel strong jaws, followed after them, its pace quickened and quickened until it was only a few metres away. Ray's belly churned with fear so much he felt that he might be sick. They ran so fast they didn't get burned by the furnace hot flames. The forest started to drown in flames "I can't go much further!" panted Hazel, her lungs breathing in the smoke. "Neither can I!" replied Ray. The fire was burning an unreturnable path back to Metherell, the home of Hazel's Grandmother. They had been visiting her earlier that day. When they were coming home, they went through the forest and they found the dragon cave and that is how they ended up in this mess. Ray walked in, "hello, is there anyone here?" he said and the dragon awoke and started to chase them. "Run!" shouted Hazel.

They took a sharp turn to try and lose the dragon but it was too clever for that and it rounded the corner shortly after. Its flames illuminated the starry night sky as it roared out in anger from being woken from its 10,000-year sleep. Then they began to run to a particular place, Ray's uncle's cabin. They knew that they would still be at work when they got there. They lifted off the manhole cover and jumped down into the sewers that led home to Harrowbarrow. However, they were not out of the woods yet. They listened out for the dragon as it turned in frustration. They breathed a sigh of relief. It was gone and they were free. All they had to do now was return to the city with the secret of what they saw that night.

By Sophie Ferguson.

Dates for your diary

- 20.10.22 - Last day of school before half term
- 21.10.22 - Staff training day (school closed to pupils)
- 31.10.22 - First day of school after half term
- 3.11.22 - Class 1 trip to Dartmoor Zoo
- 4.11.22 - PSA school disco at village hall (details to follow)