

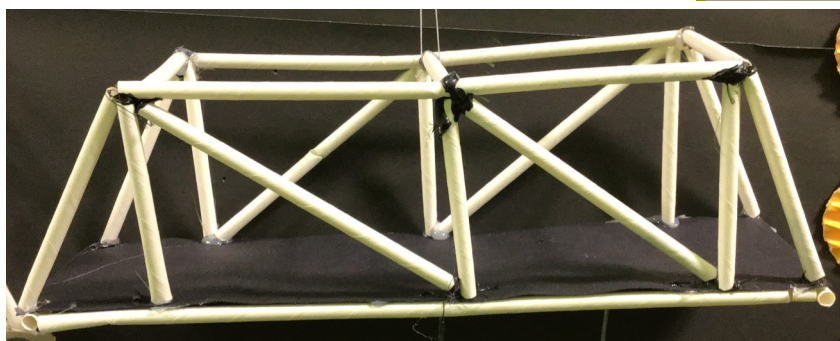
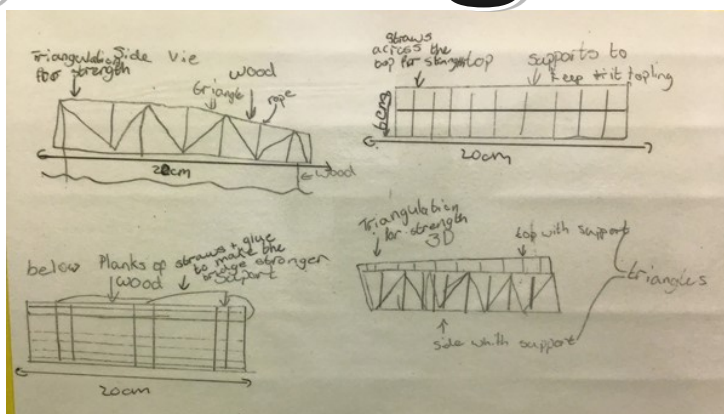


Harrowbarrow School Newsletter

**Monday 7th
November**

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Building Bridges



As part of their World War 2 topic, Class 4 children have been designing and making models of a portable bridge that can be moved to different river crossings. First they researched different bridges, including the Bailey bridge of WW2 (top left). Following a lesson to explore triangulation, they designed their own bridge (above). They then made a prototype out of art straws and card (left). These bridges were then tested to see if a model vehicle could pass over them (over the page) before being tested to destruction to see how strong they were.

Staffing Updates

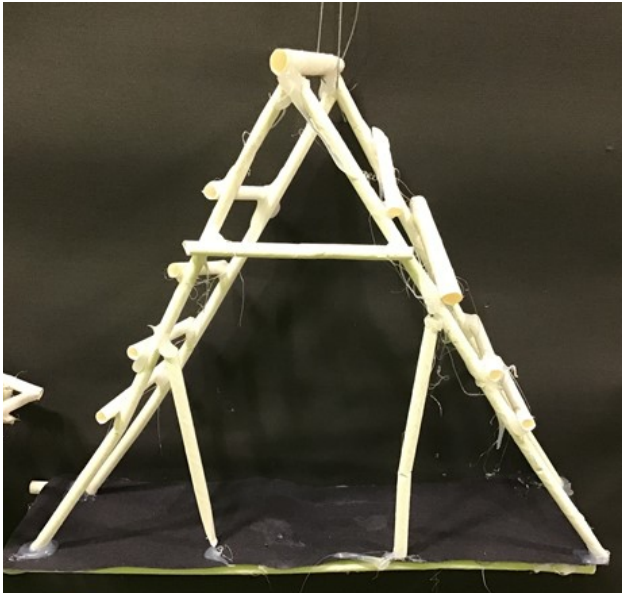
It is with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that we will be saying farewell to Abi Nicolle at the end of term. Abi has worked at Harrowbarrow School for 17 years, first as a teaching assistant and then in her emotional health and wellbeing role, supporting many children and their families. We feel incredibly proud of the work Abi has done, as we were one of the first primary schools in Cornwall to appoint a dedicated staff member to address young people's mental health. I know many of you will also be saddened by Abi's departure as she has worked alongside so many families, often when they are at their most vulnerable. Abi has decided that now is the right time for her to move on and explore new career opportunities. The school governors will be aiming to appoint a replacement for Abi in time for the start of the spring term but the greatest compliment we can pay her is that right now she feels irreplaceable. We will of course look for a suitable way to say farewell to Abi, which you will be invited to share in nearer the time.

On a happier note, Tom Ottewell-Taylor will be taking adoption leave from today as he and his husband have just adopted a newly born baby. When adopting a baby the parents get very short notice, which is why this news is very sudden; Tom was only informed of this last Thursday. We have known of Tom's intention to start a family for a while but have not been able to say anything before now. The timescales have also been very uncertain, with some cases happening very suddenly and some taking years. This is very exciting for Tom, as he starts his family and I am sure you will all join in with us as we pass on our congratulations at this very special time. In the short-term, Colleen Metters will be teaching Class 1 whilst we organise long-term cover.

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Christmas Festivities

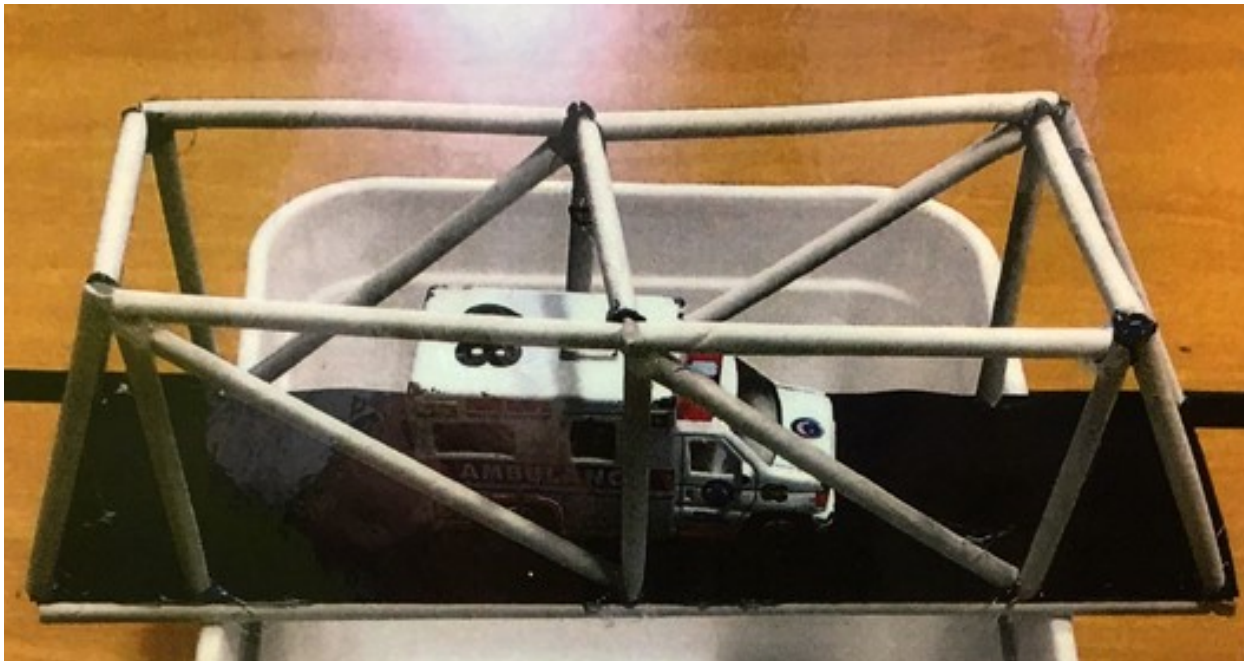
On Saturday 10th December, Harrowbarrow & Metherell social committee, in conjunction with Harrowbarrow PSA, are holding a Christmas event during the afternoon and evening. Please keep this date free. More details to follow soon.



These prototype bridges are now being used to inform the children's final designs. Changes will be made to improve strength and practical purpose. Finally, the children will be using saws and other tools to make a finished model out of wood. We look forward to sharing these with you before the end of term.

Gate opening at the end of the day

With different staff opening gates on different days, we have become a little uncoordinated at times with this. From Monday 14th November both the top gate (which is intended for pushchair access) and the bottom gate, will be opened at 3.10pm. For safeguarding reasons we cannot open gates before this.



CROSS COUNTRY report

On Friday 14 of October 2022, a few people from class3 and 4 went to the first race of the season of Cross Country this year. The racers from Harrowbarrow were Ellie Sleep, Holly Sleep, Taylor Crawford, Bonnie Crawford, Sophie Ferguson, Chloe Bloye, Charlotte Campbell and Arabella Williams. We ran through two and a half fields, all very muddy and slippery, with over one hundred and twenty people running the race. The first race was around 2 kilometres and very steep. The races vary in lengths and the number of runners. The next race this year will take place on the 18th November 2022. If your child would like to participate in cross country, please speak to Mrs Kalarus. Make sure your child is Year 3 or over though. By Ellie Sleep and Taylor Crawford

BBC Children in Need

On Friday 18th November, we will be fundraising for the annual BBC Children In Need appeal. For the SPOTacular event this year, we are inviting all the children to get spotty for charity. We are asking them to make themselves as spotty as they can in their clothing, make-up etc. Some Year 6 Learning Ambassadors will be in the playgrounds before school to collect any cash donations the children would like to make for the privilege of going spotty.

Dates for your diary

- 11.11.22 - Nasal flu vaccine in school for those pupils signed up
- 14.11.22 - Class 2 and Class 4 parent/carer consultations
- 18.11.22 - Class 4 parent/carer consultations
- 18.11.22 - Children In Need
- 18.11.22 - Cross country race after school