



# Harrowbarrow School

## Newsletter

**Friday 19th May  
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# May Day Merriment



Well done to all our maypole dancers, who kicked off the annual May Day celebrations with a lovely example of traditional dancing. Not one error was made, which is testament to their hard work in rehearsals and the instruction of dancer teacher Charlotte Harding.

The Parent Staff Association worked closely with the social committee of the village hall to put on a range of fun fundraising activities. It was good to see so many people in attendance. A big thank you to all those who played their part in this important community event.

### Well done to Year 6

Well done to our Year 6 children who completed their SATs last week. These statutory tests are not something to look forward to and, however they are packaged by schools, are a source of anxiety for some children. We thought the attitude of the Year 6 children was brilliant throughout and we hope they can relax now and enjoy all that the rest of their time here has to offer. There has been some media coverage about the level of difficulty of the SATs this year, with schools saying they have become unacceptably difficult. Whether they were harder or not, our Year 6 children did their best and did not appear distressed, which is the best outcome..

### Wellbeing Garden Update

Thanks to the generosity of the Bloye family, we had 17 tonnes of topsoil delivered this week. Class 4 made a start on barrowing it down to the front playground to fill the beds. It is fair to say a few more sessions like this are going to be needed to shift it all!



# Achieve Believe Enjoy



### Countdown Cricket

Well done to our Year 6 pupils, who took part in an inter-school cricket tournament at Werrington Cricket Club this week. The children were exceptional in their attitude and efforts and hopefully enjoyed doing something different following their recent SATs exertions.

## What have you done for the first time?



Ellie was one of many children who shuttled barrow loads of soil down from the field to the wellbeing garden.

Only several hundred more barrow loads to shift!

### Coast to Coast

Here is a photo of the Tamar Valley Scout team that took part and completed the 2023 Cornwall Coast to Coast, a 30 mile walk from Par to Port Isaac over two days.

Year 6 pupils Sophie, Ava and Amie did amazingly well, the first time they had walked that long a distance, completing it in 15 hours and 40 minutes. This also included an ice cream stop, unicorn spotting, muddy puddle jumping, a bit of tree climbing and a round of soft drinks at a pub in Pendoget for the last leg. Their families are all really proud of their achievements.

Perhaps you can spot some ex-pupils who were also on the walk. *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. It is lovely to celebrate achievements together but it may also inspire someone else to follow in your footsteps.*

### Dates for your diary

22.5.23 - School coronation celebrations (don't forget to dress as a monarch)

26.5.23 - Last school day before half term

5.6.23 - First day back after half term and Class 4 swimming day

6.6.23 - Class 1 trip to Looe RNLI station

9.6.26 - Class 2 swimming day