



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

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Playground Fun



This week, each class participated in a positive playground workshop, learning 5 new playground games alongside Year 6 children who will take on a playground leader role. We have also introduced lots of new playground equipment to improve the playtime experience for children.

Science Workshop

On Thursday 18th January, Class 4 went to Launceston College. In the science lab, we did experiments like putting cooking oil into water. The things that we used were polyester cloth, cotton wool, moon sand and sand. Then we used a red cabbage to use as an indicator because it changed colour when mixed with alkaline solutions. In acidic solutions, the red cabbage juice usually turns from a pinkish colour to purple. In alkaline solutions, the red cabbage juice usually turns from a blueish/greenish colour to yellow. By Bobby Rother and Jacob Prince.

Level 2 Bikeability Awards

Congratulations to Year 6 pupils Liam, Heidi, Edison, Alfie and Adhamh, who completed their Level 2 Bikeability training this week and were judged to have passed the assessment. The children were tested on the local roads and had to demonstrate they could identify and respond to hazards, start and stop safely on the road, maintain a suitable riding position, comply with signals, signs and road markings, communicate with other road users and negotiate junctions. The group did brilliantly to all pass and we thank staff member Brendan Thomas for accompanying them and trainer Isobel Lelsell for teaching and assessing them.

Achieve Believe Enjoy

What's on this term?

Spring is usually the shortest term, but is always full of things to look forward. Here are just a few of the things your children may be involved in:

- Emergency first aid training for Class 4. External trainer Peter Salisbury is teaching children how to respond in an emergency situation and how to resuscitate someone.
- Bikeability cycle training for junior children.
- Year 5/6 choir members will participate in the annual Songfest event.
- The Lego club will be competing in the First Lego League at RNAS Culdrose; last years winning school went to the national final and then on to the world final in the USA.
- Class 3 are developing their cookery knowledge and skills at a Wagamama's workshop in Plymouth.
- Class 1 are visiting the penguins at Newquay Zoo in support of their polar regions topic.
- Class 4 participated in a science workshop at Launceston College.
- Class 3 are competing in a dodgeball tournament at St. Neot School.
- Cross country runners have a number of races to compete in.
- All classes have participated in positive playground workshops with external trainer Andy Mitchell.
- Class 2 are completing their swimming programme.
- Our school football team will be competing in a local football league over a 5 week period.
- Some Class 2 children will be competing in a multi-skills event at St, Neot School.

This is not a complete list as some activities have yet to be confirmed. These complement our curriculum which, contrary to the recent Ofsted report, has been designed with consideration and meets the requirements of the Department for Education's National Curriculum.



This year we have re-invigorated our school council model. Re-branded the Harrowbarrow Voice, each year group from Year 1 to Year 6 has a democratically elected representative. Each member is responsible for collecting suggestions from their classmates, sharing them at the half-termly meetings and then providing feedback to their class afterwards. At the first meeting of the Harrowbarrow Voice, lots of very thoughtful suggestions were shared with the headteacher, who agreed to the following:

- A net to cordon off the football part of the playground at playtimes
- Proper football goals for playground use.
- An annual reading challenge, like the summer reading challenge provided by the Callington Library but run by the school throughout the year.
- A new toilet door lock for one that had stopped working.

Children can only be elected to join the Harrowbarrow Voice once during their time at the school and new elections will be held at the start of the autumn term. The aim is to give children a say in how their school can be improved for everyone's benefit.



Class 1 children being instructed by Year 6 Playground Leaders during positive playground workshops this week.

After-school Clubs Notice

Take up of our after-school clubs has been really positive again this term and we are delighted so many children enjoy participating. Up until now, club leaders have been keeping a register of who attends their club, which ensures we know who is on site during club time. If your child is unable to attend a club session, please notify the school office as Lesley Connell will be completing all club registers from now on. Children will be collected from their classes at the end of the day by Lesley and taken to the library to be registered. Club leaders will then collect their children when they are ready. Having central oversight of all club attendance will improve our ability to monitor attendance and further safeguard children.

Dates for your diary

- 2.2.24 - Landrake Cross Country run
- 2.2.24 - Year 3/4 dodgeball competition at St. Neot School
- 6.2.24 - Class 3 cookery lesson at Wagamama Plymouth
- 9.2.24 - Last day of school before half term week