



October 2018

# Newsletter

## Shoebox Appeal



Harlow Green is looking forward to taking part in the Operation Christmas Child campaign, run by the UK charity Samaritan's Purse. With your help, we will send shoeboxes full of gifts to children less fortunate than ourselves in countries around the world. For those who would like to be involved we have provided a leaflet giving more guidance and information about how to pack your shoebox and what to include. There is also information on our school website which explains further.

The Samaritan's Purse has a **suggested** donation of £5 to cover costs such as shipping. If this donation is made online, you will receive an email in January informing you of the destination country of your shoebox gift and children will be able to share this with their class. This donation can also be brought to school with your shoebox.

We will be collecting shoeboxes **between Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** and any shoeboxes will be gratefully received during this time. We suggest one shoebox per family but would be more than happy to accept others.

We are a Rights Respecting School and support *Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.*

## Rights Respect Clarks Shoe Share Campaign

### SHOE SHARE

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Unicef and Clarks have worked in partnership since 2008 to help keep children safe. In that time, Clarks have contributed to transforming children's lives through ShoeShare, gathering old or unwanted shoes at collection points in more than 500 Clarks stores across the UK. To date, the partnership has raised an incredible £1 million.

To support children across the world and help them access their right to education (Article 28), we are promoting ShoeShare donations. All you need to do is gather your old and unwanted shoes from around the house, and take them to the nearest Clarks (Team Valley).

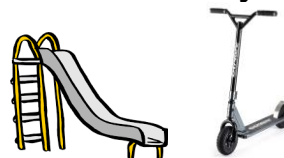
The more shoes you donate, the more money you can raise for Unicef, helping children around the world to be able to access education.

A few things to remember:

- Please make sure that the shoes are in relatively good condition, so no holes or broken soles!
- Please pair your shoes with a rubber band to make it easier to sort and pack shoes

For every tonne of shoes collected, a donation is made to Unicef which goes towards education programmes around the world.

## Playground – Start and End of the School Day



We ask that all parents and carers supervise their children responsibly before and after school. Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are placed in the bike shed. They should not be ridden in the school yard as this may cause harm to adults and other children. In addition, all children must be supervised by an adult if they are climbing on any of the play equipment.

## Fundraising



We would like to thank everyone who came along to our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** last month and to all those who provided donations of cakes and biscuits. With the support of Harlow Green Unite, we raised **£242.48** in total.

As always, we will be looking to raise money for **Children in Need** in November. We will be having a non-uniform day so get out all of your Pudsey Bear ears, hairbands etc. On the afternoon, we will be holding our annual coffee afternoon, which is always well-attended.

## Thank You and Good luck



This week we said goodbye to **Ms Graham**, who has taught at our school for three years. She has recently relocated and is moving to take up an Assistant Head position at a school in Darlington. We would like to thank her for all her hard work. **Miss Porter** will be taking over her Year 5 class after half term.

**Miss Clint**, one of our Teaching Assistants, will also be leaving us in early November, as is **Mr Hewett**, our IT Technician. We would like to thank them both for their hard work and dedication at Harlow Green.

## Christmas Dates



Look out for a full list of Christmas dates straight after half term, which will include dates of Christmas performances, parties and school Christmas lunch.

## Nursery – Autumn Theme



There has definitely been an autumn theme in Nursery over the past fortnight. After reading 'The Little Red Hen', the children have been making their own bread rolls. They used their fingers to knead and stretch the dough before leaving it to rise. They were very excited to taste their bread when it was baked. The children enjoyed going on an autumn walk in the school grounds. They collected lots of autumn treasure which they have used to create pictures with, to count with and to talk about. They also collected some tomatoes to eat that were growing in the greenhouse.

## Reception – Learning Through Play



During 'Plan-Do –Review' sessions, the boys and girls recently made a 'bus' in the outdoor area. The children even built stairs as they explained that it was a double decker. The children told staff that it was the number 10 bus and it was going to Newcastle. To make it authentic, they made signs and tickets for the bus. It was great to see everyone worked together as a team.

## Year 1 – Learning about Dinosaurs



Year 1 are learning all about dinosaurs. The children made a volcano which erupted in their classroom and they then thought of lots of words to describe the volcano. Boom! Bang! Pop! They have also enjoyed reading the story Tyrannosaurus Drip by Julia Donaldson. Everyone has been busy this week writing their own dinosaur fact files to describe a T-Rex, Stegosaurus and a Diplodocus!

## Year 2 – Angel of the North Artwork



The children in Year 2 have been learning about local landmarks in geography. The children have been creating some artwork of The Angel of the North. Their final pieces include the use of pastels to create mood as well as line drawings in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. The children are incredibly proud of their art work. Well done!

## Year 3 – Egyptian Dance



In Year 3 the boys and girls have been learning about the language of dance. They explored travelling in different ways and created a sequence of moves to use in their choreography. The theme of their dance was 'Walk like an Egyptian!'

## Year 4 – Investigating Electricity



In Science, Year 4 have enjoyed investigating which materials were conductors and which were insulators. They built simple circuits with bulbs, buzzers or motors, then tested different materials such as copper coins, wooden pencils and plastic rulers. They all agreed that the only material that was an electrical conductor was metal.

## Year 5 – Bridge Builders



This half term the children have designed, built and evaluated their own bridges. They carefully followed the brief to make sure they were suitable, strong and stable. Building the bridges was fun but challenging, as the joins were quite tricky. Eventually they were tested with a toy car to evaluate how successful they were.

## Year 6 – Sports Fun



Year 6 enjoyed a sport morning at Joseph Swan Academy this month. The children were able to participate in table tennis, trampolining, basketball and rock climbing activities. It was lovely to see so many children having a go at something which they might not usually do.

## Sporting Success



This week, Mr Allen and Mr McMann accompanied some Year 6 pupils to a tag rugby tournament. They have been training during their after school club on a Monday and this hard work paid off as they have reached the Gateshead finals which is scheduled for after half term.

Harlow Green hosted the Autumn Cup and our Year 5 / 6 football team narrowly missed being crowned champions, being beaten by Bill Quay Primary in the final. They have played one league match this season which they drew 1-1 with Oakfield Juniors.

## Autumn Term Diary Dates

<b>October</b>	
Half Term	Mon 22nd – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>November</b>	
Children in Need	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>December</b>	
Last day of term	Fri 21st
<b>January</b>	
Training day for teachers	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>
Children return to school	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>