



April 2019

Newsletter

May Fair



Our May Fair will take place on **Thursday 23rd May** and will have a similar format to the last two years. Parents, friends and grandparents can sign their children out of school from **1pm onwards**. There will be various food and drink stalls in the school grounds. This year, we will also have other traditional stalls such as raffles and tombolas.

We kindly ask parents to send their children into school with a donation that could be used as prizes or on stalls. We ask that items be sent into school on Friday 17th May and children may come to school in their everyday clothes rather than their school uniform.

Nurse and Rec:	New / nearly new toys
Year 1 and 2:	Chocolate / sweets
Year 3 and 4	Smellies / toiletries
Year 5 and 6	Bottles such as shampoo, wine, fizzy drinks (in a bottle bag if possible)

If you would like to bring a bottle of wine/alcohol as a donation, please could an adult bring it directly to the school office.

Air Pollution Survey



Air pollution is a major public health concern. It affects us all, but the risks are greater for older people and children. Gateshead Council would like your views on ways to clean up the air and make our area a healthier place to be. Take part before Friday 17 May at www.breathe-cleanair.com

School and PE Uniform Reminder



Please remember that children should not be wearing trainers for school. All children should follow the school uniform policy and come to school in plain black school shoes.

To take part in PE sessions, all children must have a PE uniform consisting of a plain white t-shirt and green shorts which can be purchased from the school office (if you want the school branded items). Alternatively, local supermarkets sell plain white T-shirts for as little as £2 for a pack of two. Children may also wear plain black tracksuit trousers and a school hoody.

It is essential that children are prepared for school adequately and follow our rule of **READY** which will prepare them for secondary school expectations and basic acceptance of rules.

Where children are not prepared for PE with correct uniform, school staff will speak with parents to support.

Sporting Success



Harlow Green sports teams have enjoyed a range of opportunities and gained some strong success over the last few weeks.

Before the Easter holidays, Year 5 took part in the *Hoops for Health* basketball tournament with Newcastle Eagles and one of our teams progressed to the semi-finals.

Year 6 came second in the Gateshead hockey finals, then progressed to the county finals, where they did our school proud.

The Year 3 Tennis team came out as comfortable winners in their Gateshead competition after competing against five other schools.

Sport and health is highly-valued at Harlow Green and we will endeavour to increase the provision and opportunities in order that children experience how such activities can form a positive part of their normal lifestyle.

UNICEF Article 24: All children have the right to the best possible health.

Sun Protection



Although at this point we have only had a few warm sunny days, hopefully it is a glimpse of a good summer to come. With that in mind, we would remind parents about the need to support children to be protected when days are particularly bright and hot. On these days, could parents please:

- Apply lotion on their children before they come to school
- Provide children with a sun hat/cap
- Ensure children bring water bottles so that they can be rehydrated

Our aim will always be to try and get children out in the sun and to enjoy the outdoors when the weather is good whilst ensuring that we are applying safe practice.

Check-up Appointments



It is important that any check-up appointments for the likes of dentists and opticians are done outside of school time. There should be no reason for a normal check-up to be done during the school day resulting in children losing learning time.

Nursery – World Book Day Dress-up



The Nursery children had a fantastic time dressing up for 'World Book Day'. They were very excited to show off their fantastic costumes to their friends and share their favourite books that they had brought in from home. The boys and girls were also treated to a story session with the Year 3 pupils who read various tales to them. It was wonderful for Nursery children to have such lovely role-models come into class and show how important reading is at all ages.

Reception – Easter Nests



The children in Reception enjoyed making chocolate Easter nests in the lead up to the holidays. During the session, they talked about the ingredients that they would need to make their nests. The boys and girls were also able to follow instructions in order to make sure that the end result was delicious!

Article 29 – We all have the right to develop our talents and abilities.

Year 1 – Beamish Visit



Year 1 had a fantastic visit to Beamish before the Easter break which was linked to their topic 'Where I Live'. During the visit, all of the children rode on a tram, took part in a Victorian school lesson with a very strict teacher and also had to help clean a miner's pit cottage. They even had time to visit the farm and some of the shops down in the town.

Year 2 – Magical Forest School



During the summer term, the children will be enjoying lots of creative activities based around mythical creatures. Flower Fairies and Elves, Goblins and even some Wild Things may be popping up. A lovely way to enjoy the sunshine whilst letting our imaginations run riot. We mustn't forget about the education so also a great way to practice our understanding of scale and construction.

Year 3 – Dictionary Skills



In Year 3, the boys and girls have been developing their dictionary skills. The children are reading The Firework-Maker's Daughter and began by recording challenging words on post-it notes. They used dictionaries to check the meaning of these words before arranging them alphabetically.

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Year 4 – Creative Collages



The children have particularly enjoyed studying the work of Francis Bacon and have been intrigued by his unusual style. They have shown great enthusiasm and imagination whilst creating their own collages of a distorted face, using a black and white photograph, tissue paper and oil pastels. Please visit the website to see some examples.

Year 5 – Super Salads



During the spring term, Year 5 have been working hard in DT lessons to understand more about food: what makes something healthy or unhealthy, why we should eat a balanced diet, and how different food combinations can make different flavours.

The lessons have culminated in children testing different ingredients, before choosing their favourites to create a South American inspired style salad. The boys and girls used rice and lettuce as a base, before adding their own ingredients.

Everyone enjoyed learning new techniques for cutting (very carefully!), as well as grating, ripping, peeling, and even spiralling! We even added the finishing touches of lemon juice or balsamic vinegar to give our salads that little bit extra.

Article 24 – We all have the right to nutritious food.

Year 6 – Classification Kings



Free play sessions in Forest School are a chance for the children to put into practice the skills that they have learnt. Play and choice are an integral part of the Forest School learning process; play is recognised as vital to learning and development at Forest School. Opportunities are designed to build on an individual's innate motivation, positive attitudes and/or interests. Having opportunities like this is hugely important for Year 6 who have been working extremely hard towards their SATs. It is essential that we don't let these assessments take over the whole of their time at school even in the final weeks.

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Diary Dates

May	
KS2 SATs	Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th
Non-uniform day/ school fair donations	Fri 17 th
Year 6 Residential	Mon 20 th – Wed 22 nd
Food Fair	Thurs 23 rd
INSET Day	Fri 24th
Half term	Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st
June	
Phonics Screening Check	Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th
Year 6 Bike-ability	Mon 10 th – Thur 13 th
July	
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Tues 16 th @ 2.30pm
Year 6 Leaver's Performance	Thurs 18 th @ 5pm
Last day of summer term	Fri 19 th