

Newsletter

Friday 5th May 2023

Roundhouse Way, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9SF



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A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're now into the summer term and let's hope for more dry days and sunshine over the next few weeks so that the children can make full use of the extensive grounds we have here at Newhall.

One of our Year 3 classes started their swimming lessons and the other class will do so later in the term. This is a vital lifesaving skill which we want all our children to be well-equipped with.

Our Reception children went on their first visit beyond the school grounds to Harlow Museum and had a wonderful time finding out about transport. They finished their morning by having a picnic together.

We've had our Coronation Celebrations today with donkeys, cheerleading, drama and candy floss. The donkey ride links to Reach2's 11 before 11 promise of 'Riding a Large Animal' which all our children have now experienced. Our Bluebell and Snowdrop children from the nursery came over to the school for their lunch with the other children and to enjoy their candy floss. It was a really memorable day.

Enjoy the Coronation Day Bank Holiday with your family and friends.

Mr. Duffy

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A Message from the Nursery Manager

Welcome to the summer term!

We are very much hoping for some sunshine soon.

This term we will be starting to work on transition in all rooms: in September Snowdrop will all move to Bluebell, Bluebell will all start school and some of Blossom will move to Snowdrop. Please do keep an eye on your emails to see what is happening and when over the coming weeks.

Blossom will continue to work on spring with their children; hopefully the weather will change soon and we will start to look at summer! Snowdrop are very excited to be working on "down at the bottom of the garden". The children love a mini beast that they can find in the garden – worms are a strong favourite! Bluebell are very excited to be doing "roots, shoots and juicy fruits". The children in Bluebell have been making the most amazing plant displays; I even think some of them could be florists in the future.

We are of course developing the gardens now the weather is getting nicer so if you do have any seeds, plants and garden resources, we would be very grateful of them.

Emma



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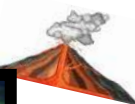
Year R

Reception had a fantastic time visiting Harlow Museum and learning about different types of transport. We had the opportunity to discover some old-fashioned bicycle parts such as an oil-burning bicycle lamp and got to see lots of different types of transport. The children particularly enjoyed seeing the penny farthings and having a picnic in the beautiful gardens!



Year 2

In Year 2, we are basing our English lessons around a book called Fox. To help the children understand the characters and their actions, this week we have been learning about forest fires. Look at these amazing posters the children have made!



Year 3

This half term, Chestnut Class and Maple Class have enjoyed applying their knowledge of volcanoes from last half term to their very own documentary. We began by creating a number of volcanoes from paper mâché and then painting them to look as realistic as possible. Needless to say, this was hugely enjoyed by the children and gave them a fantastic writing point for the half term. We have begun reading 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl in preparation for our next unit of writing which will focus on developing character description. The children have also been amazing at developing their knowledge of fractions where we have been finding fractions of quantities. Additionally, we have also been developing knowledge of time and money.



Blossom

This term in Blossom Room we have been continuing our spring topic. The children have enjoyed all the Easter activities and having an Easter egg hunt in the garden. Over the past couple of weeks we have been reading 'We're going on a bear hunt', exploring the textures of grass, mud and water. We then went on our own bear hunt in the garden. We have also been watching cress seeds grow on the window and have planted sunflower seeds last week.



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Year 4

Year 4 were very busy at the end of Spring term.

To finish our Anglo-Saxons topic, we visited West Stow Anglo-Saxon village. We got to see inside an Anglo-Saxon village, examine real Anglo-Saxon artefacts and asked the expert some excellent questions whilst sitting around the fire pit in the village's great hall.

Year 4's Seeds 2 Supper challenge got under way! We spent some time outside getting our hands muddy while we planted onions, courgettes, strawberries and lots of other tasty fruits and vegetables. We are very excited to see what emerges from the soil!

On our last day, we used our sewing skills to create our soft toys in D&T. We are very proud of our new cuddly friends!



WE ARE FAMILY

Year 1

Year 1 have loved starting out PSHE unit on relationships. We played a fun game identifying different animal families then we had some great discussions about how all families are different. One child summed things up nicely by saying, "No families are all the same and some families have two daddies or one daddy."

Snowdrop

Snowdrop have been exploring the topic 'Down at the bottom of the garden' by investigating bugs and insects indoors and outside. They have been learning how the use of magnifying glasses can help us to investigate the similarities and differences between insects and have also been classifying them based on what they see! We have experimented with different printing techniques to create our own blossom tree artwork and have observed the blossom trees in our own nursery garden!



Bluebell

Bluebell Class started the half term of learning about the life cycle of the chicken. We learnt some new vocabulary such as 'brooding' and 'hatching'. The children created nests and showed their understanding of 'brooding' by putting the chicken sitting on the egg in the nest. This week we have been focusing on the book 'Eddie's Garden' and have been learning what plants need to grow. We planted some grass seeds, and we are waiting patiently to see what will happen now that they have food, water and light. We have celebrated St. George's Day and Eid this term and the children are showing great respect towards and interest in other cultures and beliefs. In their free learning the children have been creating rockets with polydron and bridges with the brio train sets.



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Upcoming

EVENTS

Date	Event
Monday 8 th May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday
Monday 22 nd May	Year R Road Safety
Friday 26 th May	Year 2 Fire of London Day
Friday 26 th May	Year 4 Timestables Rock Star Day
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Children Return to School

Newhall has talent.....



EXCITING NEWS



Dakshitha performed an Indian classical dance "KUCHIPUDI" in Harlow Playhouse theatre on the 27th April. It was Dakshitha's first theatre performance and it went very well. We are thrilled to share with you that, Dakshitha made front page news the next day in "Your Harlow.com" magazine with headlines as "the tiny dancer that stole the show at Celebrate Harlow". You can see her amazing performance on the links below:

<https://youtu.be/bY61ZouejAc>

https://youtu.be/oJvy_nmzGs4



SPRING SHOPPING PopUp

Join us at our Pop Up Event & shop your favourite brands to get spring ready!

Saturday 13th May 1-4pm

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Raffle donations to the Cancer Rehab Trust.



Romann was offered a further year's contract with Arsenal. His hard work and commitment has paid off, and he is over the moon. Well done Romann!

We are making a 'wow celebration wall' at Newhall Academy and want to share the children's achievements in our newsletter. We are asking families to send in any achievements that the children are doing outside of school. Please email these through to office@newhallacademy.org.

