



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

**Friday 21st June
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Champions!



Cricket Competition Winners!

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 cricket team who beat all opposition on the way to winning this amazing trophy at a competition this week. Mr Watts was really impressed with the children's skill level, their effort and their sporting attitude. Harrowbarrow children have been taught to play Countdown Cricket, which is another tournament we enter, but this version was Diamond Cricket, which has different rules. Our team was the only one that had never played Diamond Cricket before, which makes the results even more special. Thank you to parents Gemma Crawford and Mike Vinson for helping out with transport as both our minibuses were tied up with Class 4 swimming.

Our Year 6 cricket team are off to the county final in a couple of weeks so we hope to share some more cricketing news soon.



Achieve Believe Enjoy



Olympic Torch Relay

Although Harrowbarrow School isn't joining Bridge Multi Academy Trust until September, they were kind enough to invite us to be part of their Olympic torch relay. This activity has been planned to coincide with the build up to the Paris Olympics this summer. Some of the children made this magnificent torch, which has been taken around all the schools, including Harrowbarrow, and filmed as part of a relay. The clips are going to be spliced together to create a video showing the torch as it moves around all the schools. We will share this with you once complete.

Wellbeing Garden Update

Thank you to all the volunteer helpers who worked tirelessly to weed the wellbeing garden at the front of the school. Now prepared we will be planting the beds with plants chosen by the children from their original designs. These plants were chosen for their benefit to both people and wildlife.

We will be taking some of our Year 6 Learning Ambassadors to buy the plants next week, using £512 left from money donated by the Parent Staff Association last year. The children will then do the planting.

Food for Thought

Another exciting project we have just become involved in is Food for Thought. Harrowbarrow School has been partnered with the Achilet Primary School in Uganda. The headteacher is Peter Ogwapus. This is a mixed government aided school located in Eastern Uganda in Tororo District. They have a total population of 1888 pupils, 999 boys and 889 girls. They have 14 teachers with 4 support staff; 2 watchmen and 2 cooks. The pupils attend from 7:30am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. Compared to Harrowbarrow, this is quite a contrast.

Food for Thought is not a charitable project. The Uganda children are not in poverty. Instead, the aim is to share cultural experiences through growing and eating food. With this in mind, we will be planting some crops in our wellbeing garden and sharing photos with the Achilet Primary School children. In turn, they will be sharing photos of their school garden. In time, we plan to share food diaries with them, to compare diets.

End of year transition arrangements

We know that moving to a new class can cause anxiety for children. This year we have the following transition arrangements in place to support them:

1.7.24 - Year 6 transition day at Callington College. All other children to spend the day in their September classes at Harrowbarrow.

10.7.24 & 17.7.24 - EYFS Learning together for new reception children. Harrowbarrow & Metherell Pre-school children have also been visiting once per week during the term.

15-19.7.24 - Year 4 & Year 5 children to spend the week in Class 4 with Melissa Pinfield whilst Year 6 are in their residential trip.

In addition, Laura Davenport has been supporting some children with regularly weekly drop-in visits to their new classes. Teachers will also meet before the end of term to do an information handover for each child moving up a class.

Advance Notice - Summer Sports Evening

Weather depending, our summer sports evening will be on Tuesday 25th June at 5pm (reserve day is Thursday 27th). All family members are welcome to come and watch the children competing in their teams and then to enjoy PSA refreshments, which will be on sale afterwards (drinks and cakes only this year - no hot food or bar). Please ensure your child has their PE kit on and arrives no later than 4.50pm in readiness to start. The children will need to be brought to the covered playground so we can sort them into teams. The races will take place on the field. Overflow parking is provided on the field for Class 1 parents/carers. For all other parking, please use the village hall car park and ensure the road isn't blocked to the local service bus. We look forward to seeing you all on the 25th for what we hope will be a lovely opportunity to see the children enjoying themselves as they compete for annual sports cup.

Dates for your diary

25.6.24 - Summer sports evening from 5pm

27.6.24 - Reserve summer sports evening from 5pm

1.7.24 - End of year transition day. Y6 to visit Callington College.

3.7.24 - Class 1 trip to Cardinham Woods

4.7.24 - Year 6 cricketers to participate in county final