



Harwell Community Primary School

5th March 2020

The focus for this newsletter is Year 5

Well, what a fantastic start we have had to the Spring term.

We absolutely loved exploring our 'Poisonous Plastic' topic last term creating so many fabulous pieces of art and created some brilliant solutions to plastic pollution. We would like to thank everyone for coming to the Humanities fair and our class outcome. We were so excited to share all of our learning with you! As a class we have become a lot more aware of our plastic pollution.

We have now begun our new topic 'Invaders and Settlers'. During our launch day, we were split into either Vikings or Anglo-Saxons. Each team had to create their own crops and trade them. We very quickly became very competitive, however, the Viking traders enjoyed England so much they decided to settle there and the harsh winters meant growing crops became very difficult, this resulted in a narrow win from the Anglo-Saxons. This helped us understand why the Vikings decided to invade England and started us on our journey to investigating our big question

'How did England become England?'

Since then, we have explored where the Anglo-Saxons came from originally, and the Kingdoms they had created. Alongside this, we have used maps to investigate the influence Anglo-Saxons had on England and the place names they established.



In art we have been using historical evidence to find examples of patterns found on items used during the time of AngloSaxons- and Vikings. We looked for symbolism and symmetry in the patterns we discovered. We then explored patterns using our own mark making skills. Next, we are looking forward to taking some of these patterns and creating our own design!



In PE we have started to focus on circuits. Last week we looked at the different circuits used by sprinters to ensure they build great agility, strength, speed and reaction time. Throughout the term we will be looking at several different circuits for particular sports. We will be ready for the Tokyo Olympics in no time!



Respectful - Resilient - Responsible - Resourceful Learners

School Wheelie Bins

We appear to have had some fly tipping of additional black bags into the school general waste bin over recent weeks. We are charged for excess weight above the limit Grundons allow in the large wheelie bins. Every £ spent in this way is a £ less we have available to spend on the children. If you know of anyone who has, or has been tempted to, dispose of their own household waste this way, please discourage them from doing so.

Thank you

WORLD BOOK DAY

Some wonderfully inventive costumes yesterday - well done to all the children and staff.

The £1 World Book Day vouchers have been retained in school to be spent at Roving Books when they visit the school on Tuesday.

We were also treated to a performance of 'The Reluctant Dragon' in the afternoon

PARKING AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We have received a further complaint today about parents parking in The Styles after school this afternoon. This time, in front of the garages.

Please, do not park anywhere where you might cause an obstruction:

- driveways
- garages

Please, park at the recreation ground or the Village Hall and walk the very short distance to the school

Grant Success

I am delighted to let you know that the school have very recently had success with 2 grant applications:

Magnox (via their Socio Economic Scheme) have granted the school £1000 towards our next exciting adventure for our outdoor resources - a traversing climbing wall -

more details to follow in due course

The Ernest Cook Foundation have granted the school £500 to purchase outdoor clothes and wellies for our Foundation Class so that they can fully access their outdoor learning in the 'wild area' each Thursday afternoon.

HARWELL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

WINTER BALL

Thank you to everyone who supported the School and Little Pippins by attending the Winter Ball on Saturday. A fabulous evening was had by all and the profit of approximately £1000 will be shared equally by the HSA for the school and Little Pippins

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Family Bingo - Friday March 27th

Disco - Friday May 1st

Summer Fair - Saturday June 20th

More details to follow