



Harrold
Primary Academy

Welcome to Spring

We have come to the end of another term and what a term it has been. Once again, the children have done us proud.

- They raised over £2,000 for the NSPCC
- Children recognised Safer Internet Day,
- We shared World Book Day with a biscuit, book and parents ,
- Year 3 went on their residential visit,
- Year 4 were involved in their sports fixtures,
- The School Council worked on preparing the cake sale for Red Nose Day. We raised over £400
- Year 3 and 4 went on a Faith tour
- The children participated in Rugby
- Children reflected on the different roles of men and women in sport
- A dance group took part in the Bedford Arts Festival
- Book Fair earnt the school £170
- Year 2 had their multisport tournament

Owls



The children in Owl Class have worked so hard throughout the term and we are proud of the progress that they have made. Well done Owls! They have studied some wonderful texts and used these as a stimulus for their own writing.

Observation Station

We have been observing our frogspawn and had great fun writing about the life cycle of a frog.

Our Zoo Lab Visit

We were so excited about our visit from Zoo Lab, which enabled us to observe and handle mini-beasts. We were so brave!



Happy Easter to our families

Year 1 Topic 'WILD AND WONDERFUL' has been very successful! The children have been learning about characteristics of each season and the differences between them. They have identified seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world. The children have taken a great interest, have shown a lot of enthusiasm in learning about wild weather patterns such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, drought, and have understood the dangers of extreme weather.



Robins (Y1) have also been enjoying learning about different animals and insects. They have written their own non-fiction books about spiders and have loved creating animal riddles with some tricky clues!



Magpies (Year 3)

This term our topic has been the Romans. We focused on Escape from Pompeii to write our own adventure stories. The children really enjoyed learning this story through actions and they wrote some of their own great stories! We have also written our own newspaper stories about the death of Boudicca following her battle with the Romans. We made our own Roman shields and designed Roman mosaics.



Magpies had their first residential trip to Burwell House for two nights! They completed many outdoor activities and enjoyed a movie night with popcorn, hot chocolate and marshmallows and celebrated Pancake Day!



Faith Tour

Magpie and Swan class had fun on their Faith Tour around Queens Park, Bedford. They visited the Gurdwara, Mosque and Anglican Church. They found it fascinating learning about different faiths in the wider community.



Year 2 and Year 3

Magpie and Kingfisher class had a visit from the fire brigade. They taught the children what to do in a fire, what a firefighter's role is and why the uniform is so special. The children had a chance to go into the fire engine and had fun pretending to put a fire out with the hose!



Swans Year 4

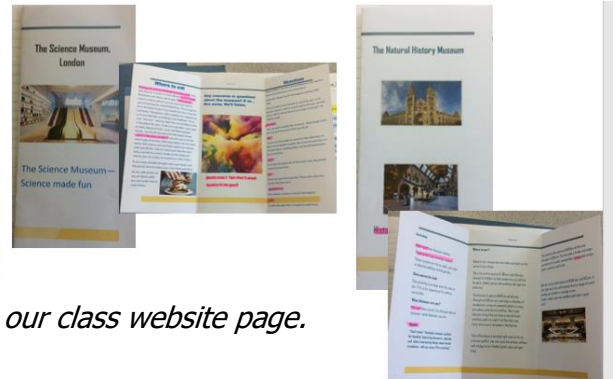
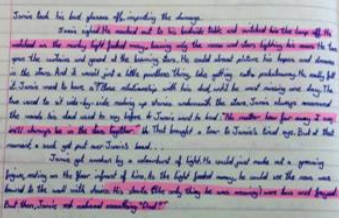
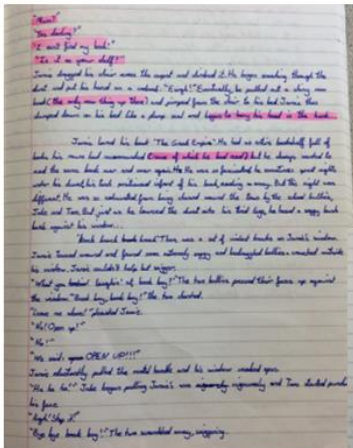
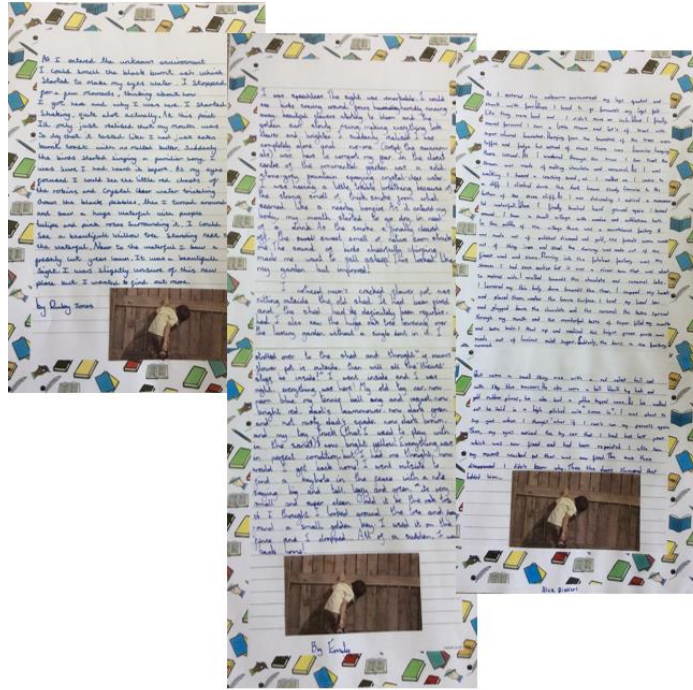
This half term children in Swans we have been very busy in all aspects of the curriculum. In English, we studied the story of Mulan and this linked in with our topic of the Shang Dynasty. The children were fascinated by all levels of society during that period. They learnt the importance of the Dragon in Chinese culture and enjoyed making models and Chinese lanterns in their art lessons.

Science lessons were such great fun. Children were looking at 'Changing state'. They looked at how chocolate melted and set, and of course, they had to make chocolate crispy cakes! In other areas, the children sampled Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and took part in their class assembly, where they dressed up and performed a short play highlighting the various roles of the Shang people.



Eagles (Year 5)

In English, Eagles have written their own mystery and suspense stories, created persuasive leaflets for a tourist attraction, learnt how to discuss and debate, creating arguments for and against and produced some fantastic descriptive writing.



You can see more on our class website page.

In topic, Year 5 have been studying Ancient Greece. They made Greek Vases out of paper mache and decorated them after learning about why and what they were used for and what designs they had on their vases. They produced a fact file on a chosen Greek God and Goddess and have learnt about where the Olympics originated from.



World Book Day

Thank you to all parents, carers and guardians for supporting the school by coming in for a biscuit and a book during World Book Day. The costumes were fantastic.



Thank You PTA



We are so lucky to have such a marvellous PTA team.

On behalf of the children and staff we would like to say thank you for all that you do to help make Harrold a special place for all children. You organised and distributed the gifts for Mother's Day; you arranged the Easter peg hunt, the Easter bonnet parade and more. Thank you for your time, commitment, support and kindness. We all greatly appreciate your involvement in the school.

School refurbishment

Good news! The work for the refurbishments have been agreed. I shall be meeting with the contractors over the Easter holidays to agree a start date. Once this has been agreed I shall be able to let you know; when the work will commence and any changes that will effect access to the school site.

Please can I remind parents that the school car park is for the use of school staff only and due to the accessibility of contractors and staff, there will be limited space to park in the school carpark.

Attendance

Since January, our attendance has risen to 97.02%.

Since the start of the school year (September) attendance is 97.12%. Our target still remains at 99%.

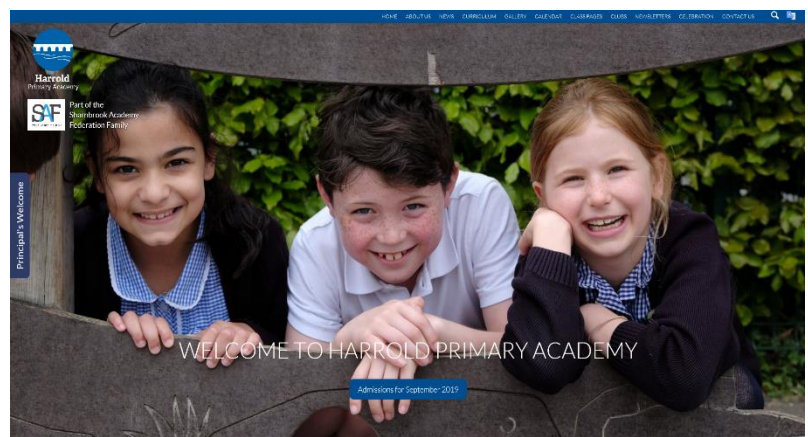
30% of children at school have achieved 100% since January.

The class with the highest attendance overall since the start of the year was Magpie in key stage 2 and Kingfisher in Key stage 1. Well done to both classes.



Website

Please take a look at our website to see what your child has been learning and to keep updated with events and celebrations across the school.



Dates for your diary

Friday 5th April
End of term

Tuesday 23rd April
Return to school
No Science Club

Monday 29th April
Year 4 Orchestra Unwrapped Concert

Tuesday 30th April
No Science Club

Wednesday 1st May
Year 3 and 4 Quad kids athletics

Monday 6th May
May Day School Closed

Tuesday 7th May
Year 3 and 4 Multi sports Competition
Harrold Primary

Wednesday 8th May – Friday 10th May
Year 4 Knebworth Residential Visit

Monday 13th – 16th May
Breakfast Club Year 6
Year 6 SATs 2019

Wednesday 15th May
Bikeability Training Level 1

Thursday 23rd May
ASD Drop in Child Development
Centre School Support

Year 5 and 6 Multi sports (30
Children)

Friday 24th May
Half term

Monday 3rd June
Return to school