



October News



Upcoming Dates

23rd October – Last day of term – Halloween Dress up

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2nd November – School re-opens

12th November – Photograph re-sits for those who have already requested

Welcome to our October Newsletter!

Please take note of the 'Upcoming Dates' above, we try to provide you with as much notice as possible for the important things you won't want to miss.

COVID-19

Over the holidays, if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms and/or they have a COVID test please inform school by emailing parents@hardenprimaryacademy.co.uk. We must ensure that we protect all our pupils and staff to keep school open. Your cooperation is much appreciated. For further information on COVID symptoms and what to do, please visit the COVID-19 section of our website: <https://harden.bradford.sch.uk/covid-19/>

New Parents – Sept 2021 Intake

We are proud to announce that our fantastic school video is now live on our website for you to see, please click on the link below or go to our website and click on the 'New Parents' tab on the menu bar: <https://harden.bradford.sch.uk/new-parents-september-2020/>

Reminder - Parents Evening

As mentioned in our September Newsletter, Parents Evening in November will look different this year. The class teachers will send out a short report with information about how your child has settled back into school, learning behaviours and attitude to learning, progress so far and any other relevant information about your child. You will then have the opportunity to book a telephone appointment with the class teacher to discuss anything further should you need to. We will let you know when these reports go out to you.

Email address change

Our email system was updated recently and therefore going forward our email addresses have slightly changed. The prefix of our emails are still the same reception@, year1@, parents@ etc... but the rest of the address is @hardenprimaryacademy.co.uk any emails sent to our old email addresses will still get to us (as these are being forwarded, however this forwarding service will eventually expire) therefore the sooner these email addresses are used/changed over the better.

Food Bank

On behalf of Richard the Rector and HPS we would like to thank you all for your generous contributions for the Food Bank for Harvest. People are in need now more than ever as we all navigate these difficult times.



Reception update

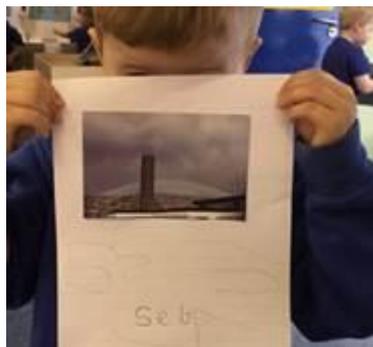
Reception class have been developing their science skills by making observations and grouping items. They make fantastic explorers and really demonstrated their characteristics for effective learning skills.



They have really enjoyed reading lots of different books this half term but the children really enjoyed 'The Invisible string'. They loved getting creative and making their own love strings drawing different people on the end and attaching them with our very own invisible string.

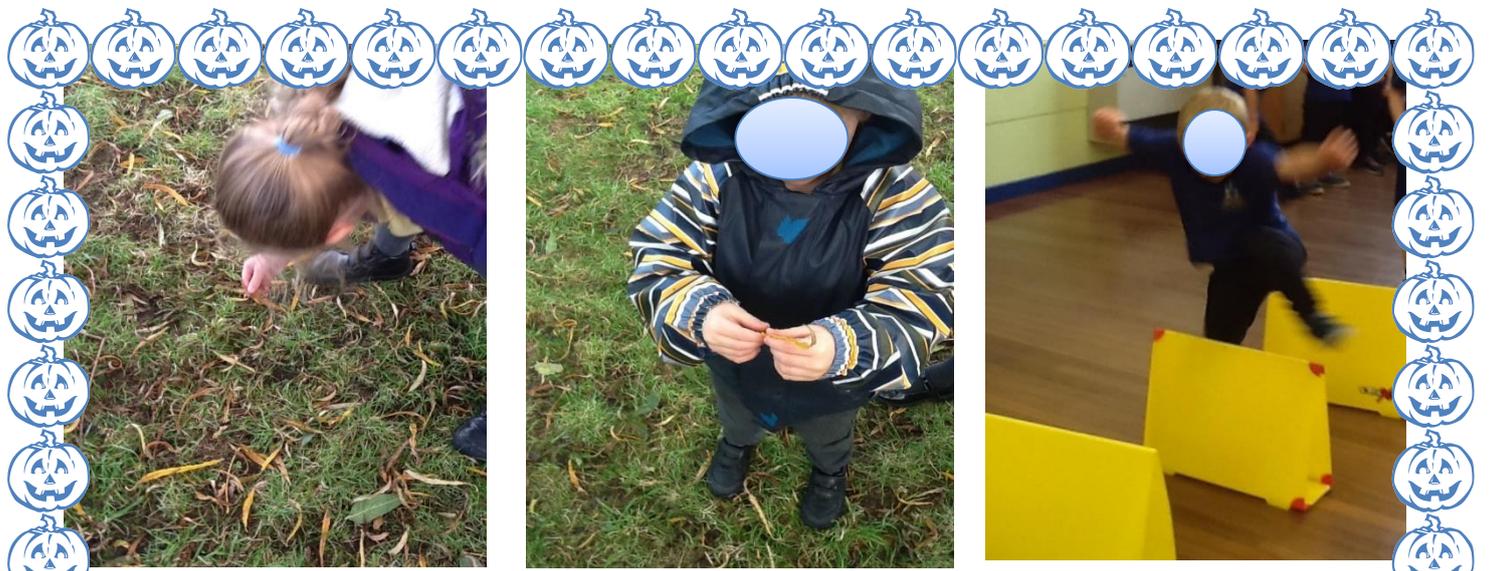


The children were so excited to see a Rainbow when they were playing outside. They couldn't wait to get back in the classroom and draw some rainbows and write about the one they saw. They have even decided that they want our reading area to be all rainbow themed 😊



Year 1 update

Year 1 have been doing lots of fun activities recently. They have been baking delicious biscuits where they focused on using baking equipment safely, Mini-beast hunting (finding spiders, ladybirds and slugs!) and learning hockey and agility skills in PE using hurdles for the first time! Year 1 have also been creating spooky music using musical instruments ready for Halloween Oooooooooooooooooooooo.



Year 2 update

Year 2 have been working on laptops and developing their ICT skills. They have mastered the art of 'logging in' and using Purple mash. We have learned that Purple mash allows us to safely send and receive emails and we have worked on our typing and drawing when responding to emails from Barnaby bear, who is on his travels!



Year 2 have also been super busy on EdShed/Spelling Shed, they have managed to get themselves on to the top 100 leader board for the whole country, then the top 90 and now they are 83rd in the country. Fabulous and well done Year 2.

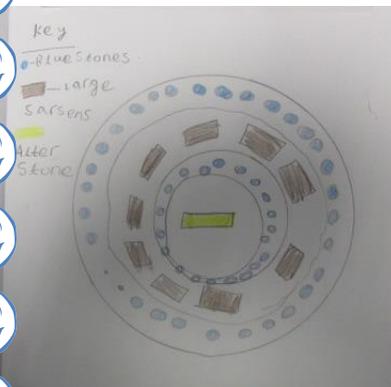


Year 2 School School Groups World Groups		
Name	Group Score	↓
81. Elm, St Swithun's C of E VC Primary School, England	307,886,674	
82. 6AB, Eve Goodman, England	307,643,224	
83. Year 2, Harden Primary, England	306,155,112	
84. 5RT, Kenmore Park Junior School, England	305,714,816	
85. Culhwch ac Olwen, Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James, Wales	304,468,974	
86. 4, Queensgate Primary School, England	304,030,979	
87. Year 5/6, Sedgley Park Primary School, England	301,610,817	
88. 5B, Wyken Croft Primary School, England	297,563,386	
89. Year 5 2020/21, Tockwith Church of England Primary Academy, England	294,618,162	
90. Year 6, Wyberton Primary Academy, England	290,000,029	

Year 3 update

Year 3 have been studying 'The Stone Age' in history we have designed and made 'mini-henges' in DT after researching Stonehenge.

They have been looking at 'Light' In science out topic, talking about how light travels, how to keep safe in the sun and shadows. The children made bracelets using UV beads so they could see the rays from the sun. They have also investigated how shadows are made and as the light source changes position it alters the shadow.



Year 4 update

This term year 4 have been learning about the Stone Age. In our first lesson, the class took part in a hunter gatherer activity outside. Information cards that described different food sources such as berries and mushrooms were hidden around the school grounds.

Different images of Stone Age beasts were also spread around. The class were then divided into small tribes. Each tribe were given foam spears for half of the tribe. These were the hunters responsible for hunting the animals. The rest of the tribe were gatherers responsible for collecting the berries and plants to feed the tribe. Some of the dangers of hunting and gathering were explained to them before they left but did they all listen? The tribes rushed out into the school grounds hunting and gathering as fast as they could. At first there was plenty of food to be found and each tribe worked well to collect as much as they could. Once all the food supplies had been exhausted in one area the tribes moved on to other areas of the school grounds. This was typical of how Palaeolithic people lived. Once all areas of the school had been cleared of food the class gathered to show what they had found. The purple tribe were particularly proud of how much they had found. Sam was very keen to show that he had caught a Sabre Tooth Tiger. Unfortunately, Sam was only a gatherer and did not carry any weapons. We had to inform him that because he was alone and unarmed when he took on the ferocious beast, he would most probably have lost his leg. The green and the white tables did not fare much better. They collected some delicious Hogweed and some death cap mushrooms which they failed to read about before giving them to their tribes and managed to poison everyone in the tribe. The class really enjoyed the activity and it highlighted the dangers and difficulties that early people faced every day to survive. Just look at this set of savage hunter gatherers!



Year 5 update

During topic lessons this half term year 5 have been learning about St. Ives. Starting off the term by visiting St Ives and conducting some fieldwork as well as gathering research and resources to further enhance our learning back at school. Not only did they have a great time there, they have also completed some excellent work upon their return.

Have a look for yourself...



Year 6 update

Year 6 have been learning how to code in ICT by designing their own games on the computer. They have also been appraising different songs in Music learning about the key words of tempo, dynamics, riff and hook. In English and in Topic they have been learning about the important work that Nelson Mandela did; this included some role play where children were members of the ANC and others were the NATS (the government).



Bingley Autumn Term 1 & 2 2020 Multi Sports Camps

Organised and led by Coach Mark Gunn plus guest assistant coaches (all fully DBS checked and insured)

TUESDAY 27th OCTOBER 2020 (Autumn Half Term 2020)

MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2020 (Christmas Holidays 2020)

9am-4pm with FREE 8am onwards early drop off & FREE 4:45pm later pick up
Harden Primary School, Long Lane, Harden, Bingley BD16 1LJ

Cost = ONLY £20 per child per day for Boys & Girls in Reception to Y8

LIMITED TO ONLY 30 PLACES PER CAMP with activities adapted to conform with social distancing guidelines

The days of BASKETBALL, MULTI SPORTS, NERF CHALLENGES & LOTS MORE FUN GAMES hosted at Harden Primary School will feature action packed days full of fun sporting skills, games and competitions led by Coach Mark making the most of each camp also including the children's favourite activities plus free play breaks, creative play, snack shop, etc...

For further information please visit <https://www.facebook.com/coachgunnbasketball>

To book a place on the camp contact:

Mark Gunn – 07912 178917 – coachmarkgunn@gmail.com



The Friends of St Ives Would you like to grow a Baby Oak Tree? (And help St Ives)

There is a difficulty in sourcing baby oak trees now, needed for planting at St Ives after the planned rhododendron clearances. So, we've been asked if we'd help by growing some trees from the plentiful number of acorns to be found in St Ives this autumn.



If you could gather 2 or 3 fresh acorns still in their small cup, and then keep them carefully in a warm dry place until they've dried out and turned brown.



Then in December, please plant them in a pot full of compost

and place them in a sheltered spot outdoors.



Hopefully then your Acorns will grow throughout 2021, until you have a baby Oak Tree.

We will organise plantings in December 2021. And did you know that Oak Trees can live for hundreds of years; sometimes even reaching 1,000 years old! Any questions please email: chair@friendsofstives.org.uk or ring 07958 780391. Thank you



COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Harden Village Council

A vacancy for a Village Councillor has arisen on the Council. The Council is looking to co-opt an applicant to the vacant position.

Any person wishing to serve as a Councillor should contact the Clerk to find out more about the role.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in the affairs of the local community with such matters as neighbourhood planning, climate emergency plan, promoting local schemes and being involved with local activities and concerns.

Expressions of interest are invited - please contact Ken Eastwood, our Clerk, for an informal discussion.

Be a voice for your community in Harden.

What's Involved?

Harden Village Council meets on a monthly basis, usually on the first or second Thursday of the month. Meetings are held in public and start at 7.15pm, currently online using Zoom.

Training is available for new Councillors. Previous local government experience is not required.

Who Can Apply?

To qualify, a person must be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic, over 18 years of age and an elector, must reside within the parish of Harden, or within 3 miles of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor (more details from the Clerk).

Other Councillors



The Council is made up of 7 Councillors who are committed to working for a better Harden, with the assistance of our Clerk.

Gerwyn Bryan (left) is our Chair. Details of all Village Councillors can be found on our website at www.hardenvillagecouncil.gov.uk

The Council is a formal body, the first tier of local government. Although operating within a statutory framework, the Council is very welcoming and working to engage widely with the local community.

Recent projects have included commissioning a report on Traffic & Transport and engaging with neighbouring Councils on related issues including speeding. Working with consultants and Project Team members, we are also developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Harden.

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Chair
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Can you spare some time to make a contribution to your community? Give us a call to find out more.