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Kindness gets noticed here — and it's cool to be kind!



Year 2 Birds of Prey

In a first for Harlands, we were delighted to welcome some wonderful flying visitors on Wednesday.

The children were enthralled by the beautiful birds as they swooped and flew around the school hall and then had the opportunity to get really close and hold one of the birds.



Year 2 Birds of Prey (continued)



Yesterday the birds of prey came. There was an eagle and a falcon, a hawk and a big owl flew over our heads. And we held a tawny owl so I had to put on a glove as their claws are sharp. I was happy because it was special—Tamilore



We went into the hall on Wednesday, and we saw the birds of prey. I loved seeing birds of prey because some of them flew over our heads. I felt scared when they flew over my head and I held the owl and felt excited—Maia

Yesterday the birds of prey came to school and we sat in rows. First we saw a little owl. Then we saw a tawny owl and it pooped. And we saw a hawk and the hawk flew onto the apparatus. Next we saw this bird that was blue and that also pooped. Finally, we saw this MASSIVE owl. It was so big some people cried. At the end I could hold some birds—Jonas



Yesterday I went to see the birds of prey and we got to see the world's fastest animal in school, the peregrine falcon and it went on the apparatus. I could not take my eye off it, it was just beautiful. And we saw a blue eagle. Some people were scared when it put its wings out—Rumi



Harvest Hopes



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who generously donated to our recent foodbank collection. Your kindness and support made a real impact, and the foodbank team were extremely grateful when they came to collect the donations.

Harvest is not just about giving food — it's about giving hope. When we share what we have, we help others feel seen, cared for, and not forgotten.

Harvest Hopes



As Ben in Year 6 beautifully put it, *"We're privileged to have a lot of food, when some people don't have as much. So donating is **KIND** and **RESPECTFUL** and can help this problem."*

He also reminded us that, *"Even small things like a tin of food can make a difference. We are all humans, we're all thinking of you."*

Thank you also to Emily, Megan and Minnie (Year 6) for excellent sorting and carrying the donations to the van.

Understanding Our World

We were very excited to welcome two parents to EYFS this week to talk to us about their jobs as a **chef** and a **personal trainer**. The children were very interested to hear about these careers and asked some super questions!

To the people who help us, we'd like to say
"THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"



Bug Hotel

A big thank you goes to Mr McCluskey (parent) for his incredible work building our brand new bug hotel, now proudly standing beside the nature pond. This fantastic addition to our school grounds was inspired by Oliver, Archie and Jacob (Year 5), who brought their idea—and even a design—to Mr McKeown-Webster earlier this term.



Bug Hotel—cont'd

With support from other parents who donated recycled wood, Mr McCluskey brought their vision to life, creating a brilliant structure that we hope will soon be buzzing with insect visitors. The next exciting step is to fill each section with natural materials to attract our new bug guests. Thank you to everyone who helped turn this eco-friendly project into reality!



‘We designed the bug hotel after learning about nature in school last year. It’s amazing to see our learning come to life outside!’ (Archie)

“Building a bug hotel for insects helps us give them a home. It made us feel like we are doing something important for our planet.” (Oliver)

“I want to help endangered species of bugs. I plan to research which ones there are and then fill the ‘rooms’ with things that will attract them.” (Jacob)



The Great Debate



Today, a group of our Year 5 and 6 children proudly represented our school at a debating event held at **Haywards Heath College**. They joined pupils from other local primary schools to discuss a range of exciting topics — and impressed everyone with their teamwork, confidence, and thoughtful ideas.



The Great Debate

Mr McKeown-Webster was so proud of the children, how they participated and how they showed amazing respect for others.



"I used to dread speaking in front of people. Now I feel more confident. I have even volunteered to lead an assembly about what we learned." (Larry)

"Going first helped boost my confidence." (Edward)

"It made me realise I have a voice and can share an opinion on everything." (Eloise)

"I gained more confidence by listening to others – we were a great team." (Finley)

Well done to all our brilliant debaters for representing the school with such confidence, kindness, and courage!

Football Fun

Children from Year 5 and 6 enjoyed taking part in a series of exciting football matches against Bolnore School last night. The games were full of great teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm, with everyone showing fantastic effort. A big thank you goes to Miss Ashman and Mr Colgate, who organised the event and supported the teams.



"We were being very respectful to everyone on and off the pitch." (Thomas)

"It was nice to connect with the other schools." (Florence)

"It was fun to work as a team with other year groups." (Max)

"It was fun to play another school at football and work as a team." (Olivia)

"Everyone was kind and respectful towards each other." (Gracie)

"It was fun to play with our friends." (Milo)

Club Cancellations this week

A reminder that the following clubs will be cancelled due to the Parent Consultations:

- ♦ **KS1 Choir** on Monday, 20 October
- ♦ **Tiny Tekkers (Football)** and **KS2 Engineering Club** on Tuesday, 21 October. Catch-up sessions will be organised for both of these
- ♦ **Young Voices** and **Netball** on Wednesday, 22 October
- ♦ **Girls' Football** on Thursday, 23 October

Home School Contracts

Further to the messages sent on Thursday, please can we remind you that we would like signed copies of the Home School Contracts to be shared with your children, signed and returned by Thursday, 23 October. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Wk beg Monday, 20 October

Friday, 24 October

Monday, 27 –Friday, 31 October

Monday, 3 November

Week begin 17 November

Wednesday, 26 November

Friday, 19 December

Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January

Monday, 5 January

Parent Consultations

INSET Day

Half term

INSET Day

Y6 Bikeability

School Photographer (individual & family groups)

INSET Day

Christmas Holiday

INSET Day

Payment reminder: **Year 5 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace—due by Monday 20th Oct**