



Harvills Hawthorn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Harvills families,

Despite the many, many rain showers we are having, the summer sun is apparently just around the corner! The last couple of weeks have been very busy and this morning, we have held our very first Harvills' Big Games. The children and staff have all had a great time having fun and playing games together.

Over the last few days, we have focused on celebrating all the successes and achievements from the past 12 months. You will have also received your child's report yesterday - we know you will enjoy reading them as much as we have enjoyed writing them.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre. A special thank you to Mrs Hill and the members of the PTA who gave their time to plan, organise and set up the fayre. It was a huge success and we raised lots of money for our school - £1096.47. This money will buy resources for school, head teacher awards, house captain jumpers, 100% attendance rewards and help the cost of lots of other exciting things at Harvills. In addition to this, on Friday, the children wore their football kits to support the beginning of the women's World Cup. We raised £232 to buy SEND resources for school. This will make a huge difference to the support we are able to offer our children next year!

We cannot finish without saying a special goodbye to those staff and children who are leaving us today. Some of our nursery children are beginning their reception in a different school, our year 6 children are moving onto secondary and Mrs. Markham, Miss Bibi, Mr Monkman and Mr. Law are also moving on to pastures new. We wish them all the very best of luck!

All that is left to say is thank you once again for being such a fabulous school community: we could not achieve what we do without your unwavering support.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy spending time with family and friends,

Best wishes,

Miss Sheen and Miss Soper

Wednesbury Book Quiz

At the end of June, four of our year 6 girls took part in the annual Wednesbury Book Quiz. Sienna, Jessica, Firdaus and Madison read two books in preparation: The Nowhere Emporium and Rooftoppers. They showed an awful lot of dedication and knew the books thoroughly by the time the day of the quiz arrived. All this hard work paid off and, after competing against 7 other teams, the girls brought the trophy back to Harvills! We are so very proud of them all. A big thank you to Mrs. Wilding and Miss Brooks for helping the winning team prepare and for accompanying them to the quiz. The trophy is now proudly on display in school.



Maths Quiz

A couple of weeks ago, Harsha, Jessica, Firdaus and Madison represented our school at the Wednesbury Schools Maths Quiz. They were challenged with Roman numerals, code cracking, a logistics challenge and some really tricky problems. After the first round, they were in joint first place. By the end of the second round, they had a clear lead and they didn't look back. They were truly worthy champions! This trophy is also now proudly on display in school.

Eco Council



As the end of the year approaches, we say goodbye to the year 6 members of the Eco-Council. Along with year 5, they have worked incredibly hard this year in ensuring our school becomes more conscious of environmental issues. Just last month, the council invited parents into school to provide feedback from a survey, which they had conducted, giving advice on how to recycle effectively. We are really proud of their teamwork. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like the information, please contact Jennie Hall via the main office.



Sycamore Adventure



Reception and Nursery went on a visit to the Sycamore Centre in Dudley. The children loved playing and exploring outside in the learning environment. Their favourite activities were climbing, riding around on the go-karts and enjoying water play in the waterfall and mini stream.

We had lots of fun and the children were amazing!

Thank you to all those adults who volunteered to come with us- we could not have gone without you.



Thank you to all the parents who came to support the children on Sports Day. It was a fantastic day and all the children had an amazing time! They should all be very proud of their effort and enthusiasm to do their very best in their races. It is clear we have some very talented sprinters in both our children and also our parents!

All EYFS/KS1 children took part in a sprint, egg and spoon and bean bag race. All KS2 children took part in a sprint, sack and hurdle race.

Congratulations to all the individual winners and also to the Osprey house who were the overall winners and held aloft the winner's cup.

Wednesbury Music Share

Our Key Stage Two choir made us so proud during their Music share Performance at Lichfield Cathedral. We collaborated with lots of other Wednesbury schools and had a fantastic time creating music with our friends. Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Badger & Mrs. Greasley were so proud of the children's behaviour all day, and Miss Sheen enjoyed watching us in concert! We are looking forward to our choir events next year!

Forest School



We are in the process of improving our forest school area for the benefit of all of the children. Certain things have been put out for the children to use and they need to stay where they are. In addition, there are things in this area that could potentially hurt the children if they are not properly supervised and wearing the appropriate clothing. For both of these reasons, please do not allow your children to play in this area before and after school. Thank you.

Sports Clubs

This year, the perseverance displayed from children during clubs ran after school and during lunchtimes has been exemplary. The commitment the children have shown doing countless amounts of laps around the school to train for cross country has been fantastic. The girls' and boys' football team have trained hard whilst helping one another which has been amazing and a pleasure to witness. On top of that, the Sports Slam Challenges that the children have taken part in this year have shown how capable the children are at pushing themselves and each other to new limits. Additionally, the Change Makers teaching cricket to the year 5 children was great to see how they worked together helping one another to learn the game. Well done to everyone.



Monday 5th September – Inset day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 6th September – Inset day (school closed to children)

Wednesday 7th September- First day back to school. School is open to children. Doors are open at 8:45am.



We aim to provide a wide range of pastoral support for our pupils and our families. Here is a short guide to what we have offered this year. If you are interested in finding out more information about any of these for the coming year, please contact our family worker, Michelle Hellend, on 0121 557 1034 or email her at michelle.hellend@harvillshawthorn.co.uk.

Murray Hall Trust

We have been fortunate to be able to offer a number of mental health and well-being workshops in school over the year. Murray Hall Trust has led these and we hope to offer more mental health support to our children next year.

Reflexions Mental Health Support Team

Reflexions MHST have been working in our school to provide therapeutic support and counselling to our children and families.

If you would like to discuss a referral to Reflexions please email Mr Brydon, SENCO, at ryan.brydon@harvillshawthorn.co.uk

We would also like to thank Reflexions and Sandwell Inclusion Support for the useful transition workshops they have delivered to our year 6 children to prepare them for High School.

'This is Me' (TIM) workshops

TIM is for children who are on the pathway to a diagnosis and is delivered by Black Country Helping Hands Service. The children who have attended this year enjoyed developing an understanding of their emotions and behaviours but most of all enjoyed receiving their monster emotions cards!

Black Country Helping Hands service have also delivered TIM for parents, "Managing Behaviours in Children with Different Needs".

There is another opportunity to attend TIM starting 12th September 2023 and we would love to see more of our families attending.

Arts of Change

We would like to thank Christian Dixon for continuing to provide a friendly, experienced and professional therapy and counselling service for pupils and our families.

Parenting Courses

We have been very fortunate this year to be able to offer free parenting courses:

- 'Triple P' stand for 'Positive Parenting Program'. This aims to support you and your family to manage behaviour in the household while raising happy, confident children.
- Stepping Stones is designed to support adults who have a child with a diagnosed disability and provides additional strategies to help.
- The Solihull Approach aims to increase emotional health and well-being for our parents.

Sandwell Young Carers

We would like to thank Sophie from Sandwell Young Carers for coming into school and supporting some of our young carers. Sophie's therapeutic workshops and one to one sessions have many benefits, including boosting confidence and self-esteem. The children received an amazing workbook and goody bag at the end of the programme.

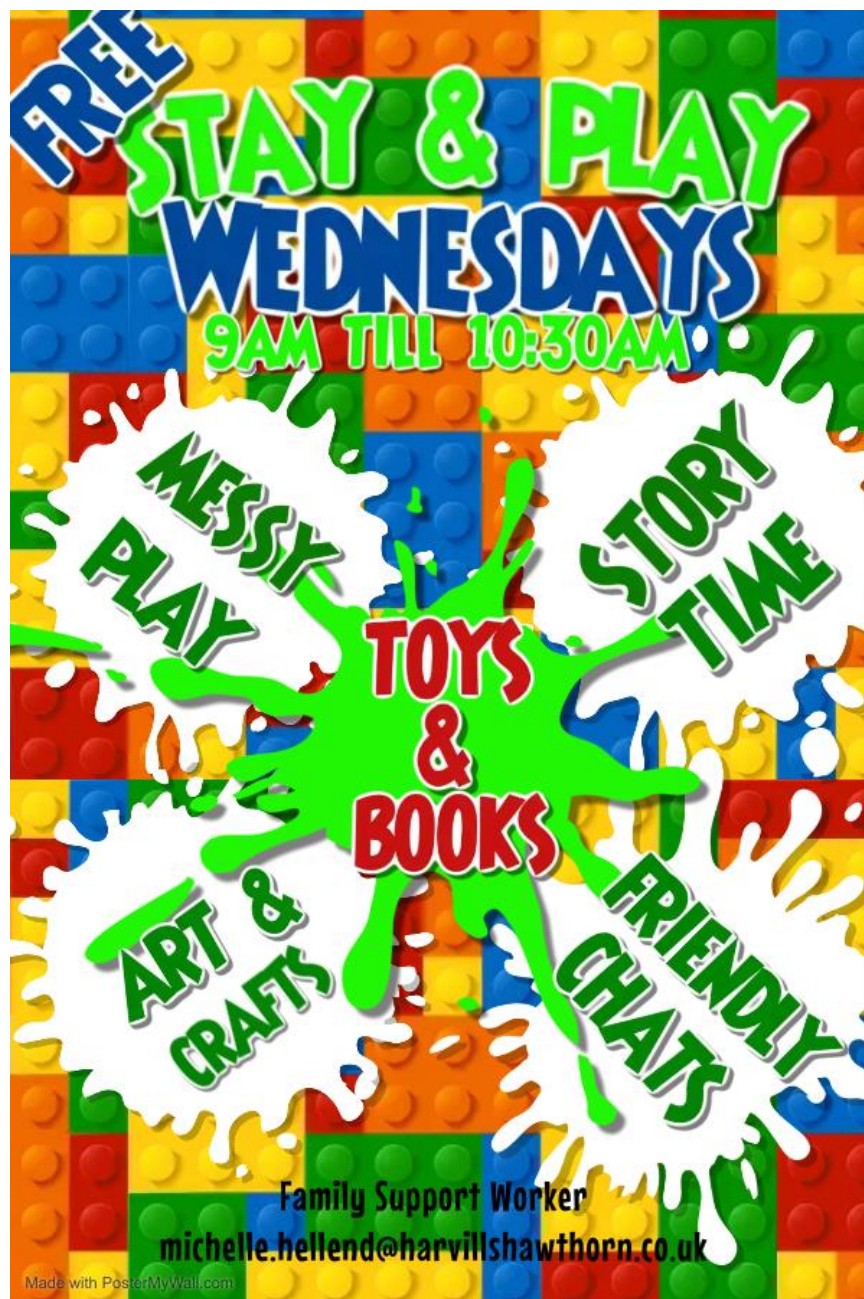
Young Carers help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition. They do extra jobs in and around the home, such as cooking, cleaning or helping someone get dressed and move around. They may also give a lot of physical help to a parent, brother or sister who's disabled or ill. Along with doing things, they may be giving their relative emotional support, too.

'Beats not Blades' Music Workshop

We would like to thank Nicole from the Amber Music Group for delivering a series of music workshops to children in year 6. They enjoyed learning music technology, song writing, beat-making and performance skills. We are proud to say that at the end of the sessions, they performed their raps to an audience of staff and pupils and were awarded an Arts Qualification for their work. This event was supported by Murray Hall Trust and Arts Council England.

Play and Stay

Thank you to our parents, Mel, Leanne and Aleks, for volunteering at our Play and Stay club. We really appreciate your time, talent and support as it allows us to continue our mission of offering a pre-school group. If you have a pre-school child, bring them along to join us for a cuppa and a chat while you support your children through play. This runs during school time in our school mobile so why not pop along and say hi.



Parents' Coffee Morning

We have been fortunate to have a number of interesting visitors and speaker at parents' coffee morning this year; however, most weeks it is just a much-needed opportunity for parents to talk to other parents and support each other. Come on over on a Monday morning once you've dropped the children at school and join us for a coffee and a chat.

Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers



Every Monday Morning
Harvills Hawthorn Primary School
9:00 am - 10:00 am

Come along and have a chat with Michelle
(Family Support Worker), Members of the
PTA & other Parents.

For further information, please contact
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