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Ben Arthur FUNDRAISER

Harmony Primary School staff recently undertook an inspiring trek to the summit of Ben Arthur, one of Scotland's most iconic mountains. Known for its breath taking vistas and challenging terrain, Ben Arthur, also referred to as The Cobbler, provided the perfect backdrop for our fundraising effort. Through the extraordinary generosity of our supporters, we not only met our fundraising goal but surpassed it, raising an incredible £12,100, Maa Shaa Allaah. Our Ben Arthur JustGiving page was one of the most successful last month, ranking in the top 1% of thousands of fundraisers.

Congratulations to the team for their exceptional effort, and heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support and contributions. This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without you.

Thanks to the generous support from our Ben Arthur Hike fundraiser, we've procured 15 brand-new laptops and visualizers for our students. This significant addition is a key part of our ongoing development as a school, enhancing the learning experience for all. Your support and generosity is truly making a huge difference! Baarak Allaahu Feekum!



HARMONY'S FOOTBALL STARS!

We are thrilled to announce the exceptional performance of our Year 4, 5, and 6 boys in this term's football tournaments. Our Harmony Boys were invited to participate in a prestigious London-wide 7-a-side football tournament. Marking their debut on this competitive stage, the Harmony Team displayed remarkable skills and teamwork against their competitors.

Our journey through the tournament highlighted their unwavering spirit and dedication. The semi-finals saw our team facing tough opposition, and we again triumphed with determination and teamwork, securing our place in the finals.

In the final match against Olive School, we faced formidable competition. Despite the challenge, we demonstrated resilience and skill, ultimately achieving an impressive second-place finish. We are proud of the performance and the sportsmanship our team exhibited throughout the tournament.

The entire Harmony Primary School community is proud of our boys' achievements. Their hard work and commitment have set a high standard, and we look forward to even greater success in future competitions. Well done, Harmony Boys! Let's aim for the championship next year, insha'Allah.

Harmony's Poet Laureate

We are thrilled to announce that Isma'il Whittaker has emerged as the winner of this year's poetry competition and has been crowned our new Poet Laureate! After competing against the entire school and impressing in the finals, Isma'il's talent and creative voice have set him apart. His profound poetry captivated the judges, earning him this well-deserved title. Congratulations, Isma'il, on this remarkable achievement!

My body

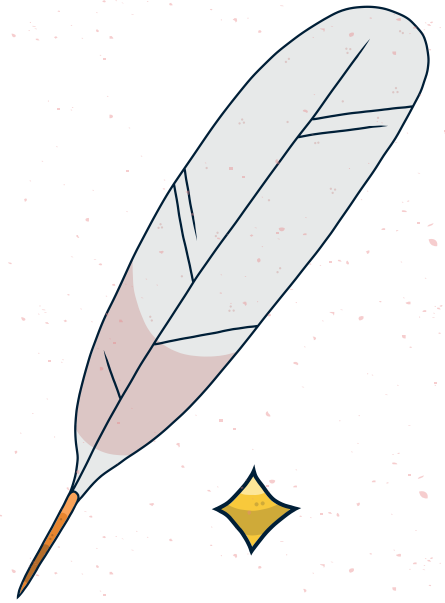
My fingers grip a pen so I can write,
My knees tremble when I'm scared,
Through my eyes I can use eyesight,
My lungs process the oxygen in the air.

My feet are what help me to stand,
My brain is what I use to think,
When making wudu I use my hands,
To get some water from the sink.

My teeth crunch the food I need to thrive,
My lips go blue when I am cold,
My blood circulates through me so I can survive,
My ears listen to stories both new and old.

My skull protects my precious brain,
My trachea is what air passes through,
My mind is what keeps me sane,
As my mouth reads this poem to you.

By Isma'il Whittaker



FROM PAGE TO CANVAS: YEAR 1 STUDENTS EXPLORE THE POWER OF IMAGERY



Through a series of art lessons, our Year 1 students explored how pictures can enrich our interpretations of literature. By bringing scenes from our guided reading book to life, we discovered new dimensions of the story, revealing insights and alternative interpretations that might have been overlooked. This fusion of visual arts and reading underscored the power of imagery in enhancing comprehension and engagement with texts, highlighting the strong cross-curricular links between art and literacy.

This year, our young artists embarked on an exciting artistic journey, showcasing their creativity and collaborative spirit. Utilising a variety of brushstrokes and artistic techniques, we worked together over a number of lessons to recreate a key event from our guided reading book. We were immensely proud of our finished work, dedicating significant effort and attention to detail in each session. This project not only honed our artistic skills but also deepened our understanding of the texts we encountered. The final piece stands as a testament to our hard work, creativity, and the profound connection between visual and literary arts.

PROFESSIONALLY CRAFTED EXPRESSIONS OF ELEGANCE



Over the last few weeks of the summer term, Year 2 students practised a wide range of art techniques in using colour, pattern, texture line, shape, and space to paint a Rooster with Wildflowers.

Every child has their own sketchbook, and these are used to jot down, sketch, annotate and develop ideas for their own pieces of art. Their passion for Art was clear when discussing and analysing their own as well as their peers' art.

The children experienced a wide variety of artistic sketches, strokes and shading in their art books as the first step of developing their skills. Gradually, this helped them see how simple short steps when woven together thoughtfully, would result in a very professional looking piece of art.

Next we will carry out research to identify similar artworks by famous artists and compare their work to those world famous artists.



END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIP TO **HAMPTON COURT PALACE**

Brimming with excitement and historical discovery, our trip to Hampton Court Palace offered Harmony Primary School an unparalleled opportunity to navigate the richly decorated palace of Henry VIII. We uncovered fascinating stories and secrets from the past as we explored the old kitchens, marvelling at the ancient cookware, enormous roasting spits, and various tools and utensils used in Tudor times.

Finally, we entered the famous Hampton Court Maze, weaving through the winding paths and working together to find our way out. Laughter and shouts of delight echoed as we twisted and turned, making this challenging adventure all the more exhilarating. Each corner turned brought us closer together, uniting us in our collective quest for the exit.

After our triumphant escape from the maze, we strolled through the magnificent gardens, soaking in the vibrant colours and intricate designs of the flowerbeds. The expansive lawns and sparkling fountains provided the perfect backdrop for our afternoon, allowing us to relax and enjoy the natural beauty surrounding us.

As we continued our exploration of the palace, we were captivated by the grandeur of the state rooms and the elegance of the Great Hall. The intricate tapestries and splendid architecture gave us a glimpse into the opulent lives of the Tudor monarchy and proved a memorable adventure to conclude our year!

YOUNG DESIGNERS EXPLORE BRITISH FASHION HISTORY



In Year 4, students explored the history of British fashion, examining iconic trends and styles that have influenced the industry over time. Immersed in the rich heritage of British clothing, the young learners were inspired to create their own unique t-shirt designs. From initial sketches to final products, each student infused their imagination and newly acquired knowledge into their designs, resulting in a vibrant collection celebrating both the past and present of British fashion. This hands-on project not only enhanced their design skills but also deepened their appreciation for the artistry and innovation that characterise the fashion world.

YEAR 3 ROLL UP! ROLL UP! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Exploring the fast paced world of advertising, in Year 3 we have been spotting adverts through a variety of mediums in the world around us. From TV commercials to billboards on walks, we were finding and identifying adverts in the most unexpected places. As we learned to become expert advert analysts, we then went on to create adverts of our own.


Taking time to design our own adverts for imaginary products, we learned the importance of catchy slogans, eye-catching images and persuasive language. Finally as billboard builders we transformed the classroom into a billboard design studio! Using cardboard and colourful markers, we created giant billboards to advertise our products.



YEAR 5 CREATES FABRIC CRUMB MASTERPIECES

This term, Year 5 embarked on a creative journey exploring "fabric crumb," a technique that makes use of small scraps of fabric to create abstract designs. Inspired by their memories from the school year, students were encouraged to convey their experiences and emotions through their fabric pieces. They experimented with the layering and overlapping of fabric pieces to bring their imaginative ideas to life. Each student produced a distinctive square, decorated with vibrant materials that encapsulated the essence of their school year.

Throughout this project, students honed their sewing skills by learning to use needles and thread to skilfully attach their fabric crumbs to the base fabric. They practiced various techniques such as stitching, layering, and overlapping, discovering how to securely fasten their abstract designs. Students explored different stitching patterns to enhance the visual appeal of their artwork, adding intricate details that showcased their growing proficiency and creativity in textile arts.



Harmony Expeditions Platinum Challenge : Aldenham Country Park **CAMPING**



This term, we embarked on our final Harmony Expeditions challenge, the highly anticipated Platinum Challenge. This grand finale involved an exhilarating overnight camping trip at Aldenham Country Park.

Embracing the spirit of adventure, we immersed ourselves in the beauty of the great outdoors, leaving behind the hustle and bustle of daily life.

As the sun set, casting a golden glow over the landscape, we set up our tents and gathered around the campfire. The crackling flames provided warmth and a cosy ambiance as we roasted marshmallows and shared stories under a starlit sky.

In the morning, we awoke to the gentle sounds of nature, feeling refreshed and invigorated. As we packed up our campsite, there was a sense of accomplishment and pride in having completed the Platinum Challenge.

Well done to all who participated in this remarkable journey! We look forward to many more adventures and memories with Harmony Expeditions!



YEAR 6: THE END OF A JOURNEY AND THE START OF A NEW ADVENTURE

As Shakelton's journey came to an end so must ours. The conclusion of this year marks a significant milestone for students who have shown remarkable growth, resilience, and determination. Like the explorer, they have demonstrated the heart and perseverance needed to face challenges and embrace new opportunities. Each moment, inside and outside the classroom, has contributed to shaping them into the confident individuals they are today.

Reflecting on their journey, the everyday moments and quiet achievements have accumulated to create a clear picture of their

growth. As they move on to the next chapter, they are encouraged to continually evaluate themselves, recognizing and developing their unique strengths—these advantageous characteristics will help them thrive in the new environments they will join. Striving for personal excellence, in their faith, academics, and beyond, remains a crucial pursuit. This moment is not only an end but also the beginning of a new and exciting adventure, filled with a myriad of possibilities.

Looking back, the students' time in Year 6 has been a mosaic of memories, experiences, and friendships. As they step into the next phase of their lives, the lessons learnt and the bonds formed will hopefully continue to inspire them, creating a strong foundation for their future endeavours.

Year 6 Class of 2024: Nura, Amir, Safah, Hussien, Maryam, Dariyan, Isma'il and Sara. You have crossed the finish line and the world beyond Harmony Primary School awaits you, congratulations and the very best of luck!



HARMONY EXPEDITIONS
GOLD CHALLENGE:

5km Trek & Picnic at Harrow Viewpoint

This term, as part of our ongoing Harmony Expeditions, we advanced with our next challenge. More than 50 parents and students embarked on the Gold Challenge, a thrilling 6km trek across the stunning Harrow Viewpoint. The day was brimming with adventure, camaraderie, and the splendour of the great outdoors, crafting lasting memories for everyone involved. As we traversed the path, we marvelled at the local wildlife, savoured sweeping panoramic vistas, and captured photos to commemorate the journey. Following the trek, we wrapped up the day with a group picnic, reinforcing bonds and fostering a vibrant sense of community.

Throughout the adventure, participants shared stories, laughter, and encouragement, making the experience even more enriching. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and students who joined us and made this event a resounding success. We eagerly anticipate the final leg of our journey, the Harmony Expeditions Platinum Challenge.



End of Year Parent Assembly

We congratulate all our students for their inspiring performances at the end-of-year assembly!

Each year group showcased their remarkable talents through captivating plays, heartfelt Quran recitations, and beautiful Nasheed renditions. The dedication and passion of our students were evident in every performance, leaving the audience in awe.

As the event drew to a close, the entire school united for the Grand Finale, performing the whole school nasheed in perfect

harmony. The school grounds echoed with cheers and applause from Harmony friends and families, a testament to our immense joy and pride in our students.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our parents for their support in the growth and success of our school and for making this event truly unforgettable.

Street Food Fiesta



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our students, parents and guests who joined us for Harmony Primary School's Street Food Fiesta on Saturday. The incredible effort in bringing culture and diversity was a sight to behold. The vibrant mix of flavours, aromas, and smiles created an unforgettable experience for everyone. Together, we raised an impressive total of £1744.36. Maa Shaa Allaah!

From the tantalising dishes that took our taste buds on a global tour to the bouncy castle that kept us entertained for hours, every moment was a celebration of community and togetherness. The fresh, buttery popcorn and freshly spun candy floss were a big hit with all. Adding to the excitement was the archery competition led by our very own 'Coach Mike', which brought out the competitive spirit in young and old.

A special thanks goes to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event run smoothly. Your dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful.

May Allah reward everyone who contributed to making this event such a tremendous success.