



Headteacher Updates

Hallam is blooming!



Hallam Fields has been blooming in several ways this year, which have all recently come to fruition: a whole-school collaborative sculpture, which was designed and made from upcycled and painted plastic bottles, was displayed at the recent Eco-rally at Cedars in July; our year 6 pupils performed brilliantly in their recent SATs; and finally, we are very proud to share our Ofsted report from the end of May with you.

We would like to thank the pupils, staff and school community for their contributions to every part of school life that makes Hallam Fields the school that it is.

Ofsted May 2024

You may be aware that Hallam Fields Primary School was visited by OFSTED in May. The inspectors carried out a graded inspection. This is a full inspection to judge the effectiveness of the school.

We are pleased to announce that the OFSTED team concluded that Hallam Fields Primary School is a good school with outstanding features - we were judged to be outstanding in three of the five inspection criteria - as the following quotes from the report demonstrate:

"Hallam Fields is an inclusive and highly ambitious school. The school expects all pupils to achieve well."

"Pupils interact with each other and staff with high levels of respect and courtesy."

"The school's character development offer is exceptional and is tailored to the school's unique vision and values."

Parents should have received a copy of the full report. It will be published on the OFSTED website in the next few days.



Headteacher Updates continued

Fantastic SATS Results

Please join us in celebrating a huge achievement. The children have done fantastically well. They have worked incredibly hard and deserve these outstanding results.

Many thanks to all the staff in school, and to the parents, for nurturing, supporting and teaching these pupils to believe in themselves and achieve so highly. We have surpassed all national averages. The table below shows our first ever SATS results.

Hallam Fields SATS data 2023-24

	GPS		Reading		Maths		Writing		RWM	
School AS (At Standard)	25/30	83%	25/30	83%	23/30	77%	24/30	80%	23/30	77%
School GD (Greater Depth 110+)	19/30	63%	10/30	33%	8/30	27%	5/30	17%	5/30	17%
National AS		72%		74%		73%		72%		61%
National GD		30%		29%		24%		13%		8%

We end this year with a heartfelt goodbye to our first set of Year 6 pupils and I would like to take a moment to wish them well on their journey into secondary education and beyond. We have nurtured and inspired them and are sending them on their way to pastures new. We wish them every success in the years to come. They will be missed and we hope that they will come back and visit us in the not-too-distant future.

We have had another year of fun events and activities that the pupils, staff and families have enjoyed. This term we celebrated Pride Month with the Trust's annual Pride event. We held a D&T Exhibition, a parent open classroom to share pupil books and some pupils took part in a climate change rally. We were super proud of our Year 5 pupils who delivered their speeches and a poem at the Y Theatre in June. EYFS went to find out more about the Gruffalo at Beaumanor Hall; Year 1 took part in a Sports Rally; Year 2 visited a Gurdwara; Year 3 visited Cedar Mews to play board games with the residents; Year 4 visited a Mandir, Year 5 and 6 went to the Curve Theatre to watch the play 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' as well as spending a day at Leicestershire County Cricket Club; and Year 6 visited The Warning Zone!



Headteacher Updates continued

Hallam was awarded the Music Mark as we launched our new music curriculum. We held a D&T Exhibition, a Drumming Concert and a Piano Concert. One of our pupils was awarded a national award in Cardiff for her entry into a 'Speaking up for Trees' competition.

6R Awards

Aman and Tyler were awarded the 6R champions Award for consistently following the 6Rs during their time at Hallam Fields. They have been positive role models in their daily conduct both academically and socially, inspiring other pupils to be the best that they can be by showing respect, responsibility, resourcefulness, resilience, reflection and reciprocity.

Fundraising Total - The Little Princess Trust

The final total raised by Kiran was a fabulous £104.32 from the lolly sales. To date she has raised a staggering £1579! Go Kiran! We are super proud of all of your hard work and dedication to support this deserving charity.

School Fundraisers

A huge thank you to the Mrs Birkin and Miss Rowlands who organised many fun events this year including a disco, school magician, raffle, refreshments stall for Sports Days and also arranged for an ice cream van to visit school at the end of the day after our Hallam Fest. Delicious ice creams were enjoyed by all.

Governors

To all our parents and carers, thank you for your patience and support this year. A special thanks to our parent and community governors for taking the time out of their personal lives to join our evening meetings and support the school in its mission to provide the best education for all. They have listened, challenged, supported and advised throughout the year.

Thank you to Pretty, Del, Praveena, Anisha and Jessica for their time, questions, advice and wise words. A massive thanks to Sarah Parton, our Chair of Governors for keeping us all on the straight and narrow!

Please read on to find out more about some of the highlights for each class this year.



Rabbit Class



We have had a brilliant year in Rabbit Class! There have been so many highlights over the year that it has been hard to pick out just a few. The children settled in amazingly at the beginning of the year and have continued to work hard. We are so proud of them!

Over the year, we have learnt about Remembrance Day: the children took part in a two-minute silence to remember all the soldiers who fought in the war. We have learnt about different religions and celebrated different religious festivals. For Diwali, we dressed up in traditional clothing and wore bright colours and for Christmas the children put on a performance of the Nativity story. We have had a visit from the police who told us all about their job. The children looked FANTASTIC dressed up as 100 years old to celebrate their 100th day in EYFS. We have really enjoyed welcoming the parents into class for the Christmas decorations, maths and mindfulness open mornings.

We have also enjoyed sharing our sports day and it was lovely to see all the parents taking part. We would like to say a very big thank you for your continued support with the school and your child over the year. It has been a pleasure teaching your children this year and we have enjoyed watching them develop in their learning and grow with confidence. We are so proud of the children and we wish them all the best for Year 1!



Bear Class



What a fantastic year we have had in Bear Class! We are incredibly proud of the children – they have worked extremely hard. There have been so many highlights – Diwali, Christmas Decoration Day, World Book Day and Sports Day to name just a few! A particular highlight this term was our trip to Attenborough Arboretum. The children had a great time learning all about the signs of spring. They went on a spring walk, planted seeds, took part in a spring dance, made muddy hand print pictures and built bird nests.



Hedgehog Class



It has been a fantastic year in Hedgehog Class and when asked to pick our highlights there were too many for us to choose from. So here are a few of our absolute favourites.

In art, we have explored using clay, to make dragons eyes, natural materials, to create a natural sculpture in the style of Andy Goldsworthy, we also used paints, to create a background to represent the Great Fire of London.

Our minds have been filled with wonderful historical knowledge about medieval castles and knights and the fascinating event of the Great Fire of London. We even made our own fire engines in D&T! In geography, we learnt all about protecting our planet and it has made us extremely passionate about saving our planet and we enjoy doing all that we can to help the environment around us. For example, we turn off our classroom lights when we are outside, we are mindful about the amount of paper we use and we also make sure that we recycle the paper we do use.

What a wonderful year we have had in Hedgehog class!



Fox Class



Fox class has had a very busy year and worked incredibly hard. There have been many highlights to choose from and here are just some of our best.

We went to a Tennis Festival at Birstall Watermead Tennis Club, where we got to take part in different activities led by a member of the club. The sun was shining, we had fun and it was a great day.

In Design and Technology (as part of our Geography unit on natural disasters), we made floodproof houses out of cardboard, bubble wrap, aluminium foil and tape and tested whether they were in fact, floodproof!



Badger Class



Throughout this year, Badger class has taken part in loads of fun activities! From visiting the Bosworth Heritage Centre and making our own fairground rides, to performing in front of hundreds of people at De Montfort Hall! It has truly been another year for Badger class to remember.

Good luck in year 5!



Squirrel Class

Squirrel class started its year in a magical environment ... as pupils at Hogwarts School. Unfortunately, very soon the young Squirrels were in trouble having received howlers from their grown-ups. Their school diaries explained their misdemeanours and Squirrels wrote persuasive letters home to convince grown-ups that they could stay in school. Using a time-turner device, pupils travelled to Ancient Greece, where they learnt about religion, democracy, city states and myths, before using products from the region to design and bake their own Greek bread.



Another twist on their time-turner device, brought Squirrel class back to the present. However, the GPS navigation system was slightly inaccurate and the children were left to explore Space. Pupils learnt about the main bodies in the Solar System; created Space artwork in the style of the artist Peter Thorpe; and designed and built battery-powered moon buggies in case of an unscheduled lunar landing. Squirrel class also completed their astronaut training during their visit to the National Space Centre.



One final twist on the time-turner brought Squirrel class back to the Earth's surface ... well, almost to the surface. Pupils designed and built their own bridges, which were then connected to each other to attempt to build the world's longest model bridge. The attempt ended in glorious failure (although the internal inquest is still ongoing!) Squirrel class enjoyed a day out at Leicestershire County Cricket Club learning all about cricket.



The end of the year brought a wonderful performance in the end of year show, alongside year 6, where I wish Squirrel class good luck next year.



Owl Class



This has been a very special last term for Year 6 at Hallam and they have worked incredibly hard. Their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to putting on their end of year production was a joy to see. Each child shone in their roles and they have really made all the staff at Hallam so proud! After putting on an incredible performance, they have continued to work tirelessly towards their final goodbye with their Leavers' assembly on our last day which is sure to be a fitting end to their journey through Hallam.



ECO NEWS

The Eco Ambassadors have had a busy year!

The children introduced the Penguin of Power to Hallam Fields as an incentive for classes to turn off lights and electrical equipment when it is not in use. The most energy efficient class is awarded the Penguin of Power in the celebration assembly each week.

We have been lucky to be involved in The Wildlife Friendly Schools Project, which was funded by WWF and Air Wick. As part of the project, we planted a hedgerow, created a pond area, and the children were able to participate in a variety of wildlife workshops.

We also participated in the Less Litter for Leicester campaign. Every class went on a litter-pick and we collected 25.5kg of litter!



The Eco Ambassadors worked hard on our entry for the 'Grow Your Own Grub' competition. Hallam's wheelbarrow was displayed at Abbey Pumping Station on Saturday 6th July.





ECO NEWS continued

This term, each child in school decorated a recycled plastic bottle to create a mural of our school logo, which was displayed at the first ever Lionheart Eco Rally and even had a brief appearance on BBC East Midlands News!. The Eco Ambassadors had a great time at the rally. The children enjoyed penning letters to parliamentary leaders, constructing placards with their own climate change messages and creating bee bombs. A number of stalls were also set up on the field, sharing information about energy saving and growing food and looking after hedgehogs.



Our Eco Ambassadors were invited to take part in the Young Tree Champion's Speaking Up for Trees and Nature competition. The children recorded passionate and creative speeches about the importance and beauty of trees and nature. Five children from Hallam Fields were national finalists and we are thrilled to announce that Neha from Year 2 was selected as the overall winner for Key Stage 1. The Tree Council said that they



'loved Neha's entry and were particularly impressed by her positive tone and cheerful delivery.' Neha was invited to attend an awards event at St Fagan's National Museum of History to receive her prize. Neha performed her speech live at the awards event, and this was streamed live at the Force for Nature Festival on Thursday 27 June.



Support over the Summer

If you do require any help or support we are always here for you. Please visit our Support and Wellbeing page under Key Information on our website

<https://www.hallamfields.org.uk/key-information/support-wellbeing/>

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any safeguarding concerns or safeguarding information please email DSL@hallamfields.org.uk For any Child Safeguarding Concerns outside of school hours, please contact Leicestershire First Response Children's Duty on [0116 305 0005](tel:01163050005).

... and finally...

Another incredible year for Hallam Fields. It was our first year with all classes present from EYFS to Year 6. OFSTED visited us in May, we had our first ever Year 6 SATS and delivered our first ever Year 6 production 'The Lion King' - and what an utterly brilliant performance that was! The children are incredible, the staff are amazing. Thank you for working with the school to make it the best it can be. Wishing you all a restful summer break. We look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 28th August. Stay safe.

Best wishes

*Mrs Sultana and all the staff at Hallam
Fields*