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The Harbinger Primary School newspaper is written by the children for the school community. Our newspaper is published every half term.

Togetherness

Harbinger Teams up to Break Record

by *Chronicles Team*

On 3rd October 2024, Harbinger school and 125,000 children across 1000 schools in the UK, collaborated to break the Guinness World Record for the largest poetry lesson, as it was National Poetry Day.

The young poets worked collectively on the creation between 9:30-10:45am, in their school's assembly halls, linked via video call in the metaverse!

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Togetherness

Battle of the Bands

By Inaaya



On Friday the 7th of February, Jade and Jet started getting their gaming hand ready for the battle of the bands.

For 30 suspenseful minutes Jet were winning their way to victory. Ismail reported, “the battle of the bands was fun and exciting.” Haajar explained “It a was fun game, and I enjoyed the lovely time playing with my friends and think it was a great time to collaboratively share what status we all were!”

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Editorial

Question of the Issue:



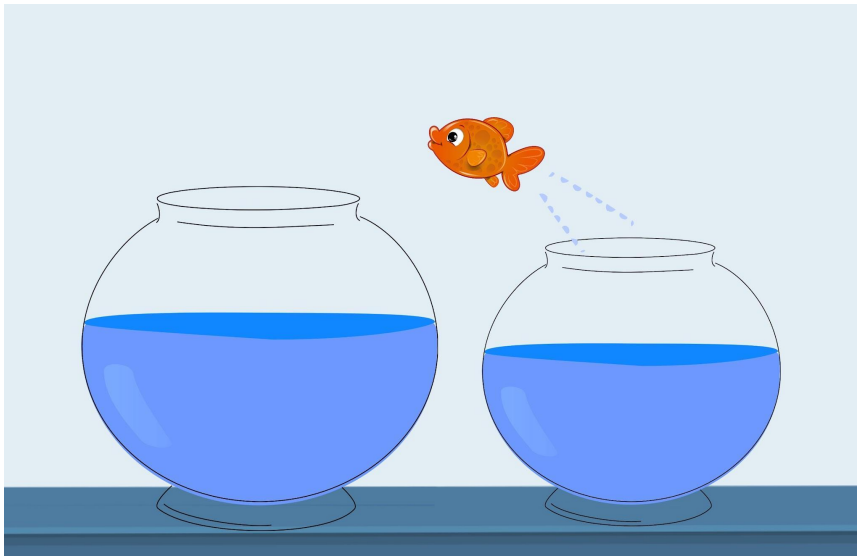
Can you think of a time when a change in your routine felt difficult at first but ended up being a good thing? What helped you adjust, and what did you learn from the experience?

Tanisha: My biggest routine change was when I moved. we leave a lot earlier but it is definitely worth it!

Safwan: Don't stop believing that you will be fine and no matter what happens, stay in your 'Green Zone.'

Numairah: My biggest routine change happened this year. Now I have to wake up on my own and change myself.

Zahrah: My biggest routine change was when I started wearing glasses, I had to clean them every day



Asiya: My biggest routine change was going to secondary school, it was hard but now it is like not a single change happened at all. I learnt that time is the key to a good adjustment.

Haajar: My biggest routine is when i had a little baby sister and when i had to do lots of things by my self without any help. Also when i started wearing Hijab.

Inaaya: My biggest change was when I had to start doing my own things and taking responsibility for myself.

Anas: What would help adjust to a new routine is just giving it a shot! You might like it

We Broke the Guinness Poetry World Record

by Zayd

Last half term, you probably heard that we broke the world record for the most children attending the poem working together to create it!

The previous record had around 40,000 children attending. Our record had over 100,000 children attending.

Amazing! This means our school officially are participants of the record. Is that cool? You could call yourself famous, now... Or later... I guess. Imagine. You, being famous. Well, I guess you won't get the certificate. Or will you? Yay! Feel proud. You could be. You should be.



Poetry Lesson from p. 1

Excited children made their way in a whirl of imagination, piling into the top hall, to forge the masterpiece that would earn them the title of 'Record Holders'. This is a really good experience if you would like to become a writer (or a poet) because it gives you the opportunity to see the hard work it is to be a writer/poet.

We asked Fiona, Deputy Headteacher, how the school organised this event.

"It was a logistical nightmare for the adults present! But it was worth it in the end," reported the tired teacher enthusiastically.

The children and staff waited **three long months** for the results to be verified, before hearing the amazing news.

"I am super grateful that Harbinger participated in this wonderful event" announced Tom, with a proud smile.

To sum up this article, Harbinger and other schools used their wonderful teamwork skills to complete their goal-passing the Guinness World Record for the most amount of people committed to one poem.

Not everyone achieves these accomplishments, even adults, but these children showed interest and commitment and succeeded.





Learning

Science can be Disgusting

by Ibtisaam

On Wednesday 22nd January, all Year 6 went on a trip to George Green's Secondary School. Our final destination was the school's science laboratory.

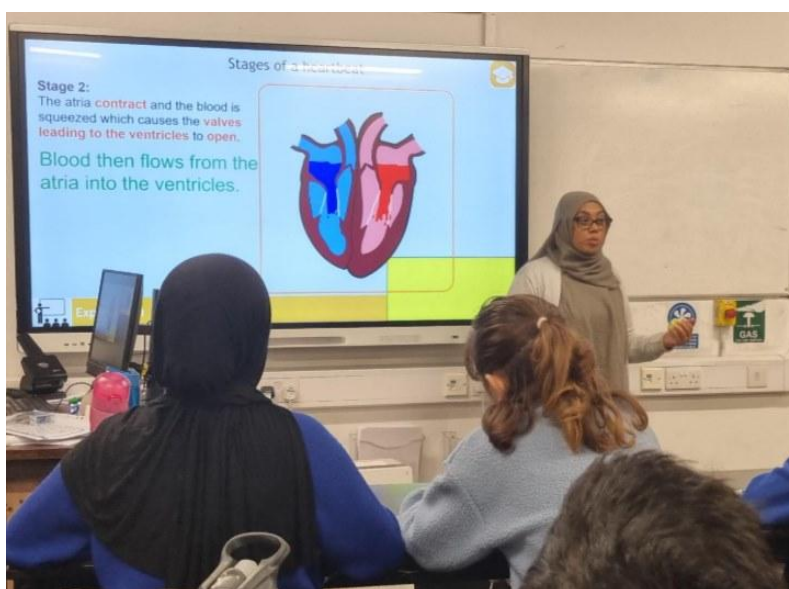
After the science teacher did some explaining, we had to dissect a sheep's heart. We got to touch it with gloves. It was very gross.

Lots of people chose to touch it, but some children and adults felt a bit sick.

When we were touching it, it felt cold and wet, and it also smelt bad. The trip was incredibly fun, and we completed a couple of worksheets about the circulatory system!

Yes, it was an actual sheep's heart which was very disgusting.

If you want to see more, you can ask Sultana, as she organised the trip.



Well-Being

Head Lice Invades

by Kulsuma

On Friday, a class received a letter sent home about head lice. Now, don't worry, head lice are a common occurrence in all schools and are extremely treatable.

The letter explained how we can avoid head lice. Everyone, when you get home ask your parents to check your hair. You have to check your hair at least every week or so. Don't be afraid, it's just little bugs that are in your hair...

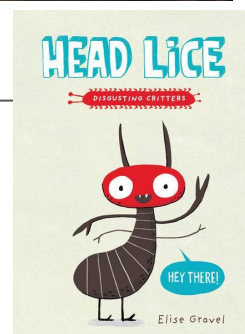
What repels head lice?

Treatment for head lice includes using over-the-counter medicated or prescription shampoos, lotions or creams that eliminate head lice.

Over-the-counter medicated shampoos contain a substance called pyrethrin or permethrin that kill lice and nits, lice eggs.

Hair conditioner kills head lice as well as does shampoo.

Don't be afraid, just follow that advice you will be okay. Make sure you check your hair weekly.



Battle of the Bands Cont'd from p. 1

"I think it sounds very exciting and I can't wait to see who finally wins" Tom shared full of excitement "I think it's very exciting and I am hoping Jade class wins this suspenseful battle" Zahrah hoped.

Excitedly Jet was winning with a simple 402-120 with Jet in the lead. At the time of this writing, everyone was full of suspense daydreaming about who would win this battle. A lot of Jade Class children were hoping that they would win but, how the tables have turned.

Jet class have been holding the trophy 🏆 and have made a smashing result of winning their way through the top of the rocks (in lower key stage 2). Ever since Jet class have played any completed battles, they have drawn the line to where they will stand, at the top. The total score is 12,449 and the Jade class total score is 3362.

With great cheer, I was also kind of convinced we would not win and cheering on everyone's hard work and dedication towards this competition. We were all super hyped about having another chance to play battle of the bands. The next Lansbury vs Harbinger tournament is happening as I write this article and it is just so overwhelming but so nice to have this spectacular chance to play with friends, family and worldwide. It is also so cool to have this chance year after year to get your brains back ready in your green zone.

Jet class, all over Harbinger and across the world are all great and talented rock stars. Now, I am going to explain the status and I will also tell you the speed you need. I am going to start from lowest to highest.

New artist/beginner no speed,
Wannabe take 10sec,
Garage Rocker take 10sec,
Busker takes 9sec,
Gigger takes 8sec,
Unsung act takes 7sec,
Breakthrough artist takes 6sec,
Support act takes 5sec,
Headliner takes 4sec,

Rock star takes 3sec,

Rock legend takes 2sec

Rock hero takes 1sec

Question: What rock status are you in TTRS? 😊

P.S A huge shout out to Jade class for playing no matter what and keep on going! And a shout out to the teachers who helped Jet and Jade with their times tables. 😊

Togetherness

The Nurture Fire Truck

by Ismail

Every child in nurture group stepped outside school on January 23 and saw a fire truck parked in the school yard.

Children were allowed to get onto the truck and it was a happy time for the nurture children. It was the best and it was super fun. The fire truck itself was humongous.

We even got to hold the fire hose! The hose is 80 metres long! The children were flabbergasted when they heard about it and the size of it. A year one surprisingly got to hold and spray the hose! Everyone else was disappointed to not have a turn but there was no time.



The children had such a great time even though it was raining. They could not wait for it, especially Denise's group which includes Dolly, Amira, Grace, Yahya, Donny and me.

We were way more happy about seeing the fire truck instead of hearing about it.



Learning

Dragon's Den is Back

by Zahraa and Haajar

Year five classes, Amber and Turquoise class are doing a special project called Dragon's Den

Dragon's Den is an event that is organized by HSBC Bank. They run the competition every year for year fives and it is hosted at their Canary Wharf location.

What is Dragons Den?

So in Dragons Den, groups of year five children invent a product to help the world. We work in teams to create an idea for the community! The school who wins earns a trophy.

So you may be wondering ... who are the dragons?

The dragons are the judges!

Togetherness

Join us for Chess

by Vihaan and Zayd

Chess club is every Wednesday after school. Come to club to learn chess and stay to hear TOM's jokes.

We are currently learning about the 50 chess principles. Tom says "if you learn the 50 principles you could crush anyone in chess," and even Tom.



This would be a brilliant opportunity for you to show off your skills or learn how to play and work your way up to become a pro.

If you're not interested that is fine, but if you are feel free to ask Tom.

Well-Being

Tom and the Broken Frames

by Zahrah

It was an ordinary day and suddenly, Tom pulled broken glasses out of his pocket.

"Awww there goes another pair of glasses!" Jade class bursted with laughter.

"Why are you laughing? Its £150. After school, Tom got a new pair of glasses but he dropped them on the floor.

"Seriously," Tom confirmed.

The next day, Tom stated "sadly, I broke my new glasses" Jade class asked Tom "why do you keep on breaking your glasses?"

The next day Tom brought a new pair of glasses and he was careful with them until he sat down to read a book ...on his glasses!

They broke immediately.

Why do I keep on breaking my glasses," asked Tom while raging.

Jade class felt bad. "We need to think of a plan to get him new glasses," Jade class announced.

Jade class went to the shops. They bought some new glasses. When they presented them to Tom something unexpected happened.

"Thank you so much, Jade class" Tom yelled "No one has ever done this for me," he said, hugging everyone in one go.

Since that day, Tom has always been careful with his glasses.

Remember teachers: sometimes kids can be helpful. 😊



Word Search Fun

by Vihaan

School Subjects

F U S X Y A F O S U R K T L A H Z N U M U G L H
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- Physical Education
- Social Studies
- Theater
- Tech Ed
- Library
- Science
- Reading
- Health
- Math
- Art

Togetherness

Harbinger Shoutouts

by the Chronicles Team

I know, we wouldn't usually encourage shouting out... but for this, we make an exception.

We would like you to have your say.

Would you like to have some shoutouts from you in our newspaper? Is there someone you would like to nominate for going above and beyond in some way?

If you think that someone at Harbinger needs a shout-out in our newspaper next issue, let one of the journalists know.

The names of the current team are here:



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| Dawud Opal | Safwan Amber |
| Anas Opal | Aaqil Amber |
| Kulsuma Opal | Ibtisaam Opal |
| Yasin Opal | Ameera Opal |
| Zayd Opal | Zahraa Amber |
| Raayan Jade | Alisha Turquoise |
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