

Harestanes Primary School Newsletter - September 2026

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of September, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what continues to be a very positive start to the new year at Harestanes Primary. I hope you have been

enjoying a snapshot of a few of these highlights through our weekly Magic Moments and via Teams/Seesaw.

Across the school there has been a real focus on building relationships, showing respect and responsibility and encouraging every child to be the best they can be! I have been particularly pleased to see our children demonstrating our updated school values of respect, perseverance, ambition and responsibility in so many different ways.

As we move into term 2, I would encourage all parents and carers to stay connected with the school, read our newsletters and communications carefully and support your child to engage fully with the learning opportunities and events taking place. Your encouragement at home, regular communication with us and involvement in school life make a real difference to your child's experience and success.

I am incredibly proud of the positive start we have made together and I look forward to all that the next few months will bring. Thank you as always for being such an important part of our Harestanes community.

Warmest wishes,

Jillian Grant

Head Teacher

Fundraising



This year our school community will be coming together to support cancer charities in memory of our much-loved colleague and part of our school team, Nancy Kirk. Nancy was a valued member of our office team.

Our P4/5 pupils are learning about the important work carried out by a number of charities including Cancer Research.

Our staff have already begun our fundraising efforts, holding a coffee morning and raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support. It was a lovely opportunity for colleagues to come together, remember Nancy and support a charity whose work is so important to many families.

Over the coming months we will be planning further fundraising activities across the school. We hope that these will provide opportunities for our children to learn about giving, kindness and making a positive difference to others, while also allowing our whole school community to come together in Nancy's memory.

New School Consultation

The Council are currently embarking on a feasibility study for replacing Harestanes Primary School . Representatives from East Dunbartonshire Council will be visiting our school on Tuesday 6th October and conducting consultation and engagement sessions with some of our pupils, staff, and members of our Parent Forum. There will then be a consultation for the local community in the school on Wednesday 7th October from 6pm to 8pm. All are welcome to attend.

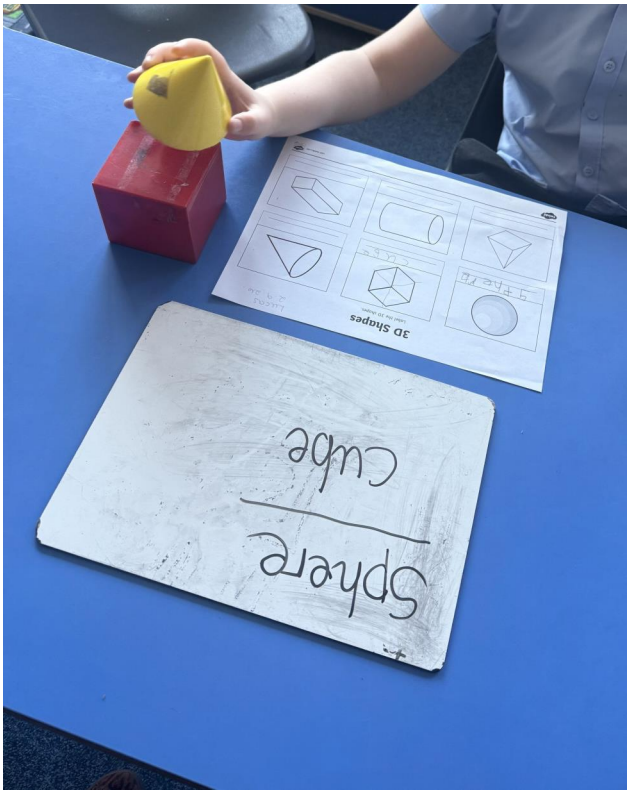
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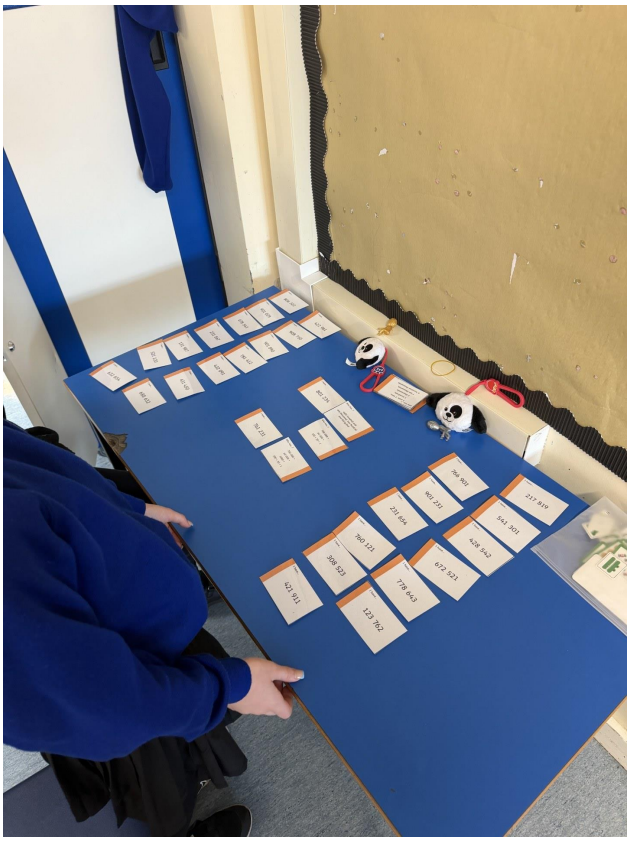
Last week was Maths Week Scotland. Across the week, children have taken part in additional numeracy activities in their classes. They have all been involved in a Sumdog National Competition using iPads and laptops in school. They have taken part in a BBC Maths Quiz or Maths Problem solving challenges. Here are some photos from the week.

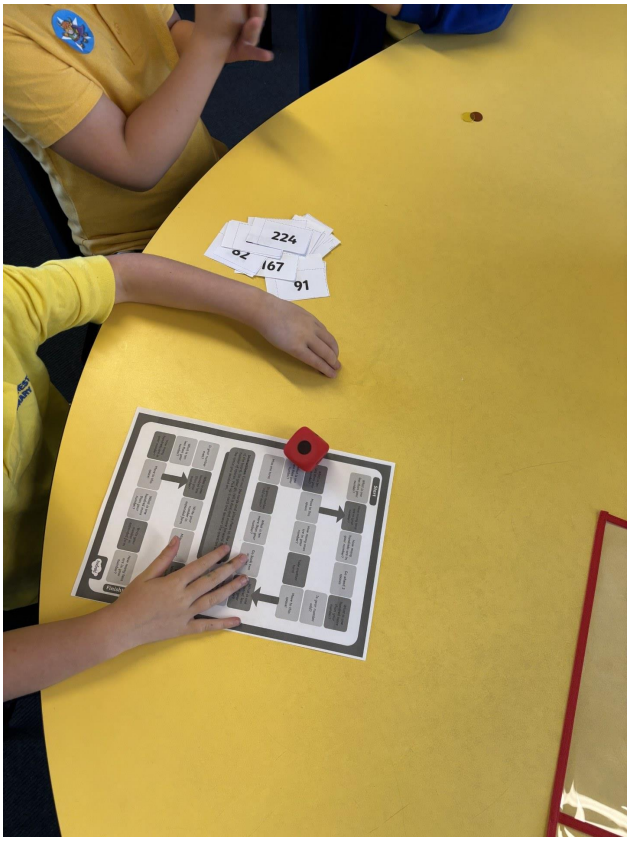

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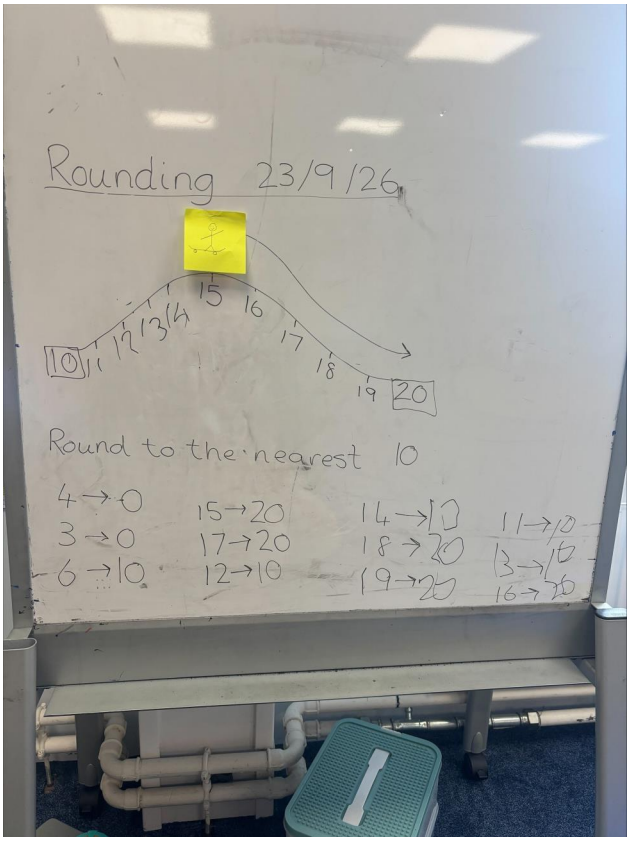


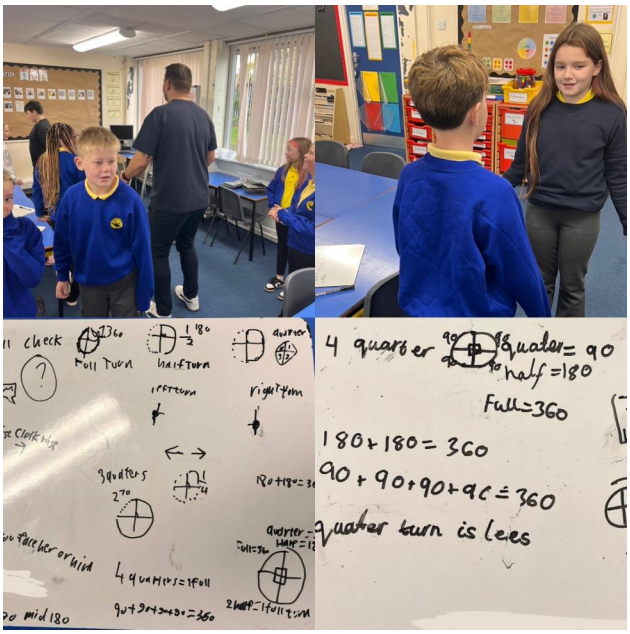



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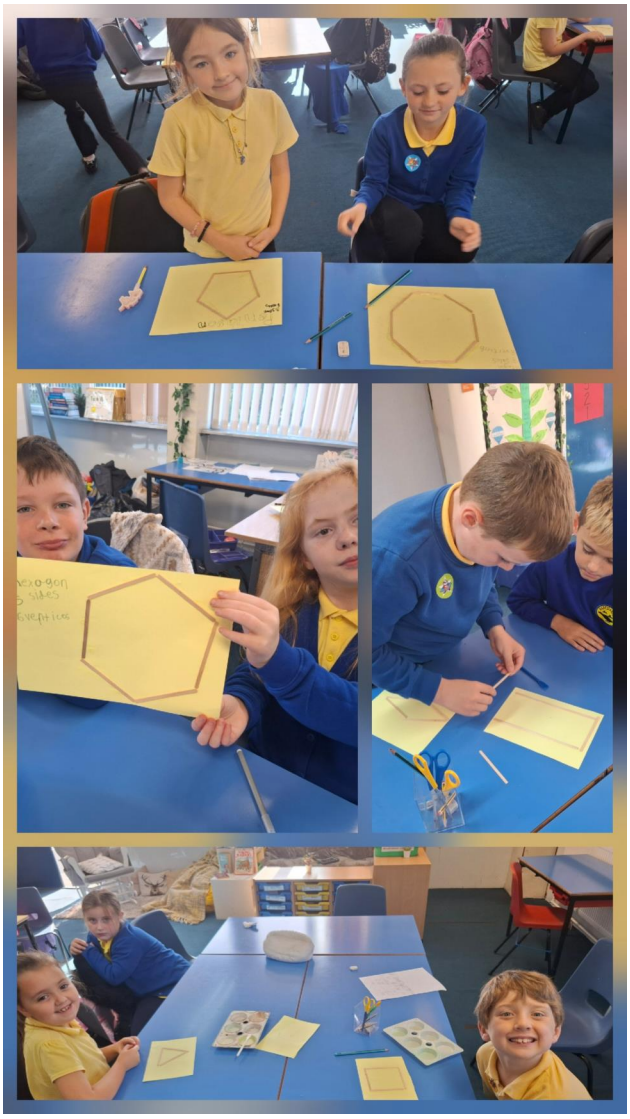

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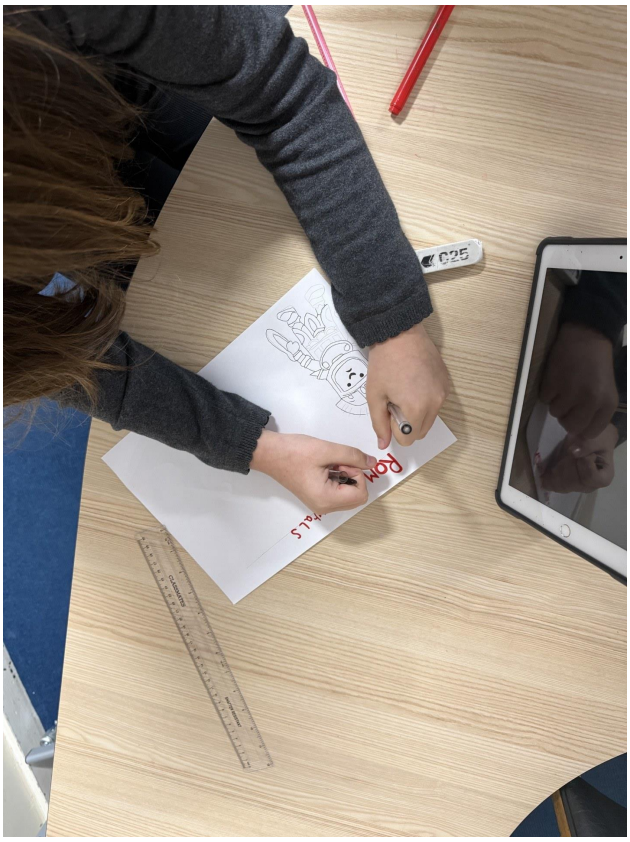



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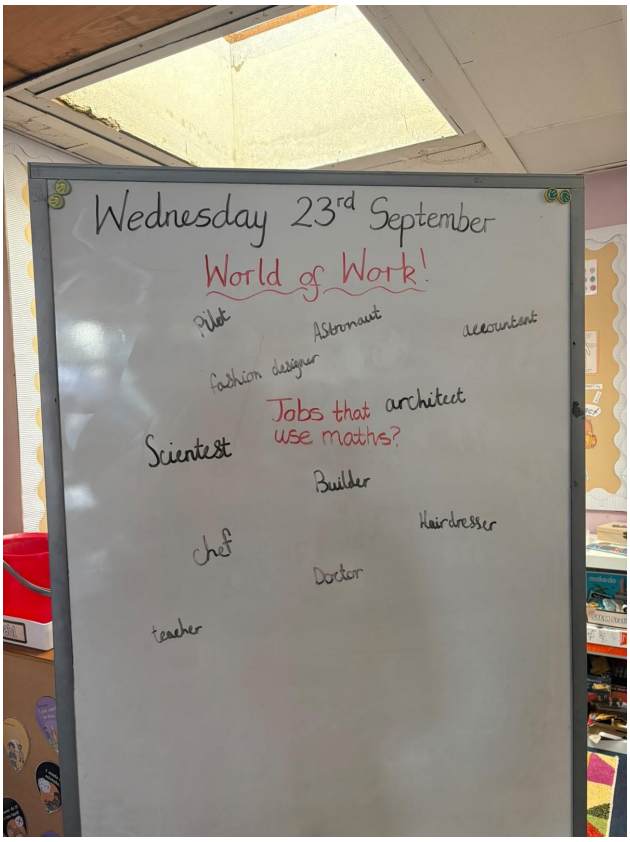

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STEM Day

During Maths Week, we had a STEM Day for pupils in P5-P7. They took part in workshops where they worked in groups to build a wheelbarrow, with only pictures to guide them. They had to work as a team, use trial and error, and problem-solve until they could safely push a balloon around in the wheelbarrow without it falling out!





Pupil Leadership Groups



At Harestanes Primary, all of our children go into Pupil Leadership Groups. However, at first it is just P2-7. P1s will join a group after Christmas. This year, we have the following leadership groups:

- Digital/STEM Group
- Rights Respecting Schools Group
- Choir
- Health Committee
- Literacy Champions

- Pupil Council
- Playground Improvement
- Play Committee
- House Captains

We are looking forward to seeing what improvements they are going to make to Harestanes.




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School Improvement Planning



This year as a school we have identified two main priorities. These were decided through consultation with parents. pupils and staff.

We will continue to focus on wellbeing and inclusion, all staff across the school will receive training in supporting children's regulation and we will work collaboratively to agree whole school expectations and approaches.

We will also have a focus on excellent learning and teaching in our classrooms, staff will be exploring the features of highly effective practice and using these features to raise achievement and attainment with a focus on writing.

We look forward to sharing our progress with you over the year ahead.

Meet the Teacher

This term, we had a 'Meet the Teacher' event to allow parents and carers to come and see their children's classroom, meet their teacher and find out more about their learning. Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope you found it useful.

The slides the teacher's prepared were then sent home to families so that everyone could receive the same information.



New Vision, Values and Aims

Last session, we gathered pupil, parent/carer and staff views about the school vision, values and aims. We collated this information and have created a new vision, values and aims for Harestanes. Please see the pictures below.







School Car Park



Just a reminder that parents/carers should not enter our school car park in the morning unless by prior agreement. It can be very busy with taxis and we have had a couple of near misses recently. For those dropping children off to our ELR we ask that you reduce your speed for the safety of all of the children. We appreciate your support with this.

Parent Discussion Forum and PTA



The next meeting for the Parent Discussion Forum and PTA will be on **Thursday 12th November from 3.15pm - 4:15pm at Harestanes Primary School.** Everyone is welcome to join us. We will run a creche to support everyone to attend. The more the merrier! Please see below to find out more about these groups and what we do.

Parent Discussion Forum

- Works in partnership with the school to support learning, share parents' views and help shape school priorities.
- Gives you a direct voice in decisions that affect your child's education.
- A chance to find out more about how the school runs and what's happening across the year.

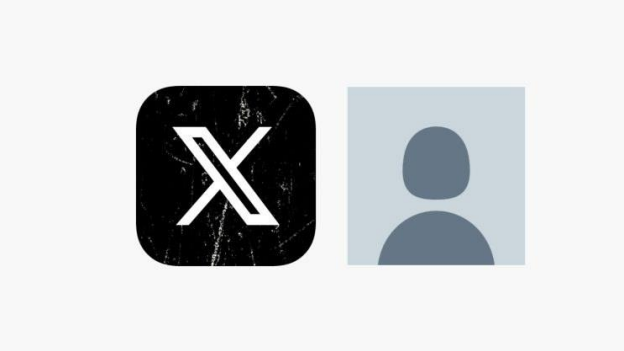
PTA

- Focus on organising events and activities that raise valuable funds for the school.
- Helps build a sense of community through fun activities for children and families.
- A great way to meet other parents and get involved in the school life.

Being part of either group does not mean a big time commitment - any help, however small, is valued.

If you are interested in joining or would like to know more, please get in touch with the school office. We would love to hear from you!

X/Twitter



If you would like to receive regular updates from X (previously known as Twitter), please follow @HarestanesPS. This is a protected and locked site and is not available to the general public.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office if you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for your support.

Jillian Grant

Head Teacher