

## HELP FOR HARRISON – CHARITY FUNDRAISER

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Grey clouds rolling in, the pitter patter of rain; these were not a promising foundation to begin our Saturday morning. Resolutely though, stalls were set up, gazebos erected and people started to arrive steadily.

The heavy rainfall after only half an hour reminded us that we were after all organising a Summer Fete in Britain. The only uncontrollable factor – the weather – was just not behaving itself. Undeterred, students were a credit to the school as they enthusiastically encouraged visitors to the range of stalls.

In bright orange, a team of committed charity helpers encouraged people at

the Fete to register for Harrison's Walk. In spite of adverse conditions, the race began. Those participating in the run set off first, closely followed by over 80 people, walking for Harrison. Connor Johnson and Rachel Holmes were the

first to complete the race and were greeted by a smiling Harrison, with their trophies.

Throughout the day, people dug deep and donated to

Harrison, taking the walk around the school field. With their generosity they brought us one step closer to enabling Harrison to one day be able to take the same simple action. The final walk was completed with Harrison's family, alongside Harrison in his chair.

**"I feel that little Harrison deserves to walk. He is such a brave young boy and I want to do everything I can to help."**

*Ann Duggins Y10*

Harrison's journey at Ash Green School began eight months ago with 7A's community project. It has been an exciting, challenging and successful project.

Comments from the students highlight both the success of the project and what it has meant to them:



Ellie Wall Y7: "As Harrison is unable to walk, I felt it was unfair and I wanted this to change so Harrison could get a better chance in life. I am so pleased that as a community and a school, we are supporting Harrison to make his life easier."

It has been a privilege working with the students on this worthwhile project and I am proud of their success. The final total raised has not yet been worked out, but I know it is in excess of two thousand pounds. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.





# NEW YORK TRIP – A STUDENT’S VIEW

by Toni Lovell  
Y10

This trip meant my first ever journey on a plane so fellow traveller Corey Leake had to comfort me. Fortunately, armed with my mints for the ascent and descent to prevent my ears from popping, I was prepared. It turns out flying isn't that bad when you've got giant Simpsons playing cards and Tron on the in-flight entertainment.

As soon as we arrived the heat hit us. While we were on the rather stylish bus to the Hotel, we got the opportunity to snap the stunning skyline of NYC. The Hotel itself was really cool, with an amazing shiny lobby and was opposite Madison Square Garden so felt very stereotypically NYC – busy, but stunning.

For the rest of the week we did amazing activities all over Manhattan and Brooklyn. These included:

- The Natural History Museum (where 'Night at the Museum' was filmed)
- Central Park
- A New York Mets game
- 'Sister Act' on Broadway
- Top of the Rock
- The Empire State Building
- Coney Island Fair
- Speedboat trip around Ellis Island (which the staff lied to us about, having



convinced us we were going on a relaxing ferry ride!)

The memories of all of this will stay in my mind forever, whether it's watching Louise get completely soaked on the speedboat or facing the terror of the Empire State Building's height and the beautiful views it gave us access to that night.



The whole trip was phenomenal and many of the students who went (including myself) wish they were back there in the 80 degree heat and the scorching subways ... and the giant portions of delicious food at the restaurants and fast-food chains. Every sight, every random conversation, every detail of the trip will be kept

very close to my heart. It took my breath away and words cannot describe the gratitude and joy I felt at being invited; the excitement and ecstasy I felt over there was just astonishing.

Hats off to the organisers and to the teachers who went through so much stress, hassle and paperwork to make sure we stayed safe and had a good time. THANK YOU!

# AGS GETS ACTIVE!

*PE articles by Mrs S Ley*

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## ATHLETICS

Pupils from Y8 and Y9 attended the Area Athletics competition at the Pingles in Nuneaton last month. There was a great turnout from AGS and the effort paid off with Mitchell Clark winning the Hurdles. He also had successes in the Long Jump and 100m and will be competing at the next level at the County Competitions. Laura Steele also performed well in the 1500m. There was a great array of talent at the competition and AGS displayed good sportsmanship and encouragement for our school competitors.

## TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis has really taken off this term, with a large number of students attending the lunchtime club. The students have been keen to learn, demonstrate and score other students' games. Y10 boys have also led and supported the KS3 Table Tennis Club and demonstrated their leadership skills with confidence. We plan to develop Table Tennis much further next year and welcome more players to join the Club. Thanks to Mrs Benford who has been very supportive in helping to get the Club up and running.



*Y9 Rounders team*

## ROUNDERS

Y9 students were selected to take part in the U15 Area Rounders Tournament at Higham Lane School. The girls fought hard in all their matches, showing commitment, determination and a strong competitive side, which shone through. The girl of the tournament was Siobhan Lamont who took some excellent catches, getting out several players. The team will now compete in the U14 Area tournament later this month. Good luck girls!

## Y7 REACH THE WARWICKSHIRE FOOTBALL CUP FINAL

*By Mitchell Clark*  
Y7



My name is Mitchell Clark, I am a Y7 student and Captain of our school football team. This year we managed to reach the Warwickshire Cup Final.

It was a very good season, but unfortunately we lost in the final to Nicholas Chamberlaine Technology College 3 – 1. We

were 1 – 0 up but in the second half they came back and scored three goals.

I was our top goal scorer with River Playle as runner-up.

We worked well as a team and my proudest moment was playing in the Cup Final.

## BASKETBALL

*By Mr T Leigh*  
HLTA

Basketball has been a great success this year. Representatives from all years have attended, had fun and learnt valuable skills.

We have practiced everything from basic shooting drills to complex weaves and team activities. I have seen a sharp rise in girls attending, which is very encouraging. Students are very keen to compete and insist on quick, fast paced games, week in week out. I would love to continue the club for the next academic year and I'm sure the students feel the same.

The students and I have had a great time this year. I look forward to next year.