



Harrow Lodge Primary Newsletter

Spring Term

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Dear Parents/Carers

Well done to Year 3 and Year 6 for achieving above 96% attendance this week! Our 96% target is the minimum figure the government deems acceptable for primary schools and we are really struggling to get close to this target, which will disadvantage us should we receive an Ofsted inspection in the near future.

Thank you to the parents who came along to the Year 6 SATS meeting on Wednesday evening, where they heard about how they could help prepare their children for the end of KS2 tests that will be administered in May later this year. If you were unable to make this meeting please speak to one of the Year 6 team and check out our new website where you will find the information that was presented on the evening.

Mrs Searle and I thoroughly enjoyed hosting the first meeting aimed at setting up a Parent Council. The six parents who turned up were very enthusiastic and eager to get involved in working in partnership with the leadership team to drive improvements within the school. They had so many fantastic ideas and we are all impatient to get this initiative started but we do need more parents to join us as we need parent representatives from every class (ideally two per class). Our next meeting is at 2:00pm on Thursday 22nd February; please approach your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team on the gates if you would like to be part of the very first Harrow Lodge Parent Council.

Year 3 took part in the Farm to Fork programme at Tesco's. They all had a fantastic time finding out where food comes from and learning about a healthy diet. They had the opportunity to go behind the scenes at the bakery and the storage area as well as the opportunity to taste some of the healthy options on sale in the store. Class 3A visited Brentwood Road Gallery last Friday based in Frances Bardsley School. The children had the opportunity to view a touring exhibition 'The Access Art Village'. The exhibition has over 700 3D models of sewn houses created by artists of all ages. They really enjoyed seeing the creations.

Year 5 had a fantastic time on their Albany Enterprise morning. They developed team skills when presented with the scenario of having to go to another planet because an asteroid was going to hit Earth in five days. They had to build a cost effective space rocket to leave Earth. They also designed a flag for their new planet, a space suit to travel in as well as act out a play or promote their brand. The winning team was Juste, Lorena, Lacey, Kacey, Avneet and Lillie from 5A. They will have the opportunity to compete in the next stage of Albany's competition.

Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoyed a very informative and important Police Visit on internet safety. The children learnt what they should and shouldn't be doing online. They were advised about having adult supervision to stay safe and that they should not trust strangers online in the same way they should be wary of strangers in real life. They discussed the issue of not allowing 'friends' to chat if they do not know them as they could be lying about their age and identity.

On Wednesday Year 6 had a visit from a theatre group for CSI Road Safety. The children got to view a mock up of an accident scene, listened to witness statements, looked for clues and questioned key characters in order to find out the cause of the accident.

There was a boys football match playing Greensted Junior School. Unfortunately for us we lost 3 v 5 on penalties but they did play fantastically! Have a great weekend.

Mrs Connolly



Stars Of The Week

- R1: Gabriel & Zara
- R2: Whole Class
- 1A: Leiquan & Macy
- 1B: Georgie & Brian
- 2A: Ellen & Luis
- 2B: Tisha & Mason
- 2C: Natalia & Stela
- 3A: Vinnie & Eesha
- 3B: Jessie & Hazel
- 3C: Teddy & Millie
- 4A: Mariam & Christian
- 4B: Katie & Madalin
- 5A: Dhaniyal & Ebony
- 5B: Eryn & Sophie
- 5C: Finley & Brooke
- 6A: Spencer & Tianee
- 6B: Whole Class



Writer of the Week

- R1: Jake
- R2: Bobby
- 1A: Jimmy
- 1B: Ronnie
- 2A: Molly
- 2B: Danielius
- 2C: Momore & Spencer
- 3A: Eesha
- 3B: Vinnie
- 3C: Loulou
- 4A: Mathavan
- 4B: Serena
- 5A: Kacey
- 5B: Cid
- 5C: Philia
- 6A: Ruby
- 6B: Aya

Attendance – w/e 19/01/18

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	93.5
Yr 1	93.6
Yr 2	90.7
Yr 3	96.2
Yr 4	95.1
Yr 5	94.4
Yr 6	96.7

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

KS1: 1A 95.2%
 KS2: 3A 98.1%
Overall School Attendance
 (year to date) – %

Diary Dates

Monday 29th January
 Young Voices Concert at the O2
 for Choir Members

Monday 5th February
 Stay & Learn Week

**Monday 12th – Friday 16th
 February**
 Half Term Holiday

Monday 26th February
 Year 6 Trip to Natural History
 Museum