



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I've had to tip-toe around the school for fear of disturbing little minds scrabbling around for fractions of numbers, sightings of pronouns and creative synonyms— yes, it's been 'Test Week'! This is the time when your children get the opportunity to show us what they've learnt throughout the term and when **we** get the chance to find out which topics need a little more teaching. And I have to say that most of your children have been shining little lights, getting their heads down and really trying their very best. And all the while, preparations are afoot for Christmas all around them. Decorations are being hung, trees are being laden with baubles and candy canes and a frisson of Christmas excitement is filling the air. So, it was little wonder that one of the Reception boys was convinced that our special visitor on Monday was going to be Father Christmas! What a disappointment it must have been to walk into assembly to be greeted by Andrew Rosindell, our local MP, who had come along to talk to the children about being a Member of Parliament. When question time came around and he was asked if he'd ever been to the North Pole, I suspect there was a glimmer of hope that perhaps Mr Rosindell was Father Christmas in disguise!!

Despite the lack of a fluffy beard and jolly face, Mr Rosindell, none-the-less, impressed your children with his talk about meeting the Queen and rubbing shoulders with Prince William and Harry! Indeed, Thomas in 2A was convinced that, if he'd met the queen, then he would *definitely* have met the *king* and Harry in 2A tried to go one better saying, "I bet he's met King *James!*" But, generally, your children did you proud by asking sensible and thought-provoking questions. Our student council were especially challenging with their questions and Finley in 6B told us all that he has decided to follow in Mr Rosindell's footsteps all the way to the Houses of Parliament! Now *that's* the kind of aspiration we're looking for in our school!! Our Parent Council also had an opportunity to meet Mr Rosindell and, I have to say, they gave him far more of a grilling about the state of education and what he can do to help improve our school! He did offer to provide us with raffle prizes for our Christmas Bazaar but time is rapidly running out and there's not a cheese-board or box of Quality Street in sight!

Monday also saw another set of lovely parents visit our school with a view to bringing their children to join us next September. Once again, Lily-Jo and Tommy (our Head Girl and Boy) did us proud with their guided tour despite the fact that they had to curtail part of their tour owing to time constraints. They rose to the challenge with ease showing that they both have the makings of great leaders - watch out Mr Rosindell, they'll be knocking you off your perch before too long!!

In other news, our footballers have come on in leaps and bounds – now, we haven't won a game yet but you wouldn't think they were the same team that, just a few short weeks ago, had taken a beating from Mr Lee and his team. Mr Charlee was so proud of them as they battled through every game on Tuesday, holding off the enemy until the very last minute when a single goal took away our chance of ending our losing streak. Watch this space, though – we'll be winners by the end of the season, I guarantee it!!

Staying with sport, our Y5 & 6 children took to the Athletics track on Wednesday to compete in the Indoor Borough Athletics Championship coming 6th out of 17 while our Y3 & 4 children smashed their way to 4th place out of 15. Well done to everyone – we're the 'Dream Team' of Havering and we'll be slamming our way into first place before long!! Incidentally, we were the best behaved teams there – couldn't be prouder!

And we're not just good at sport, you know – last week, Nathan, Rebeca, Henry O and Noemi took part in 'The National Young Mathematician's Award' gaining a place in the second round which will be held next week. If they get through to the final, they'll have to compete at Cambridge University – probably their destination in life anyway!!! Those children are living calculators!!

And well done to all those who took part in the 'Mathletics' November Numeracy Challenge' – I think some of you must have given up on sleep altogether clocking up a massive 334 hours and 30 minutes across the school. Congratulations to 4B who logged the most hours. Individual winners can be seen below – I think their parents must have missed them last week as they were hunched over their tablets for hours on end, only surfacing to eat and sleep. Not something I'd advocate very often but I'll bet they're maths geniuses now!!

So, tests over, it was time for year 1 to visit Jack and his beanstalk – Oh yes they did!! And a great time was had by all. Once again, we were told that we were the best-behaved school to visit the theatre – you've brought your children up well; they always know how to behave in public and that's getting us a great reputation!

And, finally, today saw us drowning in Vodka, Baileys, Port, Wine and Bubble Bath – thank you for all your bottled donations which you may find you're lucky enough to win back next Friday at the Christmas Bazaar!!

I'm now heading off to watch Elf with a roomful of very excited, squealing, pyjama-clad individuals who can't wait to tuck into hot-dogs, popcorn and a myriad of sickly sweets (and *that's* just the parents!).

Wishing you all a busy weekend filled with Christmas music and festive decorations.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Attendance
w/e 23rd November 2018

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	95.3
Year 1	94.8
Year 2	95.3
Year 3	96.5
Year 4	94.0
Year 5	97.9
Year 6	96.1

Congratulations
to the individual class
attendance winners!

2A & 5A - 98.4%

Overall School Attendance

(year to date) – 96.3%

Reminder

As the office is closed until 9.15am (apart from children signing in late), please see the members of staff at the gates if you have any letters, uniform orders or messages which need to be passed on.
Thank you.

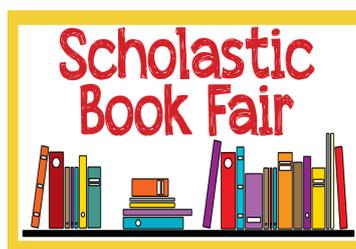
sQuid

The amount owed on sQuid for school dinners is currently

£540.50

Please make sure you pay your sQuid debts as soon as possible.

If you are having any difficulty in paying or need help with sQuid please ask at the office.



The last day to visit the **Book Fair** after school in the KS2 Hall is **Wednesday 5th December**.

You can also purchase Scholastic books online through our book club. The commission we earn will help us

Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/harrow-lodge>
Please place your online orders by 6th December.



Star Of The Week

R1: Amber, Baris, Darcie, Sahar
R2: Josh, Tianna, Marnie
1A: Hayden
1B: Harshini
2A: Maci
2B: Natalia
2/3C: Macy
3A: Tisha
3B: Isabel
4A: Alex
4B: Keiron
5A: Godstime
5B: Millie
5C: Isla
6A: Philia
6B: Holly



Writer of the Week

1A: Arthur
1B: Alex
2A: Liam
2B: Roman
2/3C: Hasan
3A: Francesca
3B: Arham
4A: Jessie
4B: Aidan
5A: Catalina
5B: Debora
5C: Mathavan
6A: Nathan
6B: Kyle

Diary Dates

**Monday 3rd December –
Wednesday 5th December**

Book Fair after school in KS2 Hall

Wednesday 5th December

Year 3 trip to the British Museum
Year 6 Home Safety Talk

**Friday 7th December
3pm – 5pm Christmas Bazaar**

Monday 10th December

2.15pm EYFS/Year 1 Nativity

Tuesday 11th December

9.30am EYFS/Year 1 Nativity
PTA Christmas Parties after school

Wednesday 12th December

Flu immunisations (whole school)

Thursday 13th December

2.15pm Years 2/3 Christmas Concert

Friday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day
9.30am Years 2/3 Christmas Concert



Hot Chocolate Friday Drinkers

R1: Darcie
R2: Marnie
1A: Edith
1B: Sotonte
2A: Harry
2B: Mollie
2/3C: Sidney
3A: Evelina
3B: Ethan
4A: Maria
4B: Millie
5A: Sidney
5B: Uwaye
5C: Serena
6A: Alexie
6B: Kyle

Mathletics' November Numeracy Challenge Winners

Reception

Sahar R1 - **9 hrs 30 mins**

1&2

Brian 2/3C - **8 hrs 52 mins**

3&4

Kieron 4B - **16 hrs 17 mins**

5&6

Catalina - **36 hrs 44 mins**

Absences

If your child is going to be off school for any reason, **please** ring the school office by 9am every day of absence and leave a message on the absence line. It is vital that

Thank you for your co-operation.



Keep Fit/Zumba is on **Tuesdays** from 9.00 – 9.45am in the KS2 hall. This is a fun and **FREE** exercise class run by Mr Charlee. If you don't have childcare, please bring your little ones with you as they can be in the hall with us.



Coffee Morning takes place on **Wednesday** mornings from 9am-10am in the Oak Room. Please come and join us for a chat and cuppa!



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	8		
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Complete the Magic Square so that each row, column and the two centre diagonals total 50. You cannot use the same number more than once.

Please send a photo of your answer to Miss McAuliffe at mathschallenge@harrowlodgeprimary.com
Winners will be announced in next week's newsletter!



JUST A FEW REMINDERS!

The PTA are extremely busy getting ready for all our exciting Christmas Events.

Our Christmas Bazaar is on Friday 7th December. Santa will be in his grotto and there will be lots of exciting games and prizes to be won.

Design a Jar. Please fill a jar with hair bobbles, sweets, chocolate etc. There will be prizes for the best ones in each year group!

Finally, don't forget to bring in something for our coloured hampers. They are starting to look amazing!

Still to come are our Christmas Parties and Breakfast with Santa.

If you are able to help at any of these events, please pop into the office or come and see me.



Kelly Lawson
Chair

