



## Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, the cold weather has well and truly set in this week and we've all played at being pirates 'shivering our timbers'! But it's been a great week in terms of exciting work and interesting activities. Our new badminton club has gone down a storm with all participants who came out of the club with red faces and not wanting to go home. Mrs Byrne and Mrs Kerr were really happy because their line dancing club last term was rather thin on the ground with only 3 participants – that didn't even stretch to a *line* let alone a dance!!!

Monday saw the inauguration of a new set of prefects (see below) who are all well-deserving of the role and they were chomping at the bit to get going on all their roles and responsibilities. After receiving their badges in assembly, I met privately with them in my office to outline their duties and gave them each a carefully drawn up rota of jobs. I explained to them how they were now my close aides and how I will rely on them to take the initiative, when necessary, if they see that something needs doing around the school. How delighted they were, then, at playtime the following day, to rock up at my door to eagerly point out the glaring mistakes I'd made with the rota – double booking the prefects on several days! "We just took the initiative to help you by pointing out your mistakes on the rota, Mrs Searle!" was one of their wry comments! I'm going to have to have my wits about me with *these* prefects, that's for sure!

Wednesday was a bizarrely exciting day when I discovered the strange remains of what could only be described as 'other-worldly membranes'. The area outside the dining hall was cordoned off in an attempt to safeguard the nest and I quickly warned the children in Year 2 to refrain from touching anything should they happen to accidentally come across the curious remains. Of course, excitement took over and, when you tell children they mustn't do something, that's *all* they want to do! So, it wasn't long before the whole of Year 2 had traipsed around the entire expanse of school grounds in an attempt to find the forbidden casings which resembled enormous, golden (hatched) eggs! George in 2/3C was immediately convinced that there was a giant parrot on the loose whilst Macy in 2/3C was rather more romantic in her imaginings as she thought we should be searching for a newly-hatched rainbow unicorn! Well, whatever their notions, the scenario certainly elicited some great writing with plenty of exclamation sentences!! I LOVE a good exclamation sentence! It was also year 2 and 3 that caused me to run into the KS2 hall on Wednesday to investigate the loud screaming and shouting erupting from the room and, as I hurtled in, ready to defend our little ones against treachery and trauma, I, too, let out a yelp of fear as I found myself staring into the fiery eyes of a tall, terrifying woman with a great mass of long, tawny hair, ranting and raving and waving around a thick, sharp sword! It took me a second or two to remember that we'd booked the Roman Theatre group for the day and they were heavy on the realism, that's for sure!!! What a great start to Year 2 & 3's topic on the Romans. Theatre groups were in abundance this week as Year 5 were to begin their topic on Macbeth with a theatrical rendition of the play but what was '**to be, was not to be**', I'm afraid, as '**toil and trouble**' befell the production and the performance was cancelled – what a shame! '**So fair and foul a day, I have not seen**' but '**what's done is done**' and '**what's done cannot be undone!**' Ok, I promise that's it for my Shakespeare quotes. For now, we've refunded your payments and we'll try again another time once the manager is better and that '**damned spot is out**' – sorry, I've lost all control!

In other news, the two Mr Daltons, a Trust caretaker, Ms Browne and myself spent a good 2 hours searching for a water leak on Wednesday afternoon. We could hear the water cruising through the pipes in my room and the pipes were freezing cold – a clear indication that water was flowing through them. The caretakers all decided that there must be some kind of burst pipe under my office floor and they set to dismantling the panelling in the corner of the office. It was half-way through the hammering and sawing that Mrs Browne mentioned the water fountain directly outside my office window. We all stared at her for a few motionless seconds before running out into the quad to find the water fountain stuck in the 'on' position with water streaming out in a perfect arc! A quick flick and it was off. That's 2 hours of my life I'll never get back!!!

On a happier note, all our classes now have handwriting trophies to be awarded on a weekly basis to the most improved handwriter of the week – or for the most effort made to improve handwriting and I can't wait to see the recipients of this coveted award. Furthermore, we've introduced a new 'Presentation' trophy. Each week, we will randomly choose a year group and a subject to inspect the standard of presentation in the work. This week was the turn of Year 5 Maths books and I'm thrilled to announce that our first winner of the trophy is Finley in 5C. What a delight it was looking through his book to see the time and effort he has put into the presentation of his work. Mind you, he had some stiff competition and was almost pipped to the post by a couple of other Year 5 children.

And we end with the most exciting news of all – Henry in 6B, Abby in 5C and Jimmy-Dean in 5B competed in the School Games Boccia competition against all the schools in Havering and, by golly, we won! That's the second year in the row we've won this competition and our team will now go on to represent Havering at the London qualifying competition in March. What a coup! Come on, Harrow Lodge!! We're certainly going places! Well done to the whole team for such a great effort.

And so I wish you another wonderful weekend full of warm blankets, hot water bottles and roaring fires.

With kind regards and best wishes, Mrs Searle

## New Prefects

Alfie  
Brooke  
Cid  
Eryn  
Finley  
Fiona  
Harrison  
Kacey  
Morgan  
Ruby



## Star Of The Week

R1: Isabella  
R2: Yusuf  
1A: Kevin  
1B: Katie  
2A: Fawwaz  
2B: Orest  
2/3C: Lance  
3A: Charlie  
3B: Luis  
4A: Dia  
4B: Chloe  
5A: Madalin  
5B: Airidas  
5C: Freddie  
6A: Brooke  
6B: Lydia



## Hot Chocolate Friday Drinkers

R1: Sade  
R2: Charlie  
1A: Julia  
1B: Feroz  
2A: Tawheed  
2B: Roman  
2/3C: Harvey  
3A: Jessica  
3B: Alyssa  
4A: Jake  
4B: Lou Lou  
5A: Maurette  
5B: Leiba  
5C: Riley  
6A: Mahir  
6B: Harrison



## Writer of the Week

R1: Alex (Maths Wizard)  
R2: Marnie(Maths Wizard)  
1A: Daisy  
1B: Rosie  
2A: Kairyn  
2B: Jack  
2/3C: Hasan  
3A: Danielius  
3B: Isabelle  
4A: Bleu  
4B: Eshan  
5A: Ayesha  
5B: Freddie  
5C: Finley  
6A: Juste  
6B: Finley

## Diary Dates

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Year 4 trip to British Museum  
3.15pm PTA Stay & Chat (all welcome)

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

6pm SATs meeting for Year 6 parents

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Young Voices at the O2

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Stay & Learn Week

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Safer Internet Day  
Years 1 & 2 Indoor Athletics

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Years 1 & 2 Road Safety theatre production  
Years 5 & 6 5-a-side football tournament

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 6 trip to Kidzania

## Attendance w/e 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

| Year Group | Attendance % |
|------------|--------------|
| Reception  | 93.2         |
| Year 1     | 93.9         |
| Year 2     | 98.7         |
| Year 3     | 92.1         |
| Year 4     | 96.7         |
| Year 5     | 95.3         |
| Year 6     | 93.2         |

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

**2B & 5B - 99.2%**

**Overall School Attendance  
(year to date) – 95.8%**

## sQUID – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The amount owed on sQuid for school dinners is currently

**£278.60**

As you are aware, once a sQuid debt reaches £10.50, your child's entitlement to a hot meal will be cancelled and they will be given an emergency meal of cheese and crackers with unlimited salad from the salad bar. This will continue until the debt is cleared.

If anyone is struggling to pay the debt, please arrange a meeting with our office manager as soon as possible to agree a monthly payment plan.

**We would also like to advise you that Trust policy is to seek to recover unpaid debts through the small claims court, but we sincerely hope that will never become an issue at Harrow Lodge.**

## 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.

## Lost Property

There is already a huge amount of lost property in the box at the moment, so please come in at the end of the school day and claim your children's lost uniform.



**KEEP FIT** is held on **Tuesdays** from 9.00am – 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!

## 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.

## Change of Details

Please don't forget to let the office know if you have changed your phone number, email address or moved house.

Thank you.