



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a week it's been! I have to say that both teachers and students are flagging this week as we struggle on to another week in this half term. All other boroughs around us broke up today but we, for some unknown reason, keep soldiering on for another week and then the next half term is over in a blink of an eye – no sooner have we started, then we're off on another break – crazy timings (must be to fit in with some big-wig's holiday dates, I shouldn't wonder!!)

Anyway, there was a ripple of excitement flying through the air on Monday morning (despite the fact that it was test week) as an oversized delivery truck drove into the car park bearing the swish new benches and tables for our quiet area. We'd been waiting weeks and weeks for this consignment and it was well overdue. I sat working in my office, aware of the imminent delivery and excited to see them later in the day, when I became conscious of an uncomfortable-sounding hub-bub outside my door. I knew immediately that something was wrong (as a teacher, you quickly develop a keen ear for troubled hub-bub!) so I opened the door to be met by the anxious face of Mrs Johnston, "I'm sorry to disturb you, Mrs Searle," she proffered fretfully, "I know how busy you are but we've got the delivery man in the office and he's refusing to unload the tables and benches. He's not happy with senior Mr Dalton who *can't* unload them and he's about to drive away with them and return them to the depot!" Well, of course, my 'solution-focussed' nature kicked in and I rolled up my sleeves ready to jump in the back of the truck and start unloading (I've done worse jobs in my time, I can assure you!). Mrs Johnston was immediately fired up and ready to lend a hand. In the office, I came face to face with the delivery man, wearing his over-sized jobsworth hat, talking on the phone to 'Head Office'. "You haven't got a fork-lift truck, love," he jabbed at me, "Most places I deliver to have a fork-lift truck to get these large pallets off the wagon." I apologised profusely for our lack of a fork-lift truck which was, most regrettably, unavailable at the present time – however, I explained that Mrs Johnston and I were more than happy to assist with the unpacking of the precious cargo and would be quite willing to do it on our own if he was unable to help us (Mrs Johnston waved her scissors at him in an expression of skill and aptitude). I saw his hat wobble a bit as our words sank in and, all of a sudden, we were a big, happy team about to tackle a challenging job between us with the delivery man in sole charge of managing the operation, of course! And then...Mr Darani appeared and our intrepid delivery man was galvanised into super-hero mode! Mrs Johnston and I merely stood back and watched the alpha males compete for supremacy. I have to say that our very own Mr Darani came out most squarely on top displaying a previously unseen talent for pallet shifting! He knew all the jargon and all the moves to operate an electric pallet truck! Who knew that Mr Darani had a secret past working for Wicks in their loading bay?!!

So, the beautiful benches have finally been delivered safely and soundly and they look stunning with their bright rainbow colours and sleek design. A huge thank you to all of you for the funds you raised to allow us to purchase these little treasures. Once the two Mr Daltons have fitted them together, your children will have the facilities to draw and colour at playtimes which they've been asking for, for a very long time.

In other news, Miss Goddard was very excited to make her first outing to a Year 5/6 basketball competition. She had worked hard with the team, (Jodhbir, Alexie, Philia (6A) and Josh (5C)), and had high hopes for them as they made their way to Emerson Park Secondary School ready to show off their talents. Imagine their shock, then, when they realised that the competition game was like no other basketball game they'd ever witnessed before!

Standing on half a pitch with only one hoop to share between both teams, our boys ran around like confused rabbits in a badger's sett. Poor Miss Goddard was just as baffled as she watched her best laid plans fizzle into non-existence. However, the mighty are never kept down for long and the team pulled themselves together enough to put in a performance to be proud of. They may not have won but, as is the norm now for Harrow Lodge competitors, they played their socks off and their team spirit was second to none! Miss Goddard came away with a proud tear in her eye and a determination to start training her basketball teams in a half-pitch, single-hoop style of the game!!

As I said before, this has been test week which tends to be a quiet and uneventful week in usual circumstances but the silence was broken today as Krisi and Eryn (6B) came crashing into my office with massive grins on their faces – both girls had improved their arithmetic test scores enormously and were jumping for joy as the realisation set in that they were going to smash those SATs papers! Well done girls, what a result!

Now, you may not be aware of this but our senior leaders all spend time out on the KS2 playground at lunchtimes just to ensure that everything is running smoothly and that children are having the happiest and safest breaktime that they can and, today, it was Miss Goodwin's turn to join in with the fun and games. Well, all was peaceful and the children were happily playing with one another; some running around like mad monkeys, others walking arm in arm, deep in conversation, putting the world to rights, when Miss Goodwin became aware of a troubled hub-bub over by the quiet-area fence (remember how we teachers are tuned into those hub-bubs?). On closer inspection, she saw that Kitty (2/3C) was at the centre of the commotion and appeared rather distressed. On enquiring what the matter was, Miss Goodwin discovered that Kitty had trapped her leg between the railings of the fence. She wasn't in pain but she was clearly concerned about how she would manage to get back to class for her afternoon lessons! Well now, some of you may remember that Miss Goodwin is rather experienced in trapped body parts and tends to favour the fairy-liquid escape-plan when faced with such a sticky situation. The last time she found herself in such a position, you may recall, her fairy-liquid plan of action was thwarted since I found a far simpler solution to the problem (removal of an offending shoe, if I remember rightly). But, this time, Miss Goodwin could see that she would have to act fast to avoid maximum disruption and the fairy-liquid bottle made its appearance swiftly and soundly ('like a ninja' according to Freddie). And, with a quick squirt and a rub, the deed was done and the leg slipped out like water through a sieve! Well done, Miss Goodwin, and a sticker for bravery to Kitty.

And so to today – well, what can I say? I have been honoured and privileged to witness the wealth, nay plethora, of talent that we possess here at Harrow Lodge Primary. My goodness, Mr Cowell himself would have been hard-pressed to choose a winner from today's selection of all-singing, all-dancing talent. Confidence was brimming over on that stage this morning and I couldn't have been prouder. There wasn't a dry eye amongst the parents of performers and I had to hold back a tear or two myself, I can tell you! What started out as a small production to showcase our performance talents, turned into a monster of a show that was put together by the lovely Miss Harrison with all her Performing Arts experience. And what a show it was! A huge thanks to Miss Harrison; I know she's been working herself to the bone, ensuring that every child had an opportunity to show off their talent to the best of their ability. Lunch times and after school times have been spent practising and perfecting show-pieces, producing programmes and orchestrating the move of the whole school across to Hornchurch High. And all this whilst maintaining her high standard of teaching in the classroom. We're very lucky to have such a dedicated teacher who's talented in her own right! See the list of trophy winners below but, in reality, they're **all** winners just getting up on that stage in the first place. Well done one and all!

And so, after all the fun and excitement of the week, I wish you all a wonderful weekend complete with a hop in your step and a song in your heart.

With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle

Attendance

w/e 29th March 2019

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	93.6
Year 1	99.3
Year 2	95.4
Year 3	96.0
Year 4	97.4
Year 5	96.3
Year 6	97.2

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

2A & 5A - 100%

Overall School Attendance
(year to date) – 95.8%

Diary Dates

Wednesday 10th April

2.15pm Year 4 Easter Production
to parents
PTA Easter Discos

Thursday 11th April

1pm Easter Bonnet Parade
2pm School finishes early
2pm PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 12th April

Inset Day

Tuesdays 30th April, 7th May, 21st May, 4th June

9.30am -11.30am Havering Adult
College course for KS1 parents

Friday 3rd May

Class Photos

Wednesday 8th May

Year 5 visit to National Portrait Gallery

This week's

Presentation Award

goes to

Paula (6B)

for presentation in Science

EASTER HOLIDAY

Thursday 11th April - School finishes at 2pm

Monday 29th April - Return to school 8.40am

Harrow Lodge Has Talent!

Trophy Winners



1st

Scarlett

2nd

Victoria & George

3rd

William
Eryn
Victoria
Lily-Jo

4th

Manisha
Bonnie & Lily-May
Momore
Sienna

Congratulations to everyone who participated.



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to

- ❖ Dinusan (2B) for receiving medals & trophies from his karate club for effort & determination.
- ❖ Leah (2A) for receiving a trophy for her ballet exam.
- ❖ Charlie (R2) for receiving his yellow hat in swimming, which means he is now in the big pool.
- ❖ Joshua (5B) for winning two rounds in karate and gaining a gold medal.



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! **NEXT WEEK, 10th APRIL, THE SCHOOL NURSE WILL BE COMING.**

School Dinners

Easter Special Desserts

Monday
8th April

Easter Cornflake Nests

Tuesday
9th April

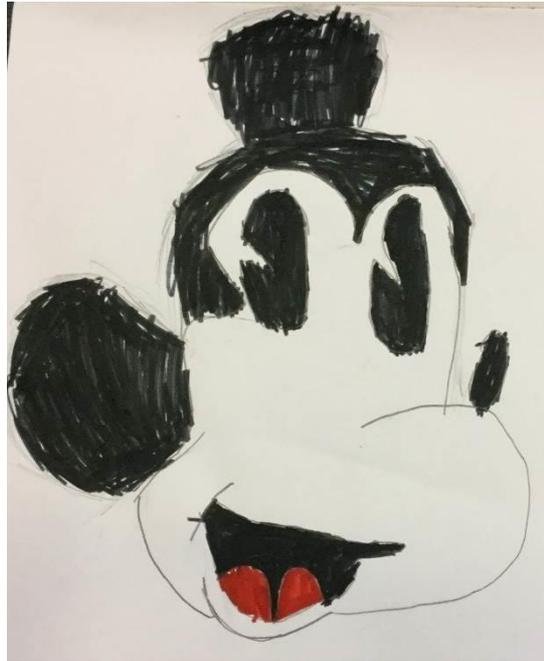
Easter Ice Lemon Cupcake

Wednesday
10th April

Bunny's Vanilla Shortbread

Thursday
11th April

Frosted Easter Sponge



**PICTURE OF THE WEEK
BY KAIRYN (2A)**

sQuid

The amount owed on sQuid for school dinners is currently **£187**

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.

Family Learning

A new course for parents with children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2!**
Would you like to find new ways to help your child with literacy in Early Years and Key Stage 1?

Would you like to know some ways to help your child with their reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and writing?

Join our **FREE**, fun and friendly four week course taught by Havering Adult College
Tuesdays 30th April, 7th May, 21st May and 4th June 2019

9.30am - 11.30am

Places are limited so book your place now!

To enrol, please contact

Havering Adult College on 01708 434955

Two forms of ID must be shown at the first class. Please note – no crèche facilities are available for pre-school children.

For more information about courses please contact Havering Adult College on 01708 434955 or email

familylearning@haverling.gov.uk