



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

So we're on the last leg of the year and we've started with a full-on week. It was 'Stay & Learn' week and it was lovely to see so many of you in and around the school and what wonderful experiences you were able to share with your children – Year 2 skipped around the Maypole tying themselves up in knots but thoroughly enjoying the experience while Year 3 visited 'The Chase'. They armed themselves with fishing nets and welly boots and, with bright eyes shining in great expectation, they trotted off promising to return with a trout for my lunch! On said return, however, I was faced not with a *trout* but with a *pout* and the imprint of misery etched on once eager young faces! As drooping heads and hunched shoulders passed by me, I asked Miss Goddard why everyone was so glum and she told me that only *some* of the children had been allowed to experience wading in the river and there were very few hands-on experiences to get involved in. Well, we all know that children learn best through *doing* not *watching* (or, worse, just listening) so I'm not entirely sure we'll be booking a re-visit (unless the company act on our feedback and incorporate more practical activities)! Year 1 had great excitement in the form of some visitors from Jaws and Claws. Ben, the milk snake, slithered happily around the children while Bonnie the *skink* (a type of lizard) sat on the head of Bonnie the *girl* (a type of human)! Hannah 1B was shocked to be licked on the nose by Norman (a blue-tongued skink) and Buster the tree frog had to sit on the naughty step for eating his girlfriend! I could hear the shrieks of laughter all the way down the corridor! Year 2 have also been out and about travelling on the train to Chalkwell to discover the delights and features of the beach. I believe a great deal of learning took place but the only topic of discussion by the returning explorers was the thunderstorm in the middle of the day that was so ferocious, the children returned in the guise of drowned rats!

The inspectors came in to check our Year 6 writing and were extremely impressed with their work – a whopping 86% working at or above the expected standard with 19% of those working at greater depth! A major triumph but no less than we were expecting. Well done Year 6 – you've done yourselves proud! As a reward ('reward' might be stretching it a bit!), Year 6 were treated to a very topical talk on air pollution and the ways in which they can begin to improve the atmosphere in which they'll be spending the next 90 years (all being well)!

Year 6 also listened to a useful talk on 'Keeping safe when out and about'. With the worrying stats on knife-crime, we thought it was important to prepare our Year 6 children for the next step in their lives which will undoubtedly see a far greater independence and more time outside away from parents. It was an excellent preparation for them as they step out into the next chapter of their lives.

Mr Charlee was showing off our talented Year 5 & 6 children again this week as they competed against other Havering schools in athletics – the results will follow but I know how talented our children are so, even if we don't end up with a trophy, I know we will have done brilliantly!!

Today saw *another* busy day for our infants as they played with spoons – yes, you read that right – they played with spoons! But it's far more technical (and musical) than it sounds and, by the end of the workshops, you couldn't differentiate them from an 80 piece orchestra! The beauty of this spoon band, however, was the fact that they performed in their pyjamas – sheer delight!!

A huge thank you for your donations today which have been collected for the BookTrust to help give every child a bedtime story. For you and me and our own children, bedtime stories were the norm but for many children across the UK, bedtime stories are a luxury they can ill-afford and, when it's a choice between food on the table or a bedtime story, there's not one of us that would see our children go hungry and so the BookTrust will use your money to provide books for all those children who aren't blessed with parents like yourselves and who have never had a book to call their own.

And so, as I look out of my office window, at the rain pelting down and the wind whipping up a storm, I'm really looking forward to spending the evening on the field watching an open-air movie!! Who said us Brits aren't a hardy lot? We know how to have a good time – rain, storm or more rain!! It will be amazing!!

I hope you've all seen our new car park gates – splendidly showcasing our new image to the world. There are still a few finishing touches required but it's a work in progress and looking great so far. The new playground fencing may appear confusing to you at the moment but, once the front entrance has been moved to the Rainsford side of the school, the new fencing will allow parents to enter the school without having to walk through a sea of children in the playground.

And finally, may I extend our hearty congratulations to Sarah Cole who has been elected by all of you as our new parent governor. Thank you also to the other candidates who were all worthy participants in the election – thank you all for your willingness to support our school in this way. If you wish to contact Sarah in her capacity as parent governor, please email her using the school office email (office@harrowlodgeprimary.com). Alternatively, you can catch her in the playground.

On that upbeat note, I wish you all a fabulous weekend full of bedtime stories, rainy walks and plenty of puddle-jumping.

With kind regards and best wishes, Mrs Searle

Attendance
w/e 24th May 2019

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	94.5
Year 1	93.4
Year 2	95.8
Year 3	93.0
Year 4	95.9
Year 5	96.0
Year 6	96.0

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

5A - 98.4%

Overall School Attendance
(year to date) – 95.9%



Star Of The Week

R1: Darcie
R2: Ariana
1A: Sofia
1B: Ronnie
2A: Vittoria
2B: Hayley
2/3C: Harvey
3A: Lelou
3B: Corey
4A: Hazel
4B: Harley
5A: Scarlett
5B: Debora
5C: Mathavan
6A: Aringas
6B: Skye



Hot Chocolate Friday
Drinkers

1A: Kaeden
1B: Gabriel
2B: Dinusan
2/3C: Archie
3A: George
3B: Danish
4A: Armani & Benita
5A: Ela
5B: Christiana
5C: Henry
6B: Ariyan



Writer of the Week

R1: Kyla
R2: Marnie
1B: Kotryna
2A: Harry
2B: Jessica
2/3C: Luca
3A: Beau
3B: Isabel
4A: Maherul
4B: Mahdhe
5A: Josie
5B: Christian
5C: Noemi
6A: Lewis
6B: Rebeca

This week's
Presentation Award
goes to

Patricia (1B)
for presentation in
Maths

1, 2, 3, 4
We declare a coin war

Here are the final amounts collected by each year group:

EYFS	-	£183.09
Year 1	-	£236.59
Year 2	-	£244.16
Year 3	-	£104.50
Year 4	-	£80.94
Year 5	-	£48.90
Year 6	-	£58.10

A grand total of **£956.28 !!!**

Congratulations to Year 2 who will be the first
to use the new play equipment.

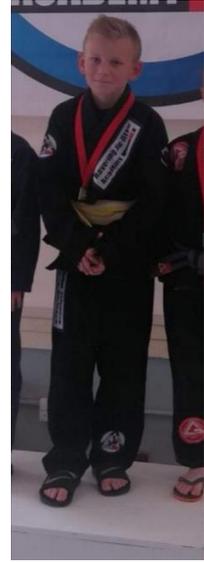
A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated their coins.



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to

- ❖ Christian (5B) who won a gold medal on 25th May in Brazilian Jujitsu. What a great achievement!



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, even if you have already told your child's teacher.

Please follow this up with a note on your child's return. Thank you for your co-operation.

Water Bottles

If your child brings a water bottle into school, please ensure that it is a clear plastic bottle. We have had several accidents with split bottles and those with glitter or fruit or any such additives have caused irreparable damage to our carpets.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Diary Dates

Monday 10th June

Year 5 Swimming resumes

Thursday 13th – Friday 14th June

KS1 Bikeability

Friday 14th June

Father's Day Stalls

Year 3 Tate Project photographer in school

Monday 17th June

Year 6 PGL Residential Holiday

9am-10am Stay & Learn Week (**Year 1 only**)

Tuesday 18th June

Years 3 & 4 Quad Kids

Wednesday 19th June

Year 1 Trip to the Natural History Museum

1.45pm & 6pm New Intake Sept '19 Parents' Talk

Monday 24th June

British Values Week

Tuesday 25th June

EYFS Trip to Barleylands

Thursday 27th June

Years 1 & 2 Quad Kids

Year 4 Trip to Kentwell House

Friday 28th June

PTA Non-Uniform Day – 'Bring a Bottle'

sQuid

The amount owed on sQuid for school dinners is currently **£193.60**

From **Monday 20th May**, once a sQuid debt reaches **£6.60**, 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.



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!



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