



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been very quiet in school this week and *that*, along with the rain, has made it a miserable week indeed. But there have been pockets of wonderfulness in our community and that's what I love to share with you in these newsletters.

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your lovely messages of condolence for Jonnie (6A) and Frankie (1A). Both boys are being well looked after and are grateful for your kind messages. As a result of your requests, I set up a GoFundMe page to raise funds to support Natasha's boys and your generosity has, as always, blown me away. I should be used to it by now because you always go above and beyond with your kindness but it still warms my heart every time I see your overwhelming responses to community need. If you haven't done so yet and you wish to donate to the fund, the link is:

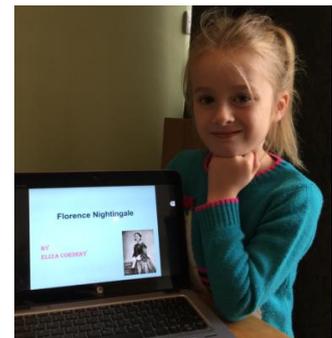
https://www.gofundme.com/f/natasha039s-memory?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Whilst the children have been learning from home, Mr Welch took the opportunity to do a bit of painting on our beautiful staircases and they're even *more* beautiful now! They've needed a lick of paint ever since the building work was done a year ago but a lot of new jobs have taken precedence and the staircase-painting kept moving further and further down the list of priorities! All done now, though - thank you, Mr Welch.

Our newly donated Clever Touch screens have started to arrive so, hopefully, they'll be in service very soon. Just got to wait for the brackets to be fitted – yet another job for Mr Welch's list!

In the light of our many cases of Covid, we've brought in new and different measures to try to ensure there's not a further outbreak and one of these measures is to close the main staff room and provide a separate staff area for each year group bubble. So, this week has also been spent kitting out new rooms with tea, coffee and kettles – biscuits and sharing of any food is on the prohibited list so teachers will have to bring in their own chocolate fixes for the time-being! We're also wearing masks or visors at *all* times now which makes school feel like a very strange place indeed!

I've seen some amazing work from all year groups. Y6 children have really been enjoy listening to the class read Cogheart. They've also been creative with their home learning responses. Some children have been very tech-savvy with excellent research and presentation skills - Tegan and Lou-Lou (6B) recorded themselves presenting their topic work. Eliza in 2A sent an amazing presentation on Seesaw all about Florence Nightingale.



Mason (R1) made a beautiful banana loaf for Ms Goodwin – Now, I'm not suggesting that Ms Goodwin didn't rightly deserve that Banana Loaf but, at the end of the day, *I'm* the one with the golden headteacher stickers that are given out on receipt of each loaf of Banana bread – just saying!

I've seen some amazing Egyptian canopic jars and *sarcophaguses sarcophagi* coffins that are made so well, it's hard to tell them apart from the real deal! There's even been role-play going on in Year 5! Talking about Year 5, they successfully attempted their first zoom meetings this week which *really* warrants major celebrations considering the fear and confusion that the idea was first met with by our year 5 teachers!! 3A and 3B have been battling it out on Times Tables Rockstars and, as usual, Miss Harrison's class is leading the way to victory! Extra play on the climbing equipment coming up for 3A! 4A also won a TTRockstars battle against 4B - 620 points vs 590 points so it was very close but 4A will be getting the reward this week. A new battle will commence next week. 3A have really shone this week, to be honest, as Ava, Freddie, Nitza, Bobby and Katie all presented a beautifully-crafted oral explanation of the importance of Internet Safety and why we celebrate Black History – oh and Katie's dad joined in too and earned himself a gold award from Miss Harrison who was very proud of all of them (but especially Katie's dad!) This week's biggest news, however, must be the birth of a fledgling tech-wizard novice as Ms McLaughlin defied all probabilities and managed to teach Ms Goodwin how to get to grips with remote teaching! We were all aghast and Ms Goodwin's class (and parents) have been heard cheering on the breeze as Ms Goodwin's IT skills have been dragged kicking and screaming into the twenty-first century. Well done to both teachers for overcoming the biggest challenge known to man!

On a serious note, I would like to make special mention of our fantastic teachers who have managed to continue to teach remotely through some very difficult circumstances – mainly, being extremely ill with Covid-19 – I've been immensely proud of them as I know it's been a real battle for some but their professionalism and, more so, their commitment to your children has shone through and they've continued to meet the highest standard of teaching that we've come to expect from them. Next week will be an even bigger challenge as teachers must teach in class whilst also teaching some children at home. I have no doubt they will rise to the challenge but half-term will be a much-needed break for them.

I must also make special mention of the fact that you, our parents, have maintained great communication with us throughout this closure despite many of you continuing to work from home whilst monitoring your children's learning at the same time. There's been a great deal of positive feedback with regard to the remote-teaching and it's made a difficult time much better so I truly thank you for it.

On that note, I look forward to seeing you all again next week (fully masked-up, please!) and I'd like to wish you all a wonderful weekend full of kindness and love and I leave you with Natasha Brind's favourite quote,

"Today, you could be standing next to someone who is trying their best not to fall apart. Whatever you do today, do it with kindness in your heart."

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Ava (3A)
Bobby (3A)
Katie (3A)

on receiving their achiever badges for gaining
3 gold certificates.



Our golden achievers this week are...

Ava (3A)
Bobby (3A)
Freddie (3A)
Katie (3A)
Nitza (3A)
Almeer (4A)
Hayley (4A)
Jenson (4A)
Liam (4A)

Luke (4A)
Maci (4A)
Matthew (4A)
Noah (4A)
Thomas (4A)
Tyler (4A)
Violet (4A)
Alex (4B)
Alyssa (4B)

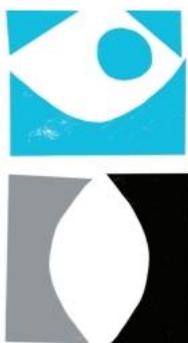
Delia (4B)
Kayla (4B)
Leah (4B)
Mubaraq (4B)
Parker (4B)
Spencer (4B)
Andrew (5B)
Lauren (5B)
Molly (5B)



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