



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a mixed bag of weather this week but we've battled through the storms and made hay through the sunshine. Here are the highlights:

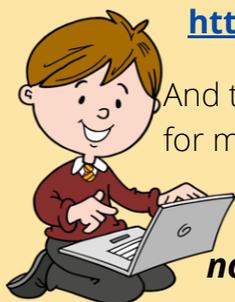
- We started our Monday assemblies again but in separate Key stages and this week we introduced Black History month with KS2 focusing on 'Black Lives Matter'. I was surprised and proud of the level of understanding that your children had regarding white privilege and the need for change and the seriousness with which they approached the subject.
- We will now all be completing work surrounding Black History Month and the work will be displayed in the KS2 Hall for you to have a look at over the week beginning 18th October which is also the week of our Parent Teacher Evenings so, if you've chosen a face to face meeting, you can pop into the hall during your visit to have a look at the learning that's taken place.
- Year 6 had an inspiring zoom call with the Blue Peter presenter Konnie Huq, who is also an ambassador for the Prince's Trust and the British Asian Trust. Konnie has written three books and, in the zoom, she demonstrated lots of different experiments from her books that the children could do at home. If you want to read some great stories to your children, I can highly recommend Konnie's 'Fearless Fairy Tales' book which puts a funny and modern twist on traditional fairy tales addressing all the questionable morals from the original stories. My personal favourite character is Sleeping Brainy, the princess whose only dream is to become Chancellor of the Exchequer!
- And it was wonderful to see that The Great British Bake Off decided to air their bread week to coincide with Y6's bread week during which they all learnt how to make bread rolls - I can vouch for their tastiness as I was given a free sample although I *would* question the lack of perfect fermentation, dough, crumb structure and crust - oh no, wait, we're not actually part of Bake Off are we? The bread rolls were amazing!
- Y6 have been extremely busy this week and have also taken part in an Amazon Future Engineer Virtual Fulfilment Centre Tour to broaden their ideas of career opportunities.
- If you need a life-saver, I have just the people for you - Isabelle, Layla, Ethan and Lauren (Y6) all passed the Life Saving Skills test at swimming! Congratulations to them and congratulations also to Grace and Nassar who swam unaided for the first time - what a wonderful moment it is when you crack that first hurdle!



Yesterday's EYFS Harvest assembly preparations were interrupted by a distressed and anxious shout by Layla (R1) who had spotted a bee trying desperately to escape from 60 untuned voices shouting singing about the virtues of cabbages and sprouts. "Ms Goodwin, quick, open the window or that bee is gonna be a dead bee." Ever the accommodating teacher, Ms Goodwin sprang into action and saved the poor creature from death by cacophony by opening the window to allow the bee to affect timely getaway! Of course, this life-saving emergency elicited a lengthy discussion regarding the importance of and need for bees. I don't think they ever *did* get to resume the rehearsal so I can't guarantee a choir of voices next week but, on the flip side, I'm hoping that we may have inspired a few future apiarists!

- Tuesday saw the first of our sporting competitions in about a year and a half. Mr Charlee was very excited to get back to competitive sport and it was the good fortune of our KS1 children to be the first to represent the school in a mini football tournament. I was enlisted as a driver for Daria and Feryal (Y2) whose discussion in the back of my car included, "Let's just chillax in here" and "Why is your car so dirty?" I hastily explained about dogs and parks and muddy paws but was met with a rather condemning silence. I valeted the car that evening!
- The football competition was a thrilling event and, if it hadn't been for the first two matches being a washout for us as we needed to warm up to the game, we'd have been winners in both year groups. As it happened, we were second in each group thanks to the efforts of all players and magnificent goals from Daniel, Tyler, Drey and Halimat. Watching the year 1 players with their shorts down to their ankles as they navigated their way around the ball *and* each other was a truly magical sight and one that I'll treasure for many years to come. We thoughtfully scored a goal for the opposition in one of our Y2 matches which I thought was a great manifestation of our kindness mantra! Important to put a positive spin on these matters! And, after a stunning goal by Daniel (Y2) taken from the side-lines and shot over the heads of all the players straight into the goal, I overheard one of the Benhurst coaches say to her colleague, "Did you see that goal? You can't save a goal like that!" My heart swelled with pride and I walked two-feet taller than before!
- And, finally, a massive thank you to Ms Lawson for heading up another successful PTA AGM and a big thank you to all of *you* who attended or added your names to the list for joining. This was the most successful PTA sign-up we've ever had - some old hands and a huge amount of *new* faces which was lovely to see. Thanks to Ms Kersey for all her hard work as Treasurer and to Mr Cordery who has taken over the post with great enthusiasm and verve.
- Only 6 parents have given their opinions about the school on Parent View which isn't enough for Ofsted so I'm pleading now for mums **and** dads to follow the link and complete the survey. I'm sure the call is just around the corner!

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>



And that brings me to the end of another successful week at HLPS. It just remains for me to wish you a warm and happy weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***"The bee is more honoured than other animals,
not because it labours, but because it labours for others"***

With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle



Star of the week:

RI: Nala
R2: Evie
IA: Dima
IB: Aariya
2A: Aiden
2B: Daniel CJ
3A: Inara
3B: Alex
4A: Alex
4B: Logan
5A: Tawheed
5B: Parker
6A: Beau
6B: Maizie

Writer of the week:

RI: Harley
R2: Kevin
IA: Jenson
IB: Isla
2A: Thomas
2B: Ollie
3A: Darcie
3B: James
4A: Samuel
4B: Larissa
5A: Hayley
5B: Katie
6A: William
6B: Grace



House Points

1st Centaurs 263 points

2nd Griffins 228 points

3rd Dragons 221 points

4th Phoenixes 189 points





Happy Birthday

to.....

Amelie R1
Elizabeth R1
Oliver IB
Mikail 3B
Baris 3B
Bobby 4A
Isla 4A
Ema 6A
Kristian 6A

who have a birthday coming
up in the next week.

We hope you have a great day!

Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Adelaide 2A



on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION
AWARD

goes to

Darcie in 3A

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Dottie (R2)
Elliot (R2)
Evie (R2)
Laura (R2)
Halimat (IB)
Nicola (3B)
Alexander (4A)

Amelia (4A)
Dolcie (4A)
Isabella (4A)
Pavel (4A)
Ethan (6B)
Layla (6B)



Dates this half term:

- Tuesday 12th October - wear yellow for £1 donation to support Young Minds
- Wednesday 13th October EYFS Harvest Festival assembly 2:30 pm
- Thursday 14th October EYFS Harvest Festival assembly 9:00 am
- Thursday 14th October Year 5 Harvest Festival assembly 2:30 pm
- Week beginning Monday 18th October Parents' Evenings
- Wednesday 20th October Parent Council Meeting 2:00 pm
- Thursday 21st October Year 3 Trip to Chelmsford Museum
- Friday 22nd October Flu Vaccinations
- Friday 22nd October PTA Bring a bottle non-uniform day
- Half Term Holiday Monday 25th - Friday 29th October



**NO PARKING
HERE!**

You could endanger a child's life

Reminders

Please can we remind parents that there should be no parking or stopping in the roads outside the school. We want to keep all our children safe and need your help to do this. There have been several near misses recently where cars have been trying to turn around in the road.

Thank you for your support.