



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of another busy week (where is the time going?) and your children have been working very hard. Here are the highlights:

- Keep your eyes peeled for Mason (1A) who is our resident super athlete since acquiring his new Nike blade. He zips around the playground like Flash Gordon (blink and you'll miss him) and climbs the apparatus like a monkey and all because of Mason's determination to compete with the best of them! He thought he'd never manage it with a false leg but look what difference a blade makes. Go Mason! - we'll see you in the Olympics yet, my man!
- Coloured hampers are growing day by day - Reception's purple hamper and Y5's green hamper have overflowed while the teachers' golden hamper is struggling to survive! I think I'll be shopping for golden items this weekend!!
- As mentioned last week, our fire drill was in need of some extra practice but little did I realise that the extra practice would come so soon. Monday saw us all evacuating the building again (this time a tip-top performance!) owing to a false alarm (literally). The firemen had to be called, of course, leading me to think that perhaps it *wasn't* such a false alarm after all!! We had to wait a considerable time for the experts to reset the system and then give us the all-clear. Concerned about the length of time I was keeping the children outside without coats, I ventured into the building to find out why we weren't being given the all-clear. Turns out that, when they reset the system, all our internal doors automatically locked again and the fireman resetting the system found himself locked in the room with no means to escape! He had to call the other firemen to rescue him!!!
- Anti-Bullying Week kicked off with 'Odd-Socks' day on Monday and the array of mismatched footwear was a sight to behold (especially those children who tucked their trousers into their socks to make their oddness more visible)! Children have been busy making '1 Kind Word' posters as well as learning about how to tackle online bullying and playground bullying. Each class has taken part in a very interactive workshop about being kind but also about how to stand up for themselves without resorting to aggression, violence or unkindness. Please do discuss these matters with your children to support us in creating a school where everyone feels safe and happy.
- In Reception, part of the Anti-Bullying Workshop training included children learning how to compliment each other and to think of kind things to say that would make others feel happy. Nate (R1) clearly thinks he knows exactly what a girl wants to hear to make her happy since he turned to Grace (R1) and said, "I think you're so kind, I'd like to marry you!" Now, I wish Grace had replied that she'd rather concentrate on her career path first but, as it was, she simply broke down into giggles - well, at only 4 years old, there's still time for Grace to get



her priorities in order!!

- Miss B held an Anti-Bullying protest at lunchtime brandishing placards and shouting objections to bullying (using kind words, of course). Don't be surprised if some of your children grow up to be peaceful protestors - they're learning a lot about how to get their voices heard in a confident and determined manner.
 - EYFS took part in Nursery Rhyme Week this week. Learning and singing Nursery Rhymes is an integral part of the preparation for reading and it seems to be a bit of a dying art meaning that children come to school without the ability to spot rhythm and rhyme (key skills for reading readiness) so Nursery Rhyme week is essential for those children who haven't been exposed to our rich tradition of (mostly nonsensical, it has to be admitted) nursery rhymes! EYFS have learnt 5 nursery rhymes this week - all hailing from different parts of the world and accompanied with overly-energetic actions. The children loved them and the teachers spent a lot of the time collapsed with exhaustion on the floor!
 - EYFS held their first Celebration Assembly this week. In the past, EYFS have always held their own celebration assemblies separately from the rest of the school which allows more parents to attend - very important to our newest members of the school. However, with Covid restrictions, our celebration assemblies have all taken place via Zoom which has allowed EYFS children to join KS1 and KS2 for the weekly event. This week, though, we made the decision to bring back the EYFS assemblies and to hold them fortnightly so that EYFS still get a chance to join the whole school assemblies, as well as giving them an opportunity to share their celebrations with their parents every other week. Today saw the first of those special assemblies. Children were presented with their certificates for being stars with their work or attitudes and kindness certificates were presented to 2 of the kindest souls in EYFS this week. But the showstopper was the performance of two of our best-loved nursery rhymes, Incy Wincy Spider and Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.
 - I ended Thursday with a very nasty shock and all hail to our Head Boy and Head Girl who had the presence of mind to come and get me in the absence of their teacher. They calmly, but with purpose, entered my office telling me that there had been an accident in their classroom and their teacher had already gone out to play and they needed someone to come quickly. Now, I really thought I'd lost my youthful ability to run 100m in 12 seconds but apparently not - I ran up those stairs like a bat out of hell, expecting to witness something akin to a crime scene but, when I reached the classroom, Mikele and Molly shouted 'Surprise!' as they showcased their amazing Anti-Bullying poster to me. Now, don't get me wrong, I love a joke as much as the next person but when it places you near death's door out of fear (what's happened?) and heart-failure (that run nearly killed me!), I do have to question the comical value of said joke!!! As it happens, the poster was truly wonderful and I promised to pin it up outside so you could all see it! I hope you had a chance to see the Phoenix- shaped posters.
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- Today, we saw our children further exert their understanding of one of our fundamental British Values - Democracy - as they all voted for their student councillors. Much thought and work was put into the candidates' speeches and they delivered them to their classes with confidence and assurance. The voting took place in the Parent Foyer and each child placed their cross on the ballot paper - just as **we** do several times a year ("What? Another one?") Results will be announced next week once all the voting slips have been 'counted and verified'!
- And today, of course, was my favourite day of all - Bring chocolate to school non-uniform day! That's got quite the catchy ring to it hasn't it? And, goodness me, did you ever deliver. That's my Christmas sorted - oh no, wait, that chocolate is all spoken for and will be on sale in the form of a Chocolate Tombola on Friday the 3rd of December when we hold our first Christmas Bazaar in quite a while! Shame - it all looked so tempting!

And that brings us to the end of another wonderful week. It just remains for me to wish you a restful weekend filled with woolly scarves, hats and gloves (yes, it's about to turn wintery) and I leave you with this thought:

***"You will never reach higher ground
if you spend all your time pushing others down"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Star of the week:

RI: Thea
R2: Dalia
IA: Zayyan
IB: Reggie
2A: Diana
2B: Mujtaba
3A: Kieran
3B: Amanda
4A: Amelia
4B: Jessie
5A: Amelia
5B: Sophie
6A: Alyssa
6B: Arham



Writer of the week:

RI: Haakil
R2: Serena
IA: Titobi
IB: Mason
2A: Josh
2B: Fraser
3A: Sahar
3B: Idris
4A: Arthur
4B: Gracie
5A: Karis
5B: Mubaraq
6A: Lewis H
6B: Hasan



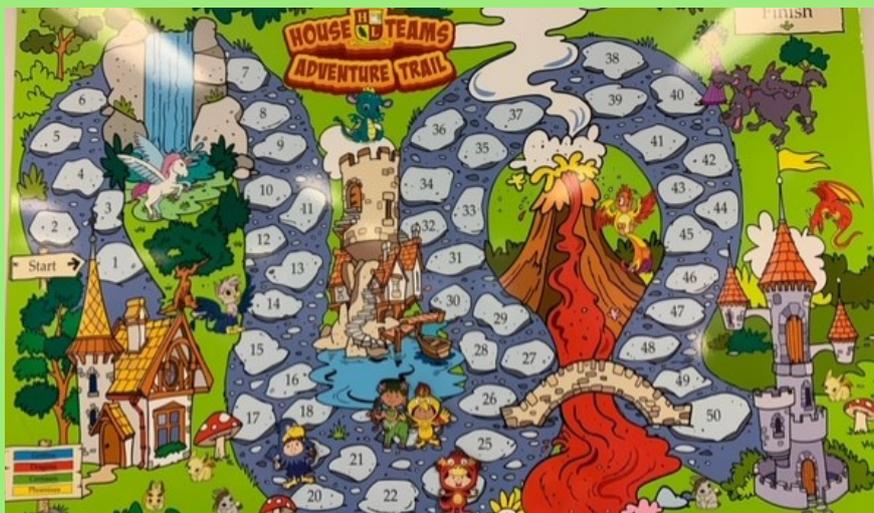
House Points

1st Dragons 254 points

2nd Phoenixes 209 points

3rd Centaurs 204 points

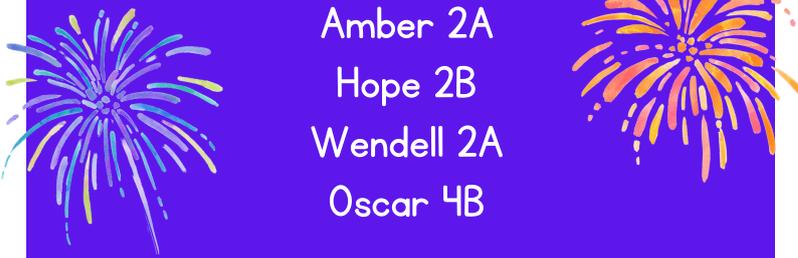
4th Griffins 201 points





Happy Birthday

to.....



Isla 1B
Seth 1A
Harvey 1A
Ilsa 1A
Amber 2A
Hope 2B
Wendell 2A
Oscar 4B

who have a birthday coming
up in the next week.
We hope you have a great day!

Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Laura (R2)

Elliot (R2)

Cindy (1B)



on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!



PRESENTATION
AWARD

goes to
Oscar in 4B

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



The whole of R2

Alicia (IA)

Regi (IB)

The whole of R1

Teddy (IA)

Reggie (IB)

Jessica (IA)

Jake (IA)

Dioni (IB)

Harper (IA)

Henry (IA)

Cindy (IB)

Freya (IA)

Drey (IA)

Hallie (6B)

Jenson (IA)

Mahilan (IB)

Marie (6B)

Harvey (IA)

Daniel (IB)



Dates for this term:



- Monday 24th November Book Fair in school until Wednesday 1st December
- Friday 26th November Culture Day
- Friday 3rd December - Non uniform day for the Cenotaph 999 charity
- Friday 3rd December PTA Christmas Bazaar at 3:30 pm
- Monday 6th December EYFS/Year Nativity at 2:00 pm
- Tuesday 7th December Year 2 Christmas Concert at 9:30 am
- Wednesday 8th December PTA Pantomime at Queens Theatre
- Thursday 9th December Year 2 Christmas Concert at 2:00 pm
- Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner day
- Friday 10th December EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9:30 am
- Friday 10th December PTA Xmas Film Night
- Monday 13th December Charity Reindeer Run
- Tuesday 14th December Piano Fun Club/Drum Club concert at 2:00pm
- Wednesday 15th December PTA Christmas parties
- Thursday 16th December PTA Breakfast with Santa
- Friday 17th December Break up at 1:30 pm

