



# Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a quieter week which is a blessing really since we're now entering into the Christmas season when everything just seems to go bananas! Here are the highlights:

- On Monday I spent some time with Reception and KS1 looking at their learning in maths. Children were so well behaved and focused on their learning and it was a joy to be a part of their lessons.
- Tuesday was our dreaded Health and Safety Audit when the Health and Safety Team come in and grill us about our risk assessments, policies and general safety practices and then take a walk around the school to ensure there's nothing causing a hazard like a broken piece of flooring or a chipped piece of plaster!!! We've worked really hard since the last audit to make sure every **t** was crossed and every **i** was dotted so, in a weird way, I was sort of looking forward to it. But...you know that saying, 'Pride goes before a fall'? Well, I *lived* that saying this week! The Health and Safety inspector walked into my office and Nala made her very welcome - she loved dogs which was a great start! I offered tea and biscuits (got to use all your available ammunition with these 'jobs-worthy' types) and I set about gathering all the evidence I had to show her what a great school we are in terms of health and safety. As I was in full flow, a nasty odour began to seep into my nostrils. I tried to ignore it but, eventually, it became too much and the sound of a choke behind me alerted me to the fact that Nala had dispensed of her breakfast from both ends of her anatomy! It was a disaster! I had to act hastily ensuring that I donned my PPE (in the correct order as our training dictated!), cleared up the offending material as quickly as possible and used the *bio-safe* products to sanitise the area. Meanwhile, I was uncomfortably aware that the H & S inspector was discretely trying to cover her nose and mouth with her hand!!! You couldn't have written a better comedy script if truth be told - Ms Haynes and Mr Welch sat there pretending there was nothing out of the ordinary contaminating their senses, stoically continuing to outline our H & S provisions around the school! I'm thrilled to say that, as the inspection lasted about 4 hours, the inspector had forgotten all about Nala's little accident by the end of it and we passed with flying colours!
- Generosity has reared its beautiful head once more in our school. Our little Nadia (R1) was in need of a specialised table to assist her learning but the school coffers



were bare so our lovely Ms Swain dipped into her own pocket to fund the table. Thank you Ms Swain - you are a kind and generous soul. I must say that paying for school resources out of our own pockets is a regular occurrence for teachers as government funding only ever covers the bare essentials (and, sometimes, not even *that!*) but just because it's common doesn't devalue the enormous kindness of the act.

- I visited Year 5 this week to see how they were getting on learning about the Shang Dynasty and was impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm about the subject. As I was about to leave 5A's classroom, I noticed an incredible model of our solar system on the wall - it turns out that year 5 have been learning about the solar system in science and Violet took it upon herself to take the study a little further and create a 3D model of it! Most impressive! Of course, that engendered a great deal of conversation about the planets and, as I had recently learnt a very interesting fact on 'House of Games' about the earth, I thought I'd impress the class with my superior knowledge but I'd give them a chance to guess the answer first. So, I confidently challenged the class to tell me how many times our Earth would fit into the Sun. "1.3 million times" was the immediate response thrown back at me by Tawheed! I left with my tail between my legs!!! I wasn't the brightest spark in the room after all!
- EYFS teachers are constantly on the lookout for items to adorn their 'Curiosity Corner' and this week Miss Goodwin brought in a 1970's flower press donated to her by an elderly neighbour. On being asked to guess what the item might be, Heidi (R1) confidently told the rest of the class that it must be a pizza or sandwich maker!! What a surprise when it was opened to reveal real flowers from the 1970s still languishing between the layers in the press. What a morning of learning - what awe and wonder!
- EYFS carpets have finally arrived - pure excitement! We can finally have 'carpet time' actually on carpets!!
- Our Book Fair has arrived and children have already started browsing. There are some great books available so don't miss out - come and browse after school one afternoon and see what tantalising titles are on sale!
- The new infant climbing equipment is almost finished and should be fit for using next week! Just waiting for the flooring be finished and to dry off!
- And we rounded off the week with Culture Day during which children dressed in the dress of their origin or the dress of a culture they are interested in. Mr Hadjioannou came in to speak to EYFS about his Greek heritage and he enthralled the children with his facts and figures about the country. We all headed outside to carry out a Culture Day parade to celebrate all cultures and religions. It was a sight to behold - what a lovely end to the week.

And so it just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend full of cosying up together with a good book and I leave you with this thought:

***"We may have different religions, different languages and different coloured skin but we all belong to the same human race and we all smile in the same language!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



## Star of the week:

R1: Harley  
R2: Shannon  
IA: Jake  
IB: Jimmy  
2A: Mabel  
2B: Liam  
3A: Olobo  
3B: Josh and Michael  
4A: Zara  
4B: Alex  
5A: Hayley  
5B: Kaysan  
6A: Lelou  
6B: Abedin

## Writer of the week:

R1: George  
R2: Toby  
IA: Ibrahim  
IB: Cindy  
2A: Wendell  
2B: Neve  
3A: Aarav  
3B: Louis  
4A: Logan  
4B: Kaeden  
5A: Matthew  
5B: Teri-Leigh  
6A: Chaniya  
6B: Lauren



## House Points

1st Dragons 300 points

2nd Centaurs 227 points

3rd Griffins 223 points

4th Phoenixes 198 points





# Happy Birthday

to.....

Mithran R1

Jenson 1A

Zoey 1B

Fraser 2B

Charlie C 3A

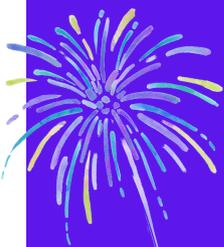
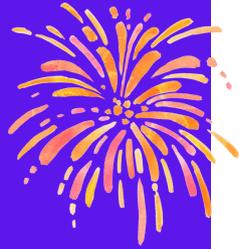
Alexander M 3A

Nathan 4B

Sidney 5B

Mikele 6B

Luis C 6B



who have a birthday coming  
up in the next week.

We hope you have a great day!

# Achiever Badges

Congratulations to .....

Aisha (R2)

Dottie (R2)

Dolcie (4A)

Sotonte (4B)

Juana (6A)

Lauren (6B)

on receiving an achiever badge  
for gaining 3 gold certificates!



PRESENTATION  
AWARD

goes to

Amanda in 3B

# OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Amelia (R1)	Ifeh (R2)	Sofia (4A)
Amelie (R1)	Dima (1A)	Dolcie (4A)
Grace (R1)	Ilsa (1A)	Brody (4B)
Haakil (R1)	Polly (1A)	Sotonte (4B)
Kal-EI (R1)	Kara (1A)	Harry (6A)
Layla (R1)	Lexy (1A)	Juana (6A)
Sidney (R1)	Navaira (1A)	Danielius (6A)
Summer (R1)	Eliza (3A)	Lauren (6B)
Thea (R1)	Aarav (3A)	Arham (6B)
Aisha (R2)	Kieran (3A)	Hasan (6B)
Dottie (R2)	Demi (4A)	Millie'Mae (6B)
Toby (R2)		



## Dates for this term:

- Wednesday 24th November Book Fair in school until Wednesday 1st December
- 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





I am a parent at Harrow Lodge Primary and I personalise a variety of items by sublimation (printing a picture that won't fade, crack, peel or break).

Last year I printed 'Lockdown Snowflakes' with children's photos on but they were so popular that some parents have asked me if I would produce them again so they can get a snowflake with a current photograph on it. On one side of the snowflake is the School badge and, on the reverse, a printed picture of your child. I'm offering these metal snowflake tree ornaments as a small way to add a few pence to the school coffers. The snowflakes will be a treasured memory for years to come.

For every snowflake sold, £2 will be donated to the school. This is a truly beautiful memory to hang on your Christmas tree every year, while also helping to raise money for the school.

If you're interested in this memory snowflake, you can order one by sending £4 into school in an envelope with your child's name and class on the front. Please label the envelope with the word SNOWFLAKE.

You can then email me your chosen picture of your child.

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