



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of another jam-packed week which has ranged from solemnity to elation and all emotions in between!

Here are the highlights:

- We started the week with a visit from our Trust CEO who hasn't been here for a very long time and he was amazed at the many changes he saw around the school. He was blown away with the new EYFS setting (as we **all** are) and how focussed our little 4 and 5 year olds are in their work as well as the behaviour for learning in *all* classes and how well our children with SEN are accessing our new facilities. I suggested to him that, as we were doing so well, he might like to consider making a substantial donation to the school as a token of his appreciation for all our hard work but his laughter in reply suggested to me that he took my suggestion rather less seriously than it was intended!! Well, one has to try or go home empty-handed! I'll try again next visit!
- Our drumming lessons began! Stuart (our resident drumming teacher) reported tremendous enthusiasm and Kieran (3A) reported sore cheeks! Apparently, that's what happens when you smile for too long! So a successful start, I would say!
- Year 4 had a rather loud visitor this week in the shape of a time-travelling Viking who came to teach them about what life was like for him in the Viking Age. If you ever wondered whether those television films depicting riotous, roaring Vikings were a genuine representation of Viking men, I would say, 'yes', judging by the decibel level of our gentleman visitor. The children, of course, loved his energy and learnt a great deal from him!
- It was the turn of our older footballing contingent this week to represent us in a tournament of outstanding quality. Much excitement was felt throughout the morning in anticipation of the afternoon's events. Y5 and Y6 boys and girls played brilliantly and we'll find out whether they got through to the next round later next week.
- We celebrated Remembrance Day on Thursday. We were blessed with the most glorious weather (past celebrations have been subject to torrential rain and deadly tornadoes!) and Mr Welch had kindly repaired our damaged cenotaph ready for another solemn and honourable outing. I always worry about this particular event because it's so important to me to get it just right so that the children don't ever lose sight of the sacrifices that were made in order to ensure the freedom they now enjoy (they may not understand it just yet but they'll remember it when





they're older and able to appreciate the significance of it). So I always plan it meticulously and ensure everyone knows what they're doing. But there are some things that you just can't plan for - like the fact that your phone, with all the necessary music on it, doesn't have a headphone socket on it to allow it to be connected to the PA system!!! Realising this just 45 minutes before the service was to begin was a bit of a blow (for 'blow', read 'raging catastrophe'!!!) and Ms Harrison went flying off home to grab an adaptor. Now, it has to be said, we were a little hasty in our panic and, had we given it some logical thought, we would have realised that Mr Charlee would be the man to sort us out (he always has the latest gadgets and paraphernalia!). So, when Ms Harrison returned, hot and bothered and in a tizz, Mr Charlee was standing on the school steps waving his adaptor at her!! Well, we've learned a valuable lesson and the ceremony was conducted beautifully with great aplomb by Ms Harrison (you'd never have guessed the panic we'd all been in just minutes before the service began!) I can't praise our year 6 readers enough - they were poised and eloquent and read their readings with fluency and feeling. The children were amazing - you could hear a pin drop in the playground as we stood for a respectful minute's silence. Thank you to all of you who joined us for the short service - I think it's vital for us to share important traditions like this as a community.

I must share a story with you about one of our Year 2 boys who was showing outstanding sobriety during the service when a bird decided to pay him a 'visit' on his new coat. He remained still and never faltered from the solemnity of his stance throughout the whole service at the end of which Mrs Kersey kindly cleaned him up. I was so impressed with this little 6 year old's composure that I called him to my office to reward him with a rare and much-coveted head teacher sticker. When I asked him why he kept his composure when most children would have created a fuss, he said, "Well, it's only bird poop and some things are more important than that so I just didn't worry. There *were* tears, actually, but I managed to hold them in!" I don't think that story needs any further comment, do you?

- You will have noticed that building works have started in the Quad. All is going well so far!
- Fire Drill this week was a great success for our KS2 (we blocked an exit in order to role-play a real fire and Y3/4 negotiated the diversion without panic or concern). KS1 need a little more practice I would say so don't be surprised if we throw another drill in this term for safety's sake.
- Finally, we celebrated Children in Need today (a week early as I'm sure you realised but it's Anti-bullying Week next week and we didn't want to dilute *that* important message!)

And that brings us to the end of the week. It only remains for me to bid you a warm and cheery weekend and leave you with the words of the fallen:



***"When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today."***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



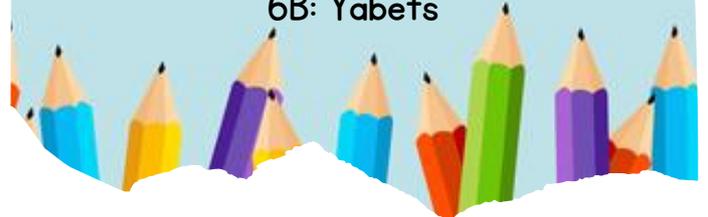
Star of the week:

RI: Lenny
R2: Shiloh
IA: Toby
IB: Aibinu
2A: Nicole
2B: Malik
3A: Muhammad
3B: Alex C
4A: Freddie
4B: Larisa
5A: Tawheed
5B: Akshee
6A: Raymund
6B: Millie Mae



Writer of the week:

RI: Maddison
R2: Idris
IA: Jessica
IB: Regi
2A: Tyler
2B: Lily
3A: Darcie
3B: James
4A: Bobby
4B: Kotryna
5A: Harry
5B: Macy
6A: Evelina
6B: Yabets



House Points

1st Phoenixes 283 points

2nd Dragons 259 points

3rd Griffins 246 points

4th Centaurs 236

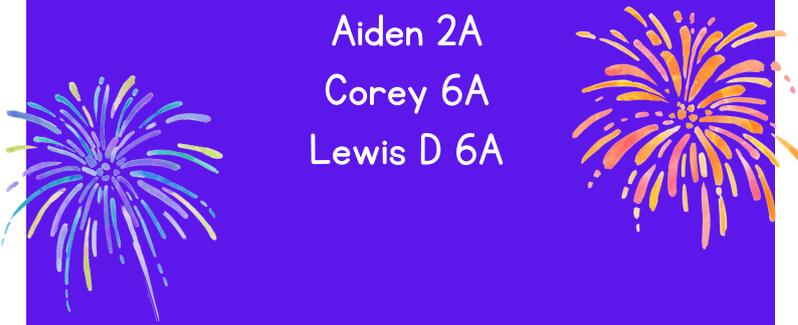




*Happy
Birthday*

to....

Shiloh R2
Harley R1
Malik 2B
Aiden 2A
Corey 6A
Lewis D 6A



who have a birthday coming
up in the next week.

We hope you have a great day!

**Well done to
everyone who
came to school
wearing spots
today. We raised
£184
for Children in
Need.**



PRESENTATION
AWARD

goes to
Kayla in 5B

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Shiloh (R2)
 Teddy-James (R2)
 Freya (1A)
 Henry (1A)
 Jenson (1A)
 Mason (1A)
 Lola (2B)
 Kyle (2B)
 Darcie (3A)

Gracie (4B)
 Albie (6A)
 Alfie (6A)
 Corey (6A)
 Danielius (6A)
 Juana (6A)
 Lewis H (6A)
 Armani (6B)
 Mason (6B)



Dates for this term:

- Monday 15th November Start of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day
- 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

