



# Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very busy week this week with some exciting learning taking place. Here are the highlights:

- Covid has decided to visit the staff this week - some for the second time of asking! - and we're beginning to feel the pinch. 4 staff off and 1 being tested!! So don't be surprised if your child comes home and says that Mrs Searle or Ms Browne or Mr Charlee taught them today - it's all hands to the pump in times of desperate need but I can assure you that your child will get just as good an offer as they get from their own teacher!
- The dreaded chicken pox has hit EYFS with force - what with that and Covid, we're running short on children this week!!
- This week, our subject leaders have been out and about watching their subjects being taught right across all ages. It's been quite lovely for teachers to visit other classes but also very enlightening to see how different age groups approach their subjects.
- Y5 have been learning all about sowing, growing and farming this term and, as part of that topic, they've researched various vegetables - particularly those that are in season at the moment. As part of that study, they've been creating their own recipes for vegetable soups and that culminated in the 'Great British Soup Off'! I drew the ~~short~~ lucky straw to become the Soup-Off judge which was beautifully timed around mid-morning just when a snack comes in very handy! And I must say, those soups were delicious. My favourite was January Soup - thought the name was creatively challenged but, apart from that, I could have eaten a whole bowl of the cabbage and potato-based broth! Well done to all those 5A mini-chefs!
- I visited Class 2B this week to see how they were getting on with their work and was amazed to see the difference in their handwriting from September to now. They've worked so hard to improve the presentation of their work but the real joy for me was how excited they were to have someone come in and look at their work. As I walked around the class, I heard whispers such as, "Quick, she's coming; she's nearly here! I'm so nervous!"
- Meanwhile, I was able to hone my teaching skills in 4A as I was called upon to cover Mrs Bracken while she studied Art in Year 1. What an absolute delight 4A were - as I taught them the features of a river, they were bubbling over with answers and challenges and questions which was like a breath of fresh air for me since much of my time nowadays is spent in rather dry meetings with few challenges and even fewer opportunities to have lively discussions. Thank you 4A - now let's see how much you remember at the end of the day!!

Mr Welch, our most esteemed caretaker who carries out an abundance of jobs around our site, who has often been seen down a drain or on a roof, unblocking the former or fixing the latter, has discovered that part of his skill-set has been compromised because his training certificate to prove that he can climb a ladder has run out! Yes, you heard correctly, Mr Welch has this week attended ladder training - it lasted a whole day - so he is now a fully-qualified ladder climber which I'm sure we're all relieved about!! He can now legally fetch the balls down off the roof (and the odd shoe, as it happens!)

- Our second-hand uniform shop is being set up in the Elm Room so that you can access it from the back of the dining hall. Ms Browne has worked extraordinarily hard to sort out all the books and resources that were cluttering up the room so now we have a well-organised uniform area for you to browse the second-hand products. We only stock good quality, second-hand clothes and it's great value when you think how quickly your little ones grow out of things.
- The Archery Club has expanded after our little advert last week and the children came out of the club this week absolutely gushing about it. I heard such a racket from the corridor as I sat working in my office after school yesterday and, when I went to investigate, it was the over-excited archers extolling the wonders of the archery club!! Now let's do the same for the KS2 fencing club on Friday!!
- Finally, please look out for a parent mail in your inbox from the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) who are running a survey over the weekend to try to discover how our garden birds are faring at the moment. It would be a great activity for you to do with your children and, if you're anything like me with your knowledge about garden birds, you'll learn a thing or two - I'd never heard of a Dunnock before but now I'm scouring the gardens for one!! It's called 'Big Garden Birdwatch' and will be a fabulous use of your time this weekend.
- And that brings us to the end of our week. Let's hope next week sees the back of this ugly virus so we can return to our normal teaching practices. I wish you all a lovely weekend - for some, that will mean exciting preparations for the Chinese New Year and, for others, I hope you enjoy lots of family time together be it bird-watching, walking, playing, reading or watching Encanto for the tenth time on 'Disney Plus' and I leave you with this thought:

***"There are many little ways to enlarge your world.  
Love of books is the best of all."***

With kind regards and best wishes,  
Mrs Searle



## Star of the week:

RI: Liza  
R2: Dottie  
IA: Loris  
IB: Cindy  
2A: Shakira  
2B: Kyle  
3A: Leni-Rae  
3B: Jacob  
4A: Holly  
4B: Frank  
5A: Aliyssa  
5B: Leah  
6A: Danielius  
6B: Hasan

## Writer of the week:

RI: Grace  
R2: Shiloh  
IA: Jake  
IB: Mahilan  
2A: Mabel  
2B: Michaela  
3A: Arina  
3B: Amatullah  
4A: Pavel  
4B: Larisa  
5A: Noah  
5B: Aamani  
6A: Lewis D  
6B: Charlie



## House Points

1st Griffins 183 points

2nd Dragons 165 points

3rd Phoenixes 162 points

4th Centaurs 152 points



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Dima 1A

Alicia 1A

Harrison 2A

Cody 2A

Bonnie 4B

Kotryna 4B

Arthur 4A

Toni 5B

who have had a birthday this week.

We hope you had a great day!

## Achiever Badges

Congratulations to .....

Mason (1A)

Polly (1A)

on receiving an achiever badge  
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

# PRESENTATION

# AWARD

goes to

Katie in 4A

### Dates for the spring term:

- Friday 4th February - NSPCC Number Day
- Tuesday 8th February - Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 10th February - Performing Arts trip to Mary Poppins
- Friday 11th February - Mental Health Day
- HALF TERM 14th -18th February
- Monday 21st February - EYFS and Year 4 Science Workshops
- Monday 21st February - Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 23rd February - Parents' Evening
- Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day (dress up)
- Tuesday 8th March - Year 6 SATs meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Friday 11th March - Scientist Day
- Tuesday 15th March - Year 5 Royal Liberty school workshops
- Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day
- Friday 25th March - Mother's Day stalls
- Thursday 31st March - Year 4 Easter Play
- Friday 1st April - break up for Easter @ 1:30 pm
- INSET DAY - Tuesday 19th April
- RETURN TO SCHOOL - Wednesday 20th April

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Harper (1A)

Mason (1A)

Polly (1A)

Ollie (2B)

Liam (3A)

Daisy-Leigh (3B)

Mikail (3B)

Maizie (6B)



This week's attendance  
award goes to...

3B - 98.3%

Whole school attendance...

93.5%



## Reminder.....

Please can we remind parents that there is no access to the school from the Barton Road gate after 9:00 am.

If children need to be collected during the day or if you need to drop anything off then please come to the Rainsford Way entrance.

Thank you

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

**Chinese Sticky Chicken**

**Sweet Chilli Dippers (V)**

**Hong Kong Sweet & Sour (VE)**

*All Served with 50/50 Rice & a Vegetable  
Spring Roll (VE)*

Corn on the Cob & Stir Fried Vegetables

**Chinese Coconut Muffin (VE)**

Also available: Fresh fruit, Organic Fruit Yoghurt, Cheese & Crackers.

**£2.30**

Free for all KS1

