



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first week back after half term comes to an end, there have been significant hurdles to negotiate. Here are the highlights:

- Staff absence has hit a record high and small group work (the most effective of all teaching methods), has had to be compromised in favour of whole class teaching. So far, we've been lucky in that we haven't had to divide classes up or send classes home but we've been very close to such measures this week. Mr Charlee hobbled in on Monday hoping to continue teaching with what turned out to be a fractured ligament in his ankle! Competitions had to be cancelled and lessons swapped around. He's likely to be off for a considerable time now. Mr Reader is doing a fine job of holding the fort, though!
- Mrs Petrie is off for a few weeks now so I've had a string of children outside my door wanting to discuss their problems - I am now professionally known as Agony Aunt Searle! We have two staff members off with pneumonia and 3 with Covid plus staff off for courses, funerals and other illnesses!! I believe that a lot of schools are in the same position but that doesn't really help to ease the burden. Thank you for your understanding and support for us as we navigate these stormy waters. Our remaining staff are really rallying to help the cause and I couldn't be more proud of a team that pulls together so strongly in the hours of need.
- This week saw a return to face to face Parent Meetings - what a joy it was to see you all stream through the hall doors ready to discover how your child is progressing through their first full school year after lockdown! Monday was wonderful and many of you were kind enough to leave your Parent View report on the laptops we'd provided for you. There were only one or two blips and our superb prefects were on hand to help out anybody having any trouble. Wednesday was a different matter altogether as nothing we did seemed to allow for any registration to the Ofsted website. **We** tried. the **prefects** tried, **you** tried, we tried on different devices, we tried with alias names - nothing worked! In the end, we gave up and asked parents to try to sign up at home. Apparently, some parents told me, their registrations finally came through at midnight - very helpful! If I were grading Ofsted - they'd be in Special Measures!!
- Thank you to those of you who went home and completed the survey. Remember that mums **and** dads should complete the survey and this is a really important

time for the it to be completed as we're expecting Ofsted inspectors in March if they're keeping to their overrunning schedule! If you haven't done so already this academic year, please may I urge you to visit:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

and complete the survey. If you've not completed the survey before, you'll be asked to register and then sent an email which will allow you set up a password for the site. Once that's done, I would save your password somewhere safe as you'll need to complete this survey every year whilst you have children at the school. Then enter the site again and log in with your password and off you go. We should have 584 surveys completed if every family completes 2 each. At the moment, we only have 72 so we're a little low on numbers - come on, let's show those inspectors how good we really are!

- Monday saw the Wild Science company join us to educate our Reception children about dinosaurs and our year 4 children about reptiles. The children seemed very interested but, as a learning experience, we felt it was lacking somewhat - we shall be looking elsewhere for future reptilian visitors!!
- Ms Goodwin had her hair dyed red on Thursday by her little band of hairdressers who insisted that her hair would gradually turn red over 24 hours after her treatment at the hairdressers ("You do know that 24 hours is a day, don't you Ms Goodwin?" - Elliot R2) . Ms Goodwin was one step ahead of our daring entrepreneurs as she had already purchased some red hair dye to colour her hair over the weekend. Of course, she decided to do the deed a day early so she could walk into school today with red hair and watch the children's reactions. Unfortunately, the dye didn't take especially well so it wasn't quite the impact she was hoping for but the children felt they were proven to be excellent hairdressers none-the-less!!!
- Our school councillors organised a peaceful mental health awareness march today which was great to see with all the chanting and placards - excellent activity for one's mental health!!
- Finally, our year 6 children were given a task today to write a letter of recommendation for our school to give to a parent considering our school for their child. It was amazing to see how positive the children were about the school (especially since Year 6 children usually can't wait to leave and get to 'big, big school')!
- And that's it for another week. It just remains for me to wish you a very happy weekend peppered with sunshine and smiles. And I leave you with this thought:

"Tough Times don't last. Tough Teams do!"

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Star of the week:

R1: Mithran
R2: Matas
IA: Jenson
IB: Albie
2A: Adelaide
2B: David
3A: Ariana
3B: Baris
4A: Mollie
4B: Kotryna
5A: Almeer
5B: Delia
6A: Corey
6B: Arham

Writer of the week:

R1: Thea
R2: Mia
IA: Kara
IB: Joel
2A: Jacob
2B: Malaysia
3A: Olivia
3B: Daisy-Leigh
4A: Bobby
4B: Dorian
5A: Tyler
5B: Orset
6A: Evelina
6B: Lauren



House Points

1st Phoenixes 206 points

2nd Dragons 182 points

3rd Centaurs 166 points

4th Griffins 149 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Sidney R1	Liam 3A
Woody R1	Lily-May 4B
Harry 1B	Freddie 4A
Jimmy 1B	Parker 5B
Jessica 1A	Zachary 5B
Kara 1A	Jamie 5B
Riaadh 2A	Karis 5A
Shayan 2A	Hasan 6B
Ivan 3A	Harry 6A

who have had a birthday the the
last two weeks.

We hope you had a great day!

Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Katie in 4A

on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION
AWARD
goes to
Ilsa in 1A

Dates for the spring term:

- 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 - wear something red!
- Friday 25th March - Wear a hat to school day for brain tumour research
- 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.....



James (1I)

Freya (1A)

Jenson (1A)

Kara (1A)

Navaira (1A)

Polly (1A)

Charlie (3A)

Katie (4A)



This week's attendance
award goes to...

5B - 97.5%

Whole school attendance...

91.3%



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