



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy week this week. Here are the highlights.

- We carried out a KS2 Learning Walk on Monday which showed us that children's behaviour for learning was on point. Your children love getting involved and show a very healthy attitude to learning.

- Year 5 had a wonderful morning at the Royal Liberty school. They had a fascinating history lesson where they learned about witchcraft and the history of witches in our local area. The children were able to create their own 'magic' potion using different herbs and tested out their skills for detecting a real witch! They also took part in an amazing Harry Potter themed



chemistry lesson which involved mixing one or two different chemicals together to create 'potions' and 'magic genie-lamp smoke', as well as trying their hand at using Bunsen burners, in preparation for secondary school! Their behaviour was impeccable and both classes made their teachers very proud. They even managed to sweet-talk a bus driver into a free ride back to school! And again, the children were beautifully behaved.



- Mr Griggs, our new parent governor came to visit on Wednesday and met all your children, some of whom were very knowledgeable about the role of a governor - others....not so much but, by the end of the visit, I hope they *all* knew how Mr Griggs was going to help us to be the best that we can be!
- On Wednesday, we held our second Parent Group meeting which was a bit of a disappointing turnout after last term's crowded meeting! Unfortunately, there was a lot of sickness which meant that we could move the meeting from the staff room to my office and biscuits bought for 20 of us were shared between 5!!! Silver lining and all that! We made some excellent decisions and, after the meeting, we sent out the minutes for you all to share. Following that, we had a few extra members join - great to have you all on board!

- On Thursday, we had our termly Fire Drill with a record evacuation of 2 minutes 5 seconds. There were a few obstacles that had to be navigated - before each drill, we set up a different 'problem' for the children and staff to face. This time, the East stairs were blocked with a 'raging fire' so the Y5s and Y6s had to evacuate down the same stairwell (still managed to get out in 2 minutes, though!) and one of the gates at the back of the Tree Rooms was stuck fast - *that* raised a few alarms and lessons were learned but *that's* what drills are for. We're now busy plotting our next devious tactics for the summer-term drill - can't wait!!!
- Red Nose Day was a great success and children transformed the school into a sea of red. We raised £176.12 for this worthy charity. Thank you for all your donations. I dressed totally in bright red and, on being complimented on my attire by one of our little mites, I asked him if he thought I looked like a strawberry - "Yes, a very **big** strawberry!" was his candid reply. Nothing like a child to say it like it is - the diet starts on Monday!!!
- Year 6 were so lucky to go on the most magical trip of the year - a trip to Harry Potter World in London to supplement the book they're reading in class this term. It's all fantasy and make-believe but what a fantastic experience for the children who may never get such opportunities if it weren't for such a school trip. A big thank-you to Ms Matharu who organised the trip in the absence of poor Mrs Waddington who had to miss her favourite trip owing to the dreaded Covid!! She was desperate to return and kept testing herself every hour on Thursday in the hope that she would no longer be infectious and could join the children today. No such luck but I'm sure she'll enjoy looking at all the photos when she returns. A big thank you to all the parents who joined the trip - I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did.
- And that brings me to the end of a wonderfully full and productive week and it just remains for me to wish you all a beautiful and sunny weekend and I leave you with this thought:



With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

R1: Sophia
R2: Nadiirah
1A: Freya
1B: Halimat
2A: Mia
2B: Aaron
3A: Charlie
3B: Lucas
4A: Katie
4B: Opi
5A: Scarlett
5B: Katie
6A: Lenny
6B: Mikele

Writer of the week:

R1: Nate
R2: Serena
1A: Ilsa
1B: Aibinu
2A: Shakira
2B: Ali
3A: Muhammad
3B: Michael
4A: Yafeya
4B: Frank
5A: Hayley
5B: Alyssa
6A: Archie
6B: Isabelle



House Points

1st Phoenixes 324 points

2nd Centaurs 299 points

3rd Griffins 275 points

4th Dragons 258 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Ollie 2B

Tia 3A

Hayden 4A

Chaniya 6A

Molly 6B

Alizah 6B

Arham 6B

who have had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

Achiever Badges

Congratulations

to

Aisha R2

Milana R2

Mikail 3B

on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION
AWARD

goes to
Sotonte in 4B

Dates for the spring term:

- Thursday 24th March - Year 1 River Thames Trip
- Thursday 24th March - Year 2 Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze
- Friday 25th March - Mother's Day stalls
- Wednesday 30th March - Year 5 visit to an allotment
- 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.....



- Aisha R2
- Laura R2
- Milana R2
- Feryal 2B
- Omari 2B
- Lucas 3B
- Louis 3B
- Yusuf 3B
- Mikail 3B
- Layla 6B



This week's attendance award goes to...

2B - 97.9%

Whole school attendance...

93.9 %



Thank you to all those who made a donation today for Red Nose Day.
We raised:

£176.12

Year 6 date for your diary:

Leaver's party Friday

July 15th

