



# Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

And we've made it! We may have crawled there on our hands and knees, dropping like flies towards the end but we got there.... with no class closures or classes merging and I'm very proud of everyone for pulling together to make that happen. Here are the many highlights of this week:



- On Monday, the children were treated to a demonstration of fencing and archery in order to show them how much fun they could have if they joined those after-school clubs. If you'd like to sign your child up for one of them, KS2 Archery will be on a Wednesday next term and KS1 Fencing will be on a Friday.
- This week, our children have been discussing whether the UK are doing enough to help the Ukraine and it's brought about some excellent debating particularly with the older children. I was happy to see that your children were able to hold diverse opinions without becoming argumentative - an excellent skill much needed in today's society.
- Y5 visited a local allotment and the children were, as is usual now, a credit to the school and to your parenting. Questions such as, "What type of soil is this?" and "Does this soil have good drainage?" were just a couple of the excellent inquiries that some of the children posed. It's great to see the confidence with which our pupils speak and the knowledge they bring from the classroom to the real world! They had a good time and some children even spoke about renting an allotment once they were old enough!
- Two new little ones joined Reception this week. "OMG, tiny stick bug things have come out of those eggs!" was Harley's (R1) exclamation when he spotted that two of the stick insect eggs they've been keeping in a tank in the EYFS setting, had hatched. Ms Goodwin did explain that baby stick insects were called nymphs and proceeded to dig herself into a bit of a hole as she tried to explain what a nymph in Greek mythology was - you've 'gotta' know when to give up, Ms Goodwin!!! Now comes the sticky (sorry!) challenge of finding names for the two nymphs - that was set as a homework task but I'm rather suspicious about who actually completed the homework activity since, along with suggestions such as Poppy, John and David, there was 'Alexandra the Great Stick' and 'Leaf me Alone'!!!!

EYFS were also lucky enough to have a visit from a dentist this week (I say 'lucky' but, in my humble opinion, any visit to or from a dentist is never going to be any bucket list of *mine*! However, Mr Reyad was visiting to tell our children all about dentistry from the *other* side of the scary chair and what an interesting job it is to study a mouthful of teeth! Let's hope he's inspired a few of your little ones to delve into the wonderful world of ~~gnashers~~ dentistry!

- Wednesday saw our first athletics outing of the year. Mr Charlee took our Year 3 & 4 children on a running, jumping and throwing excursion and we missed third place by a whisker. Well done boys and girls - a triumph for a first outing.
- Now, Wednesday wasn't an easy day for me. I was extremely busy writing numerous important reports as well as doing my rounds looking at handwriting and presentation along with dealing with a very attention-seeking school dog who kept appearing at my knees from under my desk, tapping me with her arm in the hope of persuading me to play with her! Ms Browne was absent with the dreaded Covid meaning there was no one around to share the load so I decided to take a little break and peek outside to watch the children run around the playground on the Easter Egg Hunt planned by the PTA. Well, I knew that the stress had got to me when I saw a giant bunny rabbit out in the playground - just minding his own business as the children ran around him searching for clues. I hurried back inside to lie down. Still don't know where that rabbit came from - I felt like I'd walked onto the 'Harvey' film set! (You have to be of a certain age to get that reference but kudos to you if you cracked it) Massive thank you to all parents who gave up their precious time to set up the hunt and supervise the hunting!
- Thursday brought us a truly spectacular Easter Story presented to us by Year 4. My goodness, the standard of singing was exceptional, every line was nailed with expression and clarity and special mention must go to Freddie (4A) who stepped in as Jesus at the very last minute - they were big shoes to fill and he did so with aplomb! Well done Freddie!
- Year 5 & 6 were treated to an assembly brought to them by the UK Parliament to galvanise their young minds into thinking politically and ministerially. They were taught that the role of government minister is no party (sorry - couldn't resist!) but that hard work brings its own rewards.
- And finally, we brought this term to an end with our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade. And what spectacular bonnets were on show from spring flower designs to huge chocolate eggs looking real enough to eat! Thank you to all parents for assisting your children in making their bonnets which they thoroughly enjoyed showing off in a musical, jaunty parade. Congratulations to all the winners and well done to every child for being great sports!

- We still haven't had the call from the Ofsted Team and I'm beginning to think they've lost us from their list of schools to inspect! However, we can't be sure that they've dropped us so, just in case, please do head to the Parent View page (if you haven't done so already) and complete your own views about our lovely school. The more views we have, the better picture Ofsted has of our parental support (which you and I already know is fantastic but Ofsted only have that survey to go on! Here's the link and thank you again for your amazing support.

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

- And that brings us to the end of the week, the end of the term and the end of this newsletter. It just remains for me to remind you that it's summer uniform when we return on the 20th of April or continue with winter uniform if you prefer and to have a most wonderful Easter break - let's hope the weather is kind to us. And I leave you with this thought:

***"Easter Egg hunts are proof that  
your children can find things when they really want to!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



## Star of the week:

R1: Woody

R2: Idris

IA: Jenson

IB: Aadam

2A: Nicole

2B: Fraser

3A: Liam

3B: Sade

4A: Feroz

4B: Ronnie

5A: George

5B: Kairyn

6A: Ilias

6B: Mason

## Writer of the week:

R1: Sidney

R2: Mia

IA: Harvey

IB: Joshua

2A: Daria

2B: Riley-Joe

3A: Ela

3B: Leni-Rae

4A: Riley

4B: Gurkeerat

5A: Tawheed

5B: Sidney

6A: Harry D

6B: Bryan

## House Points



1st Dragons 221 points

2nd Phoenixes 197 points

3rd Centaurs 196 points

4th Griffins 171 points



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

George RI

Joseph R2

Diana 2A

Ali 2B

Dolcie 4A

Opeyemi 4B

Leo 4B

Holly 5B

William 6A



who have had a birthday  
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

## Achiever Badges

Congratulations to .....

Dioni 1B

Joel 1B

Hannah 4A



on receiving an achiever badge  
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION  
AWARD  
goes to  
Feryal in 2B

### Dates for the summer term:

- INSET DAY - Tuesday 19th April
- RETURN TO SCHOOL - Wednesday 20th April
- Wednesday 20th April Year 4 River trip
- Friday 22nd April - Year 3 St George's Day assembly
- Tuesday 26th April - French Day
- Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday
- Thursday 5th May - Polling Day
- Friday 6th May - Year 3 Roman Day
- Monday 9th May - Year 5 Royal Liberty Science workshops
- Tuesday 10th May - Year 3 Colchester Castle trip
- Friday 13th May - Year 5 British Museum Trip
- Friday 13th May - Year 4 V&A Museum Trip
- Wednesday 18th May - YHA parent meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Monday 23rd May - Platinum Jubilee week - details to follow
- Friday 27th May - Break up for half term

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Laura R2

Aisha R2

Chloe R2

Dioni 1B

Harry 1B

Joel 1B

Regi 1B

Louie 2B

Mollie-Mae 4A



This week's attendance  
award goes to...

1A - 97.5%

Whole school attendance...

**92.4%**



## Summer Uniform

As the weather gets warmer children  
can now switch over to the summer  
uniform if they wish to. Please  
remember that the girls uniform is white  
socks or black tights, no white or grey  
tights please. Our full summer uniform  
list can be found on our website under  
the pupils section.



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Thank you

**Well done to our Easter Bonnet winners!**

**R1 Kasey R2 Chloe**

**IA Alicia IB Alyssa-Rose**

**2A Jacob 2B David**

**3A Jacob 3B Louie**

**4A Amelia 4B Jessie**

**5A Luke 5B Toni**

**6A Rafe 6B Mason**

**Your bonnets looked spectacular and you paraded them with pride!**



**Our fabulous artists have been hard at work creating their**

**Easter art work and here are our winners!**



**EYFS Ifeh KSI Alicia KS2 Arham**



**Well done - enjoy your prizes!**

