



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the summer term. I hope you all had great Easter break and made the most of the beautiful sunshine. It was lovely to see all the children back in their cool summer uniforms. Let's hope the weather stays sunny and warm for us throughout the term as there are plenty of plans afoot for outdoor activities. Here are this short week's highlights:



- We began the term by reminding the children of the importance of our core values and our 4 school rules - do check to see if your children know them and award them a golden hug if they do! Just in case you're not too sure yourself, our core values are Respect, Empathy, Aspiration, Confidence and Honesty and our 4 rules are Be kind, Be respectful, Be Hard-working and Be Safe. 10 points if they can tell you that the most important of all of these is 'Be Kind'!!
- The children were taught about St George, our patron saint and I was most impressed by the retention of their knowledge about him and his bravery - hopefully, they all realise that killing the dragon is just a myth but you'd better ask them just in case!! Year 3 carried out their own research surrounding St. George and created a magnificent play which they presented to parents and children. A huge well done to all of them (teachers included) who pulled everything together in just 3 days!!
- Year 4 started the term with a day out studying the River Rom. They chose a beautiful sunny day for it and, amongst other things, they calculated the speed at which the river was flowing that day. Those with wellies were able to wade whilst those in trainers urged on from the side-lines - I believe the technical instruments used were a ruler, a stop-watch and a twig! The children were fascinated to see the confluence where the Rom met the Beam and travelled on to join the Thames and a great discussion about pollution was had as the children witnessed cloudy water every here and there. A huge amount of learning took place but I think the goslings stole the show and the mallards surprised the children as they discovered that it was the male ducks that sported the stunning plumage compared to the female ducks who faded into insignificance with their dull brown feathers! (I told them it was the opposite in the human race - we females never fade into insignificance!)

We've welcomed Mrs Petrie back after a rather long absence and I, for one, am thrilled to see her return but I know many of your children were really happy to have her back again. Mrs Petrie has been working hard with our Year 5 Peer mentors preparing them for their playground roles of 'peace-makers'. They've been trained in how to help children sort out minor conflicts and I'm very excited to see them start their jobs on Monday.

- And EYFS have been revising the 'X' sound in their phonics lessons. And when I say that phonics is embedded everywhere in EYFS, I mean everywhere. Woody (R1) spotted these aeroplane trails in the air today and exclaimed, "Phonics is even in the sky, Ms Goodwin!"



- Today is Earth Day and all our students have been learning about the importance of looking after the Earth. I believe David Attenborough was a pretty frequent visitor into classrooms and George (R1) knew exactly how to look after the Earth - "Don't leave the bath running while you're in bed!" Sound advice, George, for several reasons to be fair!

- Year 4 and Year 5 fought a fierce times-table battle over the holidays - look at these results:



- Finally, I must make a special mention of Darcie and Tia (3A) who caught me at home-time yesterday and asked me how I was and whether I'd had a nice Easter Break. I explained that I'd had a lovely time and had spent much of it visiting my elderly mother. Darcie told me all about her trip to Santorini ("It wasn't quite as warm as I was expecting but it was very pleasant!") and Tia showed me the souvenir that Darcie had brought back for her. As they were about to leave, Darcie asked, "Is your mother alright Mrs Searle?" to which I replied that she was well and I thanked Darcie for asking. I walked away from two 8 year olds feeling like I'd had a conversation with my own peers! What respect and confidence and what empathy those girls showed all in a ten minute chat. Our Core Values are certainly being lived!!!

- And that brings us to the end of the week. It just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend full of sunshine and laughter and I leave you with this thought

***"It's nice to have someone who simply asks, 'How was your day?'
(and listens to the answer!)"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



to.....

Feryal 2B
Albert 2A
Leni-Rae 3B
Amelia 4A
Jessica 5A
Jenson 5A

Lewis 5B
Mubaraq 5B
Alyssa 5B
Bryan 6B
Zachary 6A



who have had a birthday
in the last 3 weeks
We hope you had a great day!

Dates for the summer term:

- 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

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

