



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of another busy week in which we celebrated all things French. Here are the highlights:



- On Monday, we welcomed our first Ukrainian family into our school community. Speaking no English must be very scary for children and parents alike so, if you see mum around the playground, do please extend a friendly welcome.
- We met a beautiful Labrador/Retriever cross 6-month old puppy on Tuesday called David! His owner, Brenda, was a puppy-raiser for the Guide Dogs for the Blind and she brought David along to meet the children and to talk to them about David's journey to becoming a guide dog. I have to say that our children behaved impeccably even when David insisted on howling singing half-way through the talk!! Some excellent questions were asked and we discovered that blind people are exempt from picking up their dog's 'business' in the street but that guide dogs are trained to do their business only at specific times and in a specific place in their owner's garden - yes, not surprisingly, much of the discussion was around poo!! However, there *was* other information gathered and the knowledge that some of our children already had was very impressive.
- Toby and Seth (1A) shared their project work with me from their 'Bright Lights, Big City' project and I was super impressed with Toby's book of city landmarks and Seth's city design which included a Batmobile for the police usage!
- Year 5 have begun to follow a program called GOAL - Game of Actual Life - in which they learn how to maintain a bank account (many were disappointed that the money was only 'virtual!'), apply for jobs and learn about key careers opportunities including a police officer, bank manager, driving instructor/examiner, car salesman, production co-ordinator, vet, travel agent, passport officer and, my personal favourite, a quiz-show host!! Children are reflecting on what's important in life - wealth, health or happiness and how every job has its own place and its own importance in society. This program is all part of supporting children's wider personal development and introducing them to life-skills. There's a great deal of sensible discussion that's taking place in class and children are learning that everyone's opinion is valid and worthy whether you agree with it or not.

- We held a French Day this week opening the 'Café au Harrow Lodge' to
- serve croissants and chocolat chaud (that's 'hot chocolate' in case you're wondering) - a firm favourite with the French by all accounts. Children had to order their food and drink in French and only received it if the order was correctly articulated!! I think everyone was served! Further French-themed activities were carried out during the day including designing a replacement Tour Eiffel, baking a baguette, study the route for the Tour de France and taking part in a designer fashion show! All in all, it was a 'journée extraordinaire' (10 points if you can tell me what that means!)
- Mithran (R1) bumped his head on the door handle this week and decided that, as he wants to be a doctor when he grows up, he'd better start preparing by looking after his own medical needs and promptly set about making his own plaster. It was a superb attempt to heal himself but I dread to think what damage was done removing the dressing!!
- We started our new Gardening Club which was well attended and children adored getting their hands dirty (what a surprise!). Homebase have donated some great equipment for us so a shout out to them. Mrs Ellis has also cleared the front planters of weeds and is planting some summer colour for us all to enjoy.
- Unfortunately, we've had to close the fencing club as no one applied to take part! I was amazed - I thought fighting each other with swords would have been a most popular club!! I guess you can never tell. We try to offer a range of clubs so that children get a taste of a variety of sports so we'll be on the look out for something new and different for next year. If there's anything you think might be a 'winner', do let us know.
- Thank you to all of you who volunteered to come and talk to our children about aspirational careers for women. I haven't forgotten you - I'll be contacting you soon about coming in.
- And that brings us to the end of the week. It just remains for me to wish you a happy *long* weekend full of May-pole dancing and truffle eating (May 2nd is also National Truffle Day - the chocolate kind of truffles, thankfully!) and I leave you with this thought:



***"The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth
if you lost all your money"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

R1: Kal-EI
R2: Isa
1A: Navaira
1B: Musa
2A: Harrison
2B: Louie
3A: Muhammad
3B: Leni-Rae
4A: Simeon
4B: Mohammed
5A: Tyler
5B: Jimmy
6A: Zach
6B: Hallie

Writer of the week:

R1: Meshach
R2: Shannon
1A: Polly
1B: Alyssa-Rose
2A: Savelly
2B: Michaela
3A: Liam
3B: Eshaal
4A: Bobby
4B: Eva
5A: Scarlett
5B: Spencer
6A: Jonathan
6B: Millie Mae'



House Points



1st Phoenixes 301 points

2nd Centaurs 197 points

3rd Dragons 187 points

4th Griffins 186 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Diyan R2
Malaysia 2B
Tyler 2A
Millie Mae' 6B

who have had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Aibinu IB

on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION
AWARD
goes to
Henry in 1A

Dates for the summerterm:

- 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
- Wednesday 29th June - Sports Day

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Mia R2

Isa R2

Aibinu IB

Daniel IB

Grace IB

Riley-Joe 2B



This week's attendance
award goes to...

4A - 97.7%

Whole school attendance...

93.6%



Reading Challenge

Congratulations to

Yafeya 4A

Juana 6A

for achieving your
reading token this week.
Enjoy choosing your book
from the vending
machine!

