



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been one of the busiest weeks of the year. Here are the highlights:

- The biggest week of the year for Year 6 is finally over. After blood, sweat and tears, tantrums and foot-stamping, hair-pulling and nervous twitches (and that's just the teachers!), we've come to the end of SATs week! We only had *one* child empty the contents of their very nervous stomach over the floor this year which is quite a win in my opinion! Most of you know how I feel about the needless pressure of SATs tests and how they in no way reflect the wonder and all-round success of your children but they are a statutory evil that must be dealt with and we just hope that our children recognise that their results will in no way shape their futures - they are far more than a 'mark out of 100'! I'm truly proud of every one of them - their growth and maturity and their navigation through some of the toughest school years they'll ever have to face! And a huge well done to all the Year 6 teachers who have also worked tirelessly over the last year to ensure that our children were as ready as they could be for the tests.
- Monday wasn't *all* about Year 6, though. Year 5 had their own stomach-churning moments as students from The Royal Liberty Secondary School hauled in a batch of sheep's eyes, lungs and livers to carry out a dissection lesson with our unsuspecting Year 5 children. It came as a bit of a shock to some of them as they were expected to cut into the body parts in order to examine the inner workings of the animals! It was Jose's first day with us - what an introduction!!! Other activities included looking at their own body cells through a microscope, collecting DNA from a strawberry and making poo! Yes, here we go again with the poo but I gather it was extremely educational and explained the very important process of digestion in a suitably graphic manner!
- Year 3 visited Colchester Castle as part of their Emperors and Empires Topic work. They built round houses and arches and wowed the curators with their knowledge and understanding of the Roman period in Britain. The visit was a great success except that the coach driver was what is affectionately known as a 'Sunday Driver' and the children were late arriving and late returning - much to the anguish of all! Time to check out other coach companies I think!!!
- We also had our summer term fire-drill this week. Now, as you know, we always try to include an obstacle or two in our fire-drills in order to keep our staff and children on their toes and this term we decided to run our drill at lunchtime - yes, you heard right, lunch-time! Well, we do love a challenge and I have to say, everyone rose to the challenge and exceeded all expectations. All children were lined up and registered in 3 minutes 18 seconds and that was with children appearing from all corners of the school, playgrounds and fields. Well done everyone!



Mr Charlee was off out on a jaunt again this week - what a life, Mr Charlee! - We tried our hand at Tennis this time. Year 4 entered the tournament and did us proud! They had no formal practice beforehand but they came 3rd! Well done to Ronnie, Brodie, Katie, Kotryna, Sotonte and Dolcie - please keep an eye out for these names at Wimbledon in 2032!!!

- Wednesday was the most exciting day of the week when our remaining classrooms all had their new screens fitted. It was lovely to see the excitement and glee emanating from the teachers - yes, the teachers! The children took it all in their stride but, for the teachers, this was the best thing since sliced bread! When Mrs LeMay's old board was removed, an old-style black-board was revealed with spellings on it and the date 1999! We all felt very old witnessing that but none more than Ms Browne who recognised the writing on the black-board as her own!!!
- And this week, we've been talking a lot about sex and relationships (parents and I, not the children!) as we held several meetings to inform parents about the content of our Sex and Relationships curriculum. I was overwhelmed by the response, having a turnout of over 100 parents campared to previous years of between 10 to 15! I was thrilled! It's absolutely wonderful to have your support and know that what we're teaching to your children is important to you - I hope we get the same turnout for maths and English!! (THat's a joke - we don't do a special meeting for maths & English but it's all on the website!)
- And today has been an extra busy day. Y4 have visited the Victoria & Albert Museum and Y5 have visited the British Museum as part of their learning about Ancient Civilizations. As I write this newsletter, we're still waiting for their return but a big thank you to Mr Welch who stepped in at the last moment when a volunteer had to drop out. We'll see later if he survived or not!!
- This week, EYFS have been starting preparations for our Jubilee week and I was privileged to see some of the great work that's been going on and to hear some of the wonderful questions the children would like to ask the Queen - they were 'horrified' that Mrs Rice suggested asking the Queen what the colour of her knickers were! I'm now desperately searching for my book called, 'The Queen's Knickers' - they'll LOVE it!
- Rafe (6A) received a letter from JK Rowling this week and was excited to share it with us. She talked about her new books and how pleased she was with Rafe's interest in her writing. Well done, Rafe - that's a great achievement!
- And that brings us to the end of a very busy week. It just remains for me to wish you a restful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

"Test scores may tell you where a student is but they certainly don't tell you where a student could end up!"

With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle



PTA Jubilee Coin Trail



We are holding a competition between each year group.

From now until Thursday 26th May children are asked to bring in any loose change and on Friday 27th May each year group will go outside and make a coin trail.

The year group with the longest coin trail will be the winners and will each receive a Platinum Jubilee Button Badge.

Good Luck!



JUBILEE BOUNCE Wednesday 25th May



As part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we will be holding a family picnic on Friday 27th May between 12:30 and 1:30 followed by performances on the field which parents are welcome to stay for.

Children are asked to come to school dressed in red, white and blue on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Star of the week:

R1: Amelie

R2: Rebecca

IA: Drey

IB: Harry

2A: Albert

2B: Yatniel

3A: Daisy

3B: Louis

4A: Riley

4B: Mitchell

5A: Jose'

5B: Sophie

6A: Ilias

6B: Marie

Writer of the week:

R1: Sidney

R2: Alice

IA: Mason

IB: Aadam

2A: Martynas

2B: Penelope

3A: Darcie

3B: Yusuf

4A: Katie

4B: Leo

5A: Karina

5B: Mubaraq

6A: Raymund

6B: Ethan

House Points



1st Phoenixes 293 points

2nd Dragons 263 points

3rd Centaurs 262 points

4th Griffins 223 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....



Ifeh R2	Inara 3A
Zayaan 1B	Katie 4A
Cindy 1B	Almeer 5A
Leah 2A	Sophie 5B
Yousef 2B	Alyssa 6A

who have had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!



Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Toby 1A

Orest 5B



on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

**PRESENTATION
AWARD**
goes to
Josias in 6B

Dates for the summer term:

- Wednesday 18th May - Quidditch Day for KS2
- Wednesday 18th May - Year 6 Residential at YHA parent meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Monday 23rd May - Platinum Jubilee week - details to follow
- Tuesday 24th May - Class Photos
- Wednesday 25th May - Year 1 Trip to Braintree Museum for a Victorian Day
- Friday 27th May - Jubilee family picnic/red, white and blue day
- Friday 27th May - Break up for half term
- Monday 6th June - Return to school
- Friday 17th June - EYFS Trip to Barleylands
- Friday 24th July - Performing Arts Club Mary Poppins Production at Hornchurch High
- Wednesday 29th June - Sports Day
- Monday 4th July - Year 6 YHA residential trip
- Wednesday 13th July - Year 1 Victorian Assembly to parents

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Milana R2
Toby IA
Jake IA
Kiera 2A
Aarav 3A
Ela 3A
Jack 3A
Inara 3A
Darcie 3A
Oloba 3A
Eliza 3A
Orest 5B



This week's attendance award goes to...

6A - 98.8%

Whole school attendance...

93.5%



Reading Challenge

Congratulations to

Nassar 6B

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

