



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a beautiful week with a lot going on as usual. Here are the highlights:

- It was the turn of Year 2 to sit their SATs tests this week and the children excelled themselves. A big shout out to Miss B and Miss Batt who have prepared these children so well for their tests. And a massive thank you to *Mister B* without whose help we couldn't have managed the tests with such ease.
- It was 'Walk to School Week' this week so I hope you all set about leaving your cars in the drive and venturing out on foot. We certainly had the weather for it!
- Now, at the risk of sounding repetitive, you know that we're waiting for Ofsted to call and so we'd really like you to enter your views on the school on Parent View if you haven't done so already. Here's the link:



<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/186477/12>

- As we're in constant mode of improving and preparing for our inspection visit, we had another inspector come to visit us on Tuesday to give us a 'Health Check' and he questioned us and scrutinised lessons in the same depth as the inspectors will when *they* visit. I'm thrilled to inform you that he was pleased with all he saw and concluded that your children are receiving a very good offer from us. One of the areas that most impressed him was the support of parents and your interest in your child's education. He gauged this from the Parent View surveys already completed and the contribution of Parent Voice via our Parent Group. Of course, there's always room for improvement so he left us with lots of pointers to make the school even better for which we were very grateful. We're working on those now!
- Wednesday saw Harrow Lodge become Hogwarts for a day as we had two 'muggle' visitors who came along to teach KS2 the game of Quidditch. Unfortunately, all the children had left their broomsticks at home so everyone had to play the game on the ground rather than in the air!! We started with a '*Sorting Hat*' ceremony in which all children were sorted into 4 teams and the team captains had the hat placed upon their heads to be sorted into the appropriate house - Layla (6A-Hufflepuff), Josias (6B-Slytherine), Rafe (6A-Ravenclaw), Alyssa (6A-Gryffindor). And the Games began. We had a whole day of team building and Quidditch-playing but my favourite moment was
- seeing Mrs Kerr dressed up as the Golden Snitch and trying to evade capture
- by the very fast and very agile Year 5s!!!!

- The Games were a huge success and we all tumbled back into the Great Hall at the end of the day to discover which team had won. Ravenclaw snatched glory with a convincing win and you can see the trophy in the cabinet in the Reception Area.
- 6A visited our local library and enjoyed choosing books and listening to Revolting Rhymes. Great behaviour, I'm pleased to say, since this is the end of the year when some Year 6 children lose their focus as they look towards starting secondary school.
- EYFS children have had quite a week - Ms Swain, we discovered, is a farmer in disguise and, once her true identity was unveiled, the children hounded her to bring in evidence of her true profession. So, on Thursday, she brought in one of her 10 quails to visit the children and he was a most stunning bird! An interesting discussion followed about eggs and the 'delicacy' nature of them. Now the children are awaiting a visit next week from one of Ms Swain's 4 tortoises. He's too heavy to carry so I believe she intends to walk him to school on a lead!!! An interesting challenge followed Ms Swain's farming revelations as it was discovered that, like many in the farming community, Ms Swain doesn't name any of her animals but, when she had to take one of her giant tortoises to the vet recently, she was obliged to give him a name so 'Maximus' was born! Now, EYFS are insisting that Maximus' brother must be given the respect of having a name so the challenge is on! EYFS are submitting names for one of their homework tasks - after the naming of the stick insect task, I can't wait to hear their suggestions!!!
- EYFS have also already begun to learn the National Anthem in preparation for next week's festivities and Year 1 have written some great letters this week in preparation for next week when they'll be writing to the Queen!
- And today is World Bee Day, don't you know?!! Miss B, herself, is a great lover of bees (her classroom is yellow and black and fully bee-themed) and I've, thus far, resisted her pleas to develop our own honey-making hives but it's a good fact to know that today is dedicated to the bee community and I'd be interested to see how many of your children know that it's World Bee Day today and, more significantly, why bees are so important that they get their own day!!!
- And that's the week in its entirety! It just remains for me to wish you a productive and sunny weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***"If a bee ever lands on you, instead of getting scared,
appreciate the possibility that you were mistaken for a flower!"***

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

BOUNCY CASTLE **Bungee run** **AND MORE**

3.30 - 5.30pm £5 EACH CHILD siblings welcome
adults must stay!
Unlimited bouncing!
Fat Pizza + BAR + SWEETS + SNACKS + STRAWBERRIES & CREAM + CANDY FLOSS + DJ **Limited tickets available**

To buy tickets send in £5 per child in a named envelope or purchase through
www.pta-events/harrowlodgeprimarypta.co.uk

£5 is for unlimited bouncing only, food, drink and other activities are extra



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.



Platinum Jubilee Cake Making Competition

As part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations we will be holding a Jubilee cake decorating competition. Entries must be a single sponge cake of your choice and decorated with a Jubilee theme.

NO CUP CAKES PLEASE.

Prizes will be given out for the best decorated cake in each year group.

Cakes need to be brought in on the morning of Friday 27th May and placed in the KS2 hall. They must be clearly labelled with the type of sponge, child's name and class. During the afternoon all cakes will be raffled off to raise money for the school.

Happy baking!



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Star of the week:

R1: Maddison

R2: Diyan

1A: Jacob

1B: Joel

2A: Ethan

2B: Lola

3A: Alexander

3B: Olivia

4A: Pavel

4B: Eva

5A: Harry

5B: Parker

6A: Harry

6B: Luis C



Writer of the week:

R1: Summer

R2: Olivia

1A: Harvey

1B: Kris

2A: Keira

2B: Hope

3A: Amatullah

3B: Marnie

4A: Alex

4B: Logan

5A: Sadie

5B: Zachary

6A: Alizah

6B: Layla



House Points



1st Dragons 322 points

2nd Griffins 313 points

3rd Phoenixes 263 points

4th Centaurs 227 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Lorin R1 Sofia 2A
Thea R1 Sotonte 4B
Isabella IB Matthew 5A
Jacob IA Macy 5B

who have had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Alicia IA
Lucas 3B
Louis 3B

on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION
AWARD

goes to
Katie in 5B

Dates for the summerterm:

- 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 June - Performing Arts Club Mary Poppins Production at Hornchurch High
- Wednesday 29th June - Sports Day
- Monday 4th July - Year 6 YHA residential trip
- Monday 11th July - Year 4 Music Workshop
- Wednesday 13th July - Year 1 Victorian Assembly to parents
- Friday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers party
- Tuesday 19th July - Open evening
- Thursday 21st July - Break up @1:30pm

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Alicia 1A

Albie 1B

Harry 1B

Nicole 2A

Lucas 3B

Louis 3B



This week's attendance
award goes to...

R1 - 99.3%

Whole school attendance...

96.2%



The Essex Country Show

NEW DATE BANK HOLIDAY 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH JUNE

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FESTIVALS OF CARS
FESTIVALS OF KIDS
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Motorbike Stunts, Barrel
Western Racing, Aerial
Displays, Magic Shows,
Wrestling, Chainsaw Carving
Competition, Fire Eating, The
Buccaneers Musical,
We love Dogs & lots more

