



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,





Well, they finally landed!! And we were more than ready for them! Here's a round-up of the week:

- Firstly, Monday began with music auditions for the summer Music Showcase. All was going well - I began with Y5 and heard some amazing renditions and swiftly moved to Year 3. Eliza played a wonderful piece on the guitar and Ela took her place at the piano ready to tickle the



ivories when Mrs Haq came running into the hall and whispered in my ear, "I've got Ofsted on the phone!" Well, of course, I stayed calm and composed as I turned and sprinted walked out of the hall to take the call. I then swiftly turned back and said to the auditionees looking at me in puzzlement, "Ah, sorry children, you'll need to put your instruments away and return to class - I'll continue auditions on another day". They were very good and returned to class without questioning my strange exit!

- The call was 90 minutes long and a deep delve into the offer we give your children followed by the selection of subjects they wanted to inspect in depth (early reading, maths, science, art and PE) and a task was set to complete a timetable so that 3 classes could be seen learning each of these subjects, every inspector wanted some time to inspect Early Years, children had to read to them, children had to talk to them from every lesson visited and teachers had to talk to them from every lesson visited. There were other meetings to be completed and then we had to work out the timetable - it took us 2 hours of blood, sweat and tears to arrange that timetable!! Easily the hardest part of the inspection!! Myself and all the teachers didn't leave the building until 10:30 pm because we were determined to be as prepared as we could ever be!
- In at 6:00 am, the school was buzzing - the inspection began in earnest at 8:00 am! Your children once again stood out as the superstars. They were so well behaved and showed their best selves to the inspectors. Now, you all know I've been banging on about how we deserve a 'Good' judgement and I also share this with the children on a regular basis so, when the inspectors selected a group of boys and girls to interview, it was so rewarding to see Harry (5A) gather the other 5 boys around him and give them a team talk. As they huddled together, he was overheard saying, "Right guys, come on! We've got this!" And, in that meeting, the boys were asked what they thought would make this school even more special and Harry piped up, "This might be a bit cheeky, Miss, but a good Ofsted report would really help!!" Bless that child!!!

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- I could fill the whole newsletter with the lovely things your children said about our school - I actually cried at the first-day feedback as the inspectors read out some of the quotes from your children. One of my aims when I took over as Head Teacher 4 years ago was to make this school a place that children could be proud of and want to boast about and their comments to the inspectors made me feel like we'd achieved the goal!
 - And a huge thank you to every parent who sang our praises to the inspectors. They said that they could feel a strong school community that fed into the ultimate success of the children! We could never get a 'Good' judgement without parents engaging with us and supporting us so thank you so much.
 - Although the inspection took over our lives for 3 days, life at school still continued as normal and Thursday saw the fabulous PTA set up the Fathers' Day stalls. I managed to get in towards the end of the morning to have a quick peek and was shocked that many of the gifts were gone but, for some reason, there was a dearth of 'Bum Soap' left unsold! Who on earth comes up with these ideas????? I happened to catch Evie's (2A) eye as I walked around and she was keen to show me that she'd bought a joke book for her dad, "Because he doesn't know many good jokes"!!!! Well, that's true of many dads so Evie's dad needn't feel embarrassed or ashamed!!
 - Thursday afternoon was a highlight of the week. The newly appointed Mayor of Havering visited us to enjoy (and judge) our Poetry Slam which we haven't been able to host for the last 2 years and it was truly amazing. The theme was 'Being Me' - something we are constantly trying to instil in our children - it's ok to be 'you'. I was literally moved to tears by Kevin's (5A) poem and the courage of all the children to stand up and perform was just amazing! See below to see all the winners who received a book and certificate as a prize.
 - Quad-Kids for Year 3 & 4 also took place this week and, although we don't know final results yet, we do know that all our Y4 boys came in the top 6 for their 400m run! Well done to all the children. Ema (6A) came 1st out of all the girls in Havering as Athletics Champion! Well done Ema.
 - Friday was really hard to keep our energy levels up after 3 gruelling days of inspection but the African drumming workshops for Years 5 & 6 kept us all alert (even those of us far away with our doors closed!!). It looked like great therapy and I'm thinking of booking them for teachers at the end of every Friday!!
 - EYFS chose the hottest day of the year to visit the farm but, if those animals have any sense, they'll be hiding in the shade all day which will make it a bit of a wash-out for our little ones. Let's hope there are plenty of other farming activities they can spend their day doing!
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- And finally, after the children behaved so well for the inspectors, we thought it was only fair to reward them with a small treat so Mr Whippy was commandeered to provide icy refreshments for everyone this afternoon! What a wonderful end to a wonderful week!
- And so, we come to the end of the newsletter and it just remains for me to wish you a warm and sunny weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***"Good things come to those who believe.
Better things come to those who work hard.
And the best things come to those who never give up!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle



Kevin's Poem 5A

All About Me

When I joined in Year 3, I had no one but now I have everyone.

My heart was in pieces but now those pieces have stuck back together.

When you join a school, you think you have no friends but you do make friends.

When you fall or people bring you to the ground, friends are there to get you back on your feet.

Friends are there for you when you feel down now this is the time to shine.



Star of the week:

R1: Kal-EI
R2: Milana
1A: Roan
1B: Halimat
2A: Aiden
2B: Kyle
3A: Umme
3B: Daisy-Leigh
4A: Feroz
4B: Oscar
5A: Mahum
5B: Kairyn
6A: Kitty
6B: Grace



Writer of the week:

R1: Nala
R2: Chloe
1A: Ibrahim
1B: Isla
2A: Ethan
2B: Ben
3A: Tia
3B: Mikail
4A: Freddie
4B: Mohammed
5A: Tyler
5B: Teri-Leigh
6A: Harry D
6B: Marie



House Points



1st Griffins 294 points

2nd Phoenixes 269 points

3rd Centaurs 264 points

4th Dragons 246 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Luke 1I
Lexy 1A
Henry 2A
Mitchell 4B
Hayley 5A
Isabelle 6B

who have had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Olobo 3A
Chaniya 6A
Corey 6A

on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION
AWARD

goes to
Joshua in 3B

Dates for the summerterm:

- Monday 20th June - Stay and Learn Week
- Friday 24th June - Performing Arts Club Mary Poppins Production at Hornchurch High
- Tuesday 28th June - Year 3 and 4 Samba Drumming Workshop
- Wednesday 29th June - Sports Day
- Friday 1st July - Year 6 trip to Hornchurch Aerodrome Museum
- Saturday 2nd July - Summer Fair
- Monday 4th July - Year 6 YHA residential trip
- Monday 4th July - EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Spoons Workshop
- Friday 8th July - Music Showcase - details to follow
- Monday 11th July - Year 4 Music Workshop
- Wednesday 13th July - Year 1 Victorian Assembly to parents
- **Thursday 14th July - Open Evening ***DATE CHANGE**
- Friday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers party
- Thursday 21st July - Year 6 Presentation Assembly
- Thursday 21st July - Break up @1:30pm

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



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| Isa R2 | Mason 3A | Simeon 4A |
| Alexander 3A | Muhammad 3A | Yafeya 4A |
| Amatullah 3A | Olobo 3A | Harry 5A |
| Amin 3A | Olivia 3A | Karina 5A |
| Ariana 3A | Sahar 3A | Thomas 5A |
| Charlie 3A | Tia 3A | Chaniya 6A |
| Darcie 3A | Alex 3B | Corey 6A |
| Ilinca 3A | James 3B | Juana 6A |
| Jacob 3A | Leni-Rae 3B | Rafe 6A |
| Liam 3A | Mikail 3B | Hallie 6B |
| | Sade 3B | Isabelle 6B |
| | Pavel 4A | |

This week's attendance
award goes to...

R1 - 99.0%

Whole school attendance...

94.7%



Reading Challenge

Congratulations to

Molly 6B

Nassar 6B

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

