



# Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been as busy as ever. Here are the highlights:



- Most of our Year 6 children were able to visit their secondary schools this week. It's been exciting, frightening and challenging all at the same time but, believe me, they're all ready for the move!
- This week saw the return of 'Stay and Learn' - one of the most useful and rewarding practices we carry out in school. Thank you for your support - there were some really positive comments left for the teachers which are greatly appreciated. For some parents, this was their first experience of 'Stay & Learn' and they were delighted to be invited to share a class with their child.
- The preparations for the Carnival on the 2nd July are well underway but I think the coloured hampers are looking a little thin on the ground (except for the blue one which appears to be winning the race in terms of quantity if not quality).
- The hot weather has produced some hot, under the collar behaviour this week (and that's just the teachers!) so we've been searching for all the fans which were stored away during the pandemic for fear of spreading the virus. Now, we can't find any of them! Mr Welch has stored them somewhere safe and we all know what happens to things that get stored in a safe place!!!
- I was very concerned about Nala and the hot weather with all that fur to heat her up so I brought a special cool mat in for her to lie on. I thought she'd love it and she did....as a toilet! You really couldn't write this stuff could you? Needless to say, the cool mat was removed and went home with me for my own dog to add to his collection!
- Thursday was an exciting day for us as we set about preparing for our evening meeting for the new parents joining us in September. I had my script planned, staff were primed with important information, signage was prepared and I made my way to the hall to make my last minute checks only to find that all the chairs were set up in the wrong hall! Now, as you know, drama is second nature to us at Harrow Lodge so no one was surprised when the call went out to move the 60 chairs. 10 members of staff descended and proceeded to transport the chairs, the dancers moved swiftly from one hall to the other and the signage was relocated all within a 10 minute time-frame! We're great in a crisis - after all, practice makes perfect!
- This week Ms Goodwin has been meeting all our new September starters and, as part of the meetings, she takes the children down to the setting to show them around. It's a lovely part of our transition process and teachers get to know the likes and dislikes of the new children, their talents and their fears. During one such visit, the quail hutch wasn't locked securely after introducing the quails to the children and Kate (or it might have been Wills) was noticed to be missing by a keen-eyed 5 year old!

- There followed a frantic search which had to be kept on the 'down-low' so as not to frighten the next visitor (and not to appear incompetent - it has to be said!). Luckily, the great escape-artist was found safe and sound (barring a missing feather!) munching on the garden tomatoes. Who's idea was it to have a mini farm in EYFS?????
- Poor Ms Browne this week has had the unenviable task of entering the results data onto the DfE system. The task is laborious having to enter data individually for so many children and then to find that there are errors flagged up which she's unable to fix without support which can only be found on the end of a Help line which places you on hold for a minimum of half an hour playing the same inane jingle over and over and over again. We were both going out of our minds by the time we left the office on Friday for the Mary Poppins show!!
- Finally, the most anticipated event of the year took place on Friday afternoon. And what an extravaganza it was! A wonderful show put together by Miss Harrison involving her Performing Arts crew. Miss Harrison told me that I could turn up, sit down and enjoy the show with nothing to do so I looked forward to relaxing without responsibility for once. What lies she did weave to lure me into a false sense of security! No sooner had I arrived, then I was put to work collecting tickets on the door! Not only that but I was given a very detailed list of thank-yous to carry out before the finale as they needed several minutes to get themselves into position with their helium balloons which kept escaping into the ether!! Then I was up and down on the stage - we've finished, we haven't finished, we've finished, we're doing an encore! But, despite my lack of a relaxing afternoon, it was the most enjoyable, exciting and spectacular afternoon of the year!!
- A huge thank you to Miss Harrison, Mrs K, Mrs Kerr, Miss Phillips and Mrs Harrison (hair & make-up!). Watching the children perform like stars brought tears to my eyes and made me ponder on the fleeting passage of childhood and how we must treasure every precious moment of our young charges. The show was outstanding and a testament to the commitment and dedication of our students and teachers.
- And that brings us to the end of the week. It just remains for me to wish you a warm and happy weekend full of sunshine and happiness and I leave you with this thought:

***"Childhood slips like sand through a sieve ...  
and all too soon they've up and grown, and then they've flown." (Bert)***

With kind regards and best wishes,  
Mrs Searle



## Star of the week:

- RI: India
- R2: Olivia
- IA: Fikayo
- IB: Kristupus
- 2A: Keira
- 2B: Marharyta
- 3A: Amin, Muhammad, Amatullah, Ilinca
- 3B: Marta
- 4A: Demi
- 4B: Leo
- 5A: Nathan
- 5B: Lewis D
- 6A: Alfie
- 6B: Josias

## Writer of the week:

- RI: Paisley
- R2: Laura
- IA: Teddy
- IB: Halimat
- 2A: Shakira
- 2B: Hope
- 3A: Doahika
- 3B: Amanda
- 4A: Holly
- 4B: Brody
- 5A: Scarlett
- 5B: Jamie
- 6A: Lewis D
- 6B: Charlie



## House Points



1st Centaurs 256 points

2nd Dragons 238 points

3rd Griffins 212 points

4th Phoenixes 196 points



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Grace R1  
Aadam IB  
Emily-Rose IB  
Penelope 2B  
Olobo 3A  
Maizie 6B

who have had a birthday  
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

## Achiever Badges

Congratulations to .....

Kara IA  
Teddy IA  
Dima IA  
Adelaide 2A  
Daria 2A

on receiving an achiever badge  
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION  
AWARD

goes to  
Malik in 2B

### Dates for the summerterm:

- 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.....



Amelia R1	Ilsa IA
Harley R1	Henry IA
Ifraah R1	Wendell 2A
India R1	Thomas 2A
Kasey R1	Daria 2A
Mithran R1	Nicole 2A
Nala R1	Keira 2A
Nate R1	Adelaide 2A
Kara IA	James 3B
Navaira IA	Charlie 6B
Teddy IA	Juana 6A
Dima IA	Chaniya 6A

This week's attendance  
award goes to...

**R2 - 99.3%**

Whole school attendance...

**95.5%**

