



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

- This week has been another exciting week. Here are the highlights:
 - Our Governors have been wandering around the school this week meeting children and teachers and generally finding out whether we're doing a great job or not - of course, they discovered that we're doing everything we should and more besides! It's lovely to welcome our governors into school so they can see how well your children are getting on.
 - We had a bit of a windfall this week as '*White Rose*', the company whose maths resources we use, used our Reception children as part of a maths study they were carrying out - a thank-you of £750 worth of maths resources was given to us - not a bad morning's work!!!
 - We started the week with a non-uniform day which is always exciting. Usually, we collect money for a charity on non-uniform days but, this week, we collected bottles - bottles of pop, bottles of bubble bath, shampoo and washing-up liquid and, oh yes, bottles of alcohol. Now, although our teachers eyed up the alcohol with unconcealed desire, those bottles were whipped away for our Tombola Stall at tomorrow's Summer Carnival Fair. The bottles get won quickly (mainly by the teachers!) so get to that stall early to avoid disappointment!
 - On Tuesday, our Year 5 children visited Hornchurch High School to get a taste of secondary school life. They came back buzzing because the algebra lesson they were taught was so easy!! Well, we do have very high standards here so I wasn't surprised but, apparently the HHS maths teacher was and I received an email later that day asking if the HHS Maths and English lead teachers could visit our Year 6 lessons so they could get a handle on the standard of work we're teaching to our children! That's all set up for the next couple of weeks so that, if your children do go to HHS, they won't be taught work that we've already taught them.
 - It was the turn of Years 1 & 2 to take part in Quad Kids Athletic competition this week and what an exciting time it was! Our very own Halimat (1B) came 5th overall - what an achievement. Well done to all the children who took part. And, while we're on the subject of Quad Kids, the results for Years 3 & 4 are in and we came 2nd overall in the Year 4 competition and our young Feroz (4A) came 2nd overall for Y4 boys while Sotonte (4B) came 5th! What a talented crew we have!! Big thanks to Mr Charlee and all our parent helpers - we couldn't do it without you!



Wednesday was a day filled with drama from start to finish with Sports Day holding centre stage! The morning involved all children as they competed in their teams over a carousel of events while the afternoon was set aside for KS2 children and the more competitive disciplines. Unlike the morning session when all children competed, children in the afternoon session were able to choose the events in which they wanted to compete. A small few chose to sit out of the more competitive events but most children chose 2 or 3 events to tackle. And my goodness, what theatre there was! The 400 metres race brought the most drama with trips and falls and breathless bodies straining to make it over the finish line. My pride knew no bounds as I saw children encouraging each other to complete the race in the face of pain and angst, children pushing themselves to the very limit of their resources in order to finish the race, children falling and rising up to start again! It was a day of immense sportsmanship and I was so proud of every last one of them. A huge thanks to Mr Charlee and Mrs Sterling who, as always, went the extra mile (intended pun!) and made this the best sports day ever! Individual stars gained medals and the team scores were as follows:

4th Phoenix 2135

3rd Dragons 2255

2nd Griffins 2330

1st Centaurs 2460

- On Thursday, the Romford Recorder descended on the school to take pictures of our Year 6 children as they reach the end of their Primary School and get set to venture onto pastures new.
- This week, Year 6 visited the Hornchurch Aerodrome as part of their Britain at War topic and they were impressed by the number of original artefacts on display. Mikele (6B) told me that they had the opportunity to try on some of the army attire which he found to be a little on the musty side!
- Friday was an absolute buzz of activity with parents swarming through the school setting up, setting down and generally building the Carnival stalls for tomorrow. There was a palpable buzz of excitement throughout the day and then, in the middle of lunch time, just as 6A were leaving the building for their Aerodrome visit, the fire alarm split the air with its harrowing siren. As usual, your children were experts at the evacuation process (although, to be fair, most were already outside anyway!) We were all petrified that a fire had broken out because of some electrical overload but it turns out someone had simply turned on the candy floss machine to check it was working and the smoke from the candy floss had set off the smoke alarms! Easily done, I guess!! Still, good to know that our children are always reliable in a crisis!!
- And that brings us to the end of the week except for tomorrow - which I can predict will be a total success and fun for all the family! I look forward to seeing you all here and I leave you with this thought:

**"Winning isn't the score on the board,
it's seeing something through to the end
and then congratulating your opponent!"**

With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

RI: Elizabeth

R2: Isa

IA: Ilsa

IB: Ivan

2A: Adelaide

2B: Ali

3A: Aya

3B: Michael

4A: Isla

4B: Lily-May

5A: Lance

5B: Liana

6A: Lelou

6B: Marie

Writer of the week:

RI: Kasey

R2: Dottie

IA: Roan

IB: Grace

2A: Freddie

2B: Ollie

3A: Olivia

3B: Amanda

4A: Arthur

4B: Sotonte

5A: Lexi R

5B: Kaysan

6A: Harvey

6B: Mason

House Points

1st Phoenixes 336 points



2nd Dragons 314 points



3rd Griffins 311 points



4th Centaurs 273 points

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Loris 1A

Maya 2B

Chanan 4B

Kaeden 4B

Eva 4B

Mahum 5A

Marie 6B

who have had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!



Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

R1

Harley

India

Amelia

Nala

Nate

Mithran

1A

Kara

Teddy

Dima

2A

Adelaide

Daria

Mia

3B

James

6B

Josias

Hallie



on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION
AWARD
goes to
Helena in 1B

Dates for the summer term

- Monday 4th July - Year 6 YHA residential trip
- Monday 4th July - Year 3 and 4 African Drumming
- Monday 11th July - Year 4 Music Workshop
- Tuesday 12th July - Year 2 Trip to London
- Wednesday 13th July - Year 1 Victorian Assembly to parents
- Thursday 14th July - Music Showcase to invited parents @ 2:00pm
- Thursday 14th July - Class Swap - Meet your new teacher
- Thursday 14th July - Student Reports
- Friday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers party
- Monday 18th July - Library Summer Reading Challenge Launch
- **Monday 18th July - Open Evening ***DATE CHANGE*****
- Monday 18th July - Y5 talk for parents about the Y6 Residential Trip - KS2 Hall @ 3:40 pm
- Monday 18th July - EYFS and KSI Spoons workshops
- Tuesday 19th July - House winners water-fight (weather dependent)
- Thursday 21st July - Year 6 Presentation Assembly
- Thursday 21st July - Break up @ 1:30pm

OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Amanda 3B

Mia 2A

Lauren 6B

Shakira 2A

Josias 6B

Kaeden 4B

Hallie 6B

Isabelle 6B



This week's attendance award goes to...

R1 - 99%

Whole school attendance...

94.7%



Reading Challenge

Congratulations to

Louis 3B

Adelaide 2A

for achieving your reading token this week.

Enjoy choosing your book from the vending machine!

