



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it's been a quiet week here for once! Here are the highlights:

- Y6 have spent a tiring week in the depths of the forest, climbing, kayaking, trekking and generally having the best of times. Children who were nervous about going have been asking to stay longer and some of the hard-core party-players have been asking to go to bed early! Yes, you heard me right! But, if you're a Year 6 parent reading this, we accept no responsibility should such behaviour discontinue once they return home!
- The Year 6 children who remained at school have pretty much had a private education for the week with Mrs Millard steering the ship. They've made lava lamps, cupcakes and tote bags, completed our school mosaic, played the exciting and terrifying 'Capture the Flag' and created exploding trickling volcanoes. To be fair, they were *billed* as 'exploding' so the 'trickling' outcome was somewhat disappointing! However, a good time was had by all and a big thank you to Rafe, Lenny, Chaniya, Josias, Lewis D, Yabets, Syed and Raul who all stepped up as Principle leaders and House captains for the week!
- All students have spent the week producing entries for our Spirited Arts Competition using a range of poetry, drawing, video, sculpture or other media to represent their chosen theme. Themes included, 'We have far more in common with each other than that which divides us', 'God's good earth?', 'Searching for God', 'A view of the world' and 'Celebrations: Big Days and big ideas'. This last theme fitted in particularly well this week with Eid al-Adha being celebrated over the weekend. The work produced has been stunning - it's thought-provoking and very spiritual and our children have thoroughly enjoyed producing it. You'll see all the work on display on Open Evening so do make sure you attend!
- 5A continue to aspire to be published writers - every week there's a new emergent author. This week, Maci began her suspense-filled novel and Kevin continued to regale the class with his mystery thriller! After Kevin read the latest chapter of his book to the class, he was bombarded with questions about the plot, sub-plot and characters. I think he was quite taken aback as he looked at Ms Howard and exclaimed, "Man, I feel like Anthony Horowitz at the moment!" (For those of you who don't know, Anthony Horowitz is a novelist and screenwriter who specialises in mystery and suspense!)



- Grace (R1) was awarded a special Head Teacher's sticker this week for being an excellent representative of our core values. On hearing a commotion in the garden, she approached the offenders and exclaimed, " Stop shouting, you two! That's not kind!" When a 5 year old knows the score, you know you're getting your message across!
- As the term draws to an end, teachers are beginning to revise elements of subjects to ensure that students are ready to tackle the rigours of the following year and Year 5 have been revising the names of colours in French. All was going well until they came to the French word for 'white' which no one could remember. However, Liam (5A) made an excellent educated guess, "Is it 'blanc', Miss? My mum's always looking for Sauvignon Blanc in Tesco's and that's white wine!" You'd be surprised how much we learn about you from your children - there are *no* secrets!!!!
- Year 3 and 4 experienced African Drumming this week - actually we **all** experienced the African Drumming this week since you can't escape it if you're within a mile radius of the hall! The children loved it and the staff cleaned the local Pharmacy out of paracetamol at the end of the day!
- Y5 had a special assembly from the teachers at Hornchurch High - giving them a little insight into what it's like to attend school there. I think it struck a touch of fear into our Year 5s as they realised how close they were to moving on and how it must be time to really start thinking about growing up!!
- Our little new starters came to 'stay and play' this week and their adults came to 'stay and eat biscuits' while forging new relationships with other parents that will last for the next 7 years. It was a lovely day and there were no tears or tantrums (and the children were happy as well!!)
- And finally, the KS2 results came out this week. We've not been looking forward to these test results because the children taking them have missed almost 2 years of proper schooling and the tests themselves weren't amended to take account of that so we knew it would be a struggle for them. I'm happy to say, however, that our reading results do show that the importance we place on reading makes a big difference. The results will go out to individual children in their reports next week but a massive well done to all the Year 6s! These results won't be published for public record because of the Pandemic impact on them but you'll be able to see them on our website once they've been verified.
- And that brings us to the end of a busy but quiet week in school. It just remains for me to wish you **Eid Mubarak** and a warm and fun-filled weekend. And I leave you with this thought:

***"Kindness is free and smiles are contagious;
try to pass on a little of both every day!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle



Star of the week:

R1: Grace
R2: Murtajiz
IA: Fikayomi
IB: Regi
2A: Taha
2B: Jude
3A: Liam
3B: Idris
4A: Iyaz
4B: David
5A: Liam
5B: Mubaraq

Writer of the week:

R1: Liza
R2: Diyan
IA: Harper
IB: Zoey
2A: Daria
2B: Jude
3A: Illinca
3B: Isabella
4A: Pavel
4B: Brody
5A: Luke
5B: Kaysan



House Points

1st Griffins 244 points

2nd Dragons 229 points

3rd Phoenixes 187 points

4th Centaurs 151 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Reggie 1B

Teddy 1A

Daisy-Leigh 3B

Joshua 3B

Alex 3B

Isabella 4A

who have had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Sophia 1I

Heidi 1I

Adam 1B

Cindy 1B

Harry 1B

Zayaan 1B

Thomas 2A

Darcie 3A

on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

PRESENTATION
AWARD
goes to
Aria in R2

Dates for the summer term

- 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.....



Sophia R1	Dioni IB	Amber 3B
Heidi R1	Musa IB	James 3B
Meshach R1	Oliver IB	Idris 3B
George R1	Aadam IB	Daisy-Leigh 3B
Joel IB	Nicole 2A	Amanda 3B
Cindy IB	Thomas 2A	Pavel 4A
Helena IB	Wendell 2A	Emanuel 4A
Zayaan IB	Logan 2B	Samuel 4A
Harry IB	Darcie 3A	Isla 4A
Reggie IB	Olobo 3A	Katie 4A

This week's attendance
award goes to...

R1 98% & R2 98%

Whole school attendance...

94%



Reading Challenge

Congratulations to

Seth 1A Mia 2A
Dima 1A Aronas 2A
Navaira 1A Olivia 3A
Jake 1A Samuel 4A
Neve 2B Hayden 4A
Hope 2B Rafe 6A

for achieving your reading
token this week.

Enjoy choosing your book from
the vending machine!

