



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy week as we've tried to fit in all the last minute activities before the end of term. Here are the highlights:





- The week began with Year 4 experiencing a Music workshop like no other. With computers at the ready and everyday items used as props, joyous music was made and the best part was that, because everyone was wearing headphones, the rest of us couldn't hear a thing! It was like a 'silent disco' but it was great to see all the happy faces clearly having a fabulous time! Actually, on second thoughts, the best part was that it was free!!!
- Sanders Drapers Secondary School teachers paid us a visit this week to talk to our Year 5 children. This is the time of year when all the secondary schools start plying their wares in an attempt to woo our children into applying to their schools. Such assemblies will continue until the 31st October which is the deadline for applications to secondary schools. Apparently, the talk was informative and interesting although a few of our Year 5s looked a little concerned at the strict regimes in place - well, we do keep telling them that primary school is a breeze compared with secondary school but they never believe us!!
- Dioni, Seth, Toby and Novaira (Y1) all visited Mawney Foundation school this week for a 'Challenging Maths Day' escorted by our Maths Lead teacher Mrs Matharu. It was great for children to meet peers from different schools across the borough to see how they compare with those from other regions and to challenge themselves mathematically. They all had a lovely time and enjoyed flexing their mathematical muscles!
- Congratulations to Adelaide (2A) who, as of today, has read a total of 232 books during the year - totally amazing! Well done, Adelaide - you've set the bar very high!
- Y2 visited the Queen's Gallery as part of their 'Magnificent Monarchs' topic. The trip was almost cancelled owing to the heat and possible internal combustion of staff members as they attempted to herd excited Year 2 children around London during a national heat-wave. But it was finally decided to go ahead with the option of returning early should it be necessary! Luckily, no such plan was adopted and a great time was had by all, if a little on the warm side! They even managed to get a glimpse of the 'Changing of the Guard'!
- Hornchurch High teachers visited us to see the standard of maths we teach here in Y6 and I think they were quite shocked at the content being covered. It's good that

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- they're checking so there'll be a smoother transition from Y6 to Y7 in future.
 - Wednesday was the most exciting day of the year for our children as they learnt who their new teachers would be next year. There was a bit of a shake up this year which we find always keeps things fresh and 'on point' and keeps our teachers challenged and motivated. Children spent time with their new teachers getting to know them and their expectations. Year 6, of course, had no classes to visit so they spent some time capturing the flag or some such equally challenging game!
 - You should have received your child's report on Wednesday (if you didn't, they're hiding it from you so check their bags immediately!) I hope you were all pleased with the outcomes but, if you'd like to discuss the report with your child's teacher for any reason, please see them to make an appointment.
 - We had several more visiting Head Teachers to see our new EYFS setting this week which is wonderful for us and our reputation. We'll be the 'Talk of Havering' soon and rightly so! They were also interested in the excellent provision we offer for Personal Development - another feather in our cap!
 - Wednesday afternoon saw our Y1 children produce a wonderful assembly to showcase their Victorian learning. The children looked poor and rather dirty and, frankly, extremely Victorian and the Dunce's Cap fitted very nicely on Ms Lawson's head!! A big well done to the Y1 teachers who managed to coordinate the stunning assembly and also to all the children who took part - it's really scary standing up in front of lots of people and performing and none of them 'bottled it'!
 - Talking of performing, we had our Music Showcase on Thursday which was a roaring success. I have to say that, although it's early days with our musical instrument teaching, I'm so impressed with the confidence of your children and how willing they are to lay themselves bare before an audience of the fiercest critics (their peers) as well as their greatest supporters (mums and dads)! I'm thrilled to say that they all performed beautifully and gained so much from being part of a special group.
 - And finally, our Y6s ended the week with their Leavers' Party. It's a rite of passage for the children and always very exciting and this year was no different. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed the special occasion that begins their end of school festivities.
 - Before I end this penultimate newsletter, I'd like to remind you that our Open Evening is on Monday 18th July starting at 3:30 pm and finishing at 5:30 pm. You can wander the school, looking at all the work on display in the classrooms and maybe meet your child's new teacher. Our current Y5 parents are invited to a quick meeting about Y6 in the KS2 Hall at 3:30 pm and there'll be some Mary Poppins performances in the dining hall at 4:00 pm followed by an amazing gymnastics routine at 4:20 pm.
 - And so it just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend full of ice-buckets and paddling pools and I leave you with this thought:

***"If you're not willing to learn, no one can help you;
If you're determined to learn, no one can stop you!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle



Star of the week:

R1: Layla
R2: Laura
1A: Jamie
1B: Mahilan
2A: Cody
2B: Daniel CJ
3A: Darcie
3B: Alex
4A: Hannah
4B: Jessie
5A: Violet
5B: Kayla
6A: Harry O
6B: Danish



Writer of the week:

R1: Kasey
R2: Alice
1A: Kara
1B: Zayaan
2A: Savelly
2B: Jude
3A: Darcie
3B: James
4A: Samuel
4B: Chanan
5A: Luke
5B: Amelia
6A: Beau
6B: Lauren



House Points

1st Dragons 348 points

2nd Phoenixes 336 points

3rd Centaurs 321 points

4th Griffins 320 points

Congratulations to Phoenix house

who have won overall!

Enjoy your water fight on Tuesday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Yatniel 2B

Pavel 4A

Jacob 2A

Yafeya 4A

Ariana 3A

David 4B

Ilinca 3A

Lance 5A

Amanda 3B

Lenny 6A

Yusuf 3B

who have had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Ifraah R1

Kasey R1

Isla 4A

Juana 6A

on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!

Reading Challenge

Congratulations to

Kara 1A Isabella 3B

Nicole 2A David 4B

Adelaide 2A Logan 4B

Ben 2B Violet 5A

Evie 2B Ema 6A

Fraser 2B Evelina 6A

Logan 2B Armani 6B

for achieving your reading token
this week.

Enjoy choosing your book from
the vending machine!

Dates for the summer term

- Monday 18th July - Library Summer Reading Challenge Launch
- Monday 18th July - Open Evening 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- Monday 18th July - Y5 talk for parents about the Y6 Residential Trip - KS2 Hall @ 3:30 pm (change of time)
- Monday 18th July - EYFS and KSI Spoons workshops
- Tuesday 19th July - Phoenix House winners water-fight (weather dependent)
- Thursday 21st July - Year 6 Presentation Assembly @ 9:15 am
- Thursday 21st July - Break up @ 1:30pm

OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....



George RI	Kara IA	Katie 4A
Ifraah RI	Jamie IA	Lyla 4A
Kasey RI	Toby IA	Hannah 4A
Luke RI	Joshua IB	Simeon 4A
Maddison RI	Mahilan IB	Nitza 4A
Woody RI	Aibinu IB	Isla 4A
Mason IA	Isla IB	Dolcie 4A
Dima IA	Olobo 3A	Juana 6A
	Darcie 3A	Lauren 6B

This week's attendance
award goes to...

R2 - 98.3%

Whole school attendance...

93.1%



Between 10am and 3pm, from 26 to 29 July, on the ground floor of the Romford Shopping Hall in Market Place, you can swap all sorts of school uniform including blazers,

shirts, blouses, ties, trousers, PE kits and shoes.

It's just £2 to enter and it's first come, first served.