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HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first full week, we've all been reflecting on the legacy of our beloved queen and what she meant to each of us in our different ways. But the hard work has continued alongside the mourning. Here are the highlights:



- Clubs began this week and the biggest hit seems to have been the new Cookery Club run by Mrs Harding. Pizzas were on the menu and I'm not sure any finished pizzas made their way home since most teachers had their begging bowls out as the children left the cookery room!
- Performing Arts Club was also immensely popular and had to be expanded in order to accommodate all participants.
- Our instrument lessons started up this week and they are more popular than ever with 65 children learning to play an instrument. Sadly, our recorder club has been less than successful with recruiting members which I find strange because it's one of the easier instruments to play and yet it brings all the same benefits that learning more difficult instruments brings (improves recall and retention of verbal information, advances maths achievement, boosts reading skills, increases average SATs scores)!
- Baseline Assessment began in EYFS along with reading and practising writing one's name. Sometimes, it can get to be a little too much. When Darcy (R1) was called to practise writing her name, she replied, "I'm sorry, I can't. Well, not right now anyway! I've been in the kitchen all morning baking a cake for my baby's birthday and my fingers are just too tired. Maybe come back later when I'm not too busy. I have so much to do you know! I just can't give you lots of my time!" I think *I'm* going to take a leaf out of Darcy's book from now on!
- All teachers were trained to use an epi-pen and administer epilepsy medication - a vital piece of training that's revisited annually.

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- 6A visited Hornchurch High on Thursday for a PE lesson. I was most disappointed to discover that it was a trampolining lesson and yet I wasn't asked to attend and demonstrate - you may laugh but the trampoline and I have quite an affinity!! Well, the children had a wonderful time and learnt how to execute a 'swivel-hips' move. Now, 'talking from experience', I know that such a move usually takes a couple of lessons to perfect and yet our Year 6 children mastered it in one! Very proud of our oldest children! Next week, it's 6B's turn and I've told Mr Charlee that I expect to see him up on that trampoline showing them all how it's done!!



- Nala began her working timetable this week which includes greeting children in the mornings, reading with individual children, reading with whole classes and bidding the children goodbye in the afternoons. Of course, she must also be on hand to sooth any sad children, parents or staff but *that* can't be timetabled! She's doing a great job so far and *adores* story times!

- And this week, admissions of new children have abounded as the influx of families into Havering over the summer was huge and this has resulted in many children needing school places. They are all absolutely lovely children, many from Ukraine with little or no English so do please show your usual warm welcome to our new families who will be feeling very alone and won't know any of our procedures yet.
- We're still waiting for our Inspection report to be uploaded to the official Ofsted website - we were told that it would go on their site 8 days after it was sent to us but it's already been 11 days and still no sign! Again - if I were rating Ofsted's performance, I'd have to go with 'Requires Improvement' if not 'Inadequate'!!
- Year 4 have started the year of 'poo' obsessions in great style by making a human digestive system. They used crushed biscuits and bananas for the food, orange juice for the stomach acid and tights for the intestine. They pushed the food through the intestine and watched it come out as 'poo'! As you can see from Marnie's face, it wasn't a hearts and flowers lesson!
- Ms Hayward is visiting Buckingham Palace this weekend and has offered to take class cards of condolence with her. Some of the cards are simply beautiful and bring tears to your eyes.
- And that brings us to the end of this week's news! It just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend, a reflective bank holiday and a very special National First love day on Sunday (who knew?). And I leave you with this thought:



"Grief is the price we pay for love"

Queen Elizabeth II

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

R1: Vivaan
R2: Alayna
1A: Elliot
1B: Elizabeth
2A: Harry
2B: Drey
3A: Michaela
3B: Albert
4A: Ilinca
4B: Alexander
5A: Oscar
5B: Reuben
6A: Mahum
6B: Sophie

Please see our star of the week newsletter on our website and on facebook for photos of their work.
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Writer of the week:

R1: Maia
R2: Inaaya
1A: Mia
1B: Summer
2A: Navaira
2B: Halimat
3A: Jude
3B: Sofia
4A: Darcie
4B: Amanda
5A: Kaeden
5B: Holly
6A: Scarlett
6B: Teri-Leigh



House Points

1st **Centaurs** 356 points
2nd **Griffins** 345 points
3rd **Dragons** 327 points
4th **Phoenixes** 323 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Nellie EYFS
Alice G EYFS
Ruby-Rose EYFS
Olivia 1B
Drey 2B
Halimat 2B
Daria 3B
Riley 5A
Feroz 5B
Aahil 6B

who have had a birthday
in the last week.
We hope you had a great day!

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

**5A and 5B who
both achieved**

99.2%

Whole school
attendance...

94.9%



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Seth 2A
Albie 2A
Roger 2A
Isla 2A
Emily 2A
Harry 2A

Navaira 2A
Emma 2A
Kara 2A
Joshua 3B
Amber 4B
Joshua 4B



Dates for autumn term:

- **Wednesday 21st September - EYFS Prospective Parents tour @ 9:45 am**
- **Wednesday 21st September - 6B visiting Hornchurch High for a PE lesson @ 2:00pm**
- **Friday 23rd September - Jeans for Genes Day**
- **Wednesday 28th September - EYFS Prospective Parents tour @ 1:45 pm**
- **Wednesday 28th September - Year 6 Residential talk to parents @ 5:30 pm**
- **Friday 30th September - MacMillan Coffee afternoon**
- **Thursday 6th October - Year 3 Music Workshop**
- **Friday 7th October - Year 4 Music Workshop**
- **Wednesday 12th October - EYFS Harvest Assembly @2:30pm**
- **Thursday 13th October - Year 5 Harvest Assembly @2:30pm**
- **Friday 14th October - EYFS Prospective Parents tour @ 9:45 am**
- **Monday 17th October - Parent's Evening 3:30 - 6:00pm**
- **Wednesday 18th October - Parent's Evening 4:00 - 6:60 pm**
- **Friday 21st October - Dress Up for Downs Syndrome Day**
- **Friday 21st October - Break up for half term**
- **Monday 31st October - Return to school**