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HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has passed already - as it's been International Week of Happiness at Work this week, we've all been smiling and been thoroughly happy- I hope you noticed! Here are the highlights of the week:



- Monday, of course was a day spent at home to pay our respects to our departed queen. It also marked the end of a 10 day period of mourning during which much work was suspended to observe the protocol. We continued to work hard, of course but there were many other businesses who pared down their output including Ofsted which is why we were waiting so long for our report to be posted on their official site. However, I can now declare, with unashamed joy, that the report is finally live and kicking on the Ofsted website. Your children now 'officially' attend an outstanding school!! Time to start shouting about it!
- This week, I sent information regarding our Ofsted judgement to the Romford Recorder and they've written a little piece for us (see link below). I tried The Times, The Guardian and the BBC but, for some reason, they didn't get back to me - well, personally, I think we're newsworthy enough but one can't account for taste, I guess!
- We announced our Year 6 Student Leaders this week. Congratulations to all our leaders (see below for names and posts). I have to say that, this year, more than ever before, it was difficult to choose posts. Our current Year 6 children are an amazing cohort and any one of them is worthy of a high-ranking post so appointing them was a very hard job indeed. Of course, all year 6 children will be given responsibilities of some kind to prepare them for secondary school so Year 6 is a very demanding school year.
- 6B took to the trampoline this week and so did Mr Charlee and Mrs Kerr - I don't know who had more fun, the children or the teachers!!
- 5A have become the most incredible writers under the tutelage of Ms Howard. How's this for a line written by Freddie talking as a homeless boy walking down a street in a salubrious area?



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- **"The shadows of the rich bounced off the walls!"** My goodness, I suspect Freddie is also a prolific reader! Great readers often produce great writers!
- Now, you may have noticed that many plants have materialised around the school since I took over as Head Teacher. Alright, most of them may be artificial but, if they were real, they wouldn't last more than a week in *my* care, I'm afraid. I love them but I don't have the time to give them to keep them alive! So, you can imagine my surprise when I received a letter from the council saying that our school had been selected as a finalist in the Havering in Bloom 2022: Best School Display category!!! Well I never! Who had come looking, when did they appear and how did they know to even come and look? Well, it turns out that the lovely Mrs Morley (Jenson 6A & Roger 2A's mum) had sent in an application for us (for our **real** plants at the front of the school, not the artificial ones!) and had sent in a photograph for us. Thank you Mrs Morley, what a wonderful surprise! However, it does add pressure on me to keep the plants looking nice and, more importantly, alive and I'm not sure I can rise to that challenge! Luckily, I have Mrs Ellis to add support - I think I'll transfer the pressure to *her*!
- Having written the above paragraph, I've just returned from the awards ceremony and I'm thrilled to say that we came 2nd in the schools' category - 1st of all Primary Schools!! Next year we're going for GOLD!
- As part of my daily walk around the school this week, I noticed that many of 4A's children were peering down each other's throats. I was rather concerned that Mrs Bracken's playtime snack had been lost and she had found a unique way to carry out a search but, thankfully, all was well and I was informed that students were examining teeth as part of their science topic on the digestive system. Apparently, a few wobbly teeth were dismantled but no one seemed to mind (particularly, the tooth fairy!!)
- We've started up our singing assemblies once more and we had our first one this week. What a pleasure it was to hear our children sing about 'Our Wonderful School' at the top of their voices. I'll make a choir out of them yet!!
- Dexter (one of our governors' dogs who comes in on a regular basis to help socialise Nala with other dogs) escaped this week at playtime and ran up and down the lines of children waiting to lead into school - to say it raised some excitement would be an understatement but what is school life without a little bit of drama eh?
- Here's the link for the newspaper article:
<https://www.romfordrecorder.co.uk/news/education/hornchurch-harrow-lodge-primary-outstanding-ofsted-rating-9286048>
which should take you to our news article celebrating our new rating. You can also read the article in the actual Romford Recorder on page 13. It's a good reflection of our school and I feel very proud of everyone.

- And Friday saw our first charity day – Jeans for Genes Day. We raised £170.50 as well as greater awareness of genetic conditions and how people cope with them. Thank you so much for your contributions – they'll make a big difference.
- And that brings us to the end of this week's news and it just remains for me to wish you a happy weekend and I leave you with this thought:

**“No matter how many mistakes you've made,
No matter how slow the progress,
You are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying.
So, keep going!”**

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Student Leaders



Head boy - Liam
Head Girl - Kayla
Deputy Head Boy - Mubaraq
Deputy Head Girl - Katie



House Captains

Dragons - Toni & Leah
Centauris - Harry & Lexi P
Phoenixes - Lewis & Maci
Griffins - Amelia M & Romeo



Prefects

Hayley
Matthew
Scarlett
Tyler
Sadie

Luke
Mahum
Zach
Aamani
Parker
Violet

Akshee
Macy
Afridi
Alyssa
Spencer
Sophie

Thomas
Karina
Kevin
Sidney
Jenson

Digital Leaders

Noah
Jamie



Star of the week:

R1: Kai
R2: Oliver G
1A: Harley
1B: Laura
2A: Cindy
2B: Ivan
3A: Lola
3B: Levi
4A: Ela
4B: Idris
5A: Alex O
5B: Bobby
6A: Tawheed
6B: Kai

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: Alayna
R2: Albie
1A: Thea
1B: Sophia
2A: Kara
2B: Jessica
3A: Inaaya
3B: Riaadh
4A: Doahika
4B: James
5A: Gukeerat
5B: Ava
6A: Lance
6B: Zach



House Points

1st **Phoenixes** 186 points

2nd **Griffins** 183 points

3rd **Dragons** 177 points

4th **Centaur**s 162 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Rebecca 1A
Heidi 1A
Mason R 2A
Mahilan 2A
Marharyta 3A
Dinusan 6B

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

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

**4A who achieved
100%**

Whole school
attendance...

94.1%



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

**Nellie R1
Nate R1
Jessica R1
Alayna R1
Haakil 1B**

**Maddison 1A
Amelia 1A
Nate 1A
Nala 1A
Paisley 1A**

**Rebecca 1A
Sidney 1A
India 1A
Elliot 1A
Mahum 6A**



Dates for autumn term:

- **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**