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HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a hard-working week with very little drama for once.

Here are the week's highlights:

- I'm so sorry to inform you that the 'C' word has been banded around this week. Unfortunately, if we want to get Christmas cards printed, we have to get them to the printers very early which means starting some Christmas activities *now*! Apologies - I know how emotionally damaging it can be to hear that but we can put it aside now and not mention it again until a more socially acceptable time of the year!! At least, we haven't been playing Christmas music - thankful for small mercies, I'd say!!
- Our prefects and principle leaders have thrown themselves into their newly appointed duties this week including reading with younger children, assisting in the dining hall, sorting books in the library, distributing administrative information around the school and manning activities in the playground. They've made an excellent start and have been a credit to our school. Our principle leaders joined me for our prospective parent tours and answered questions from the parents about our school. They did incredibly well and I was so proud of them. I had some lovely compliments about them from the parents so a big well done to Kayla, Liam, Katie and Mubaraq.
- Y6 parents came along to discuss the benefits of our annual Y6 residential visit. Thank you all for your attendance and support. It sounds like its going to be an amazing trip this year and it's always so good for the children's growth.
- I've seen some fantastic work this week especially from EYFS children but also right across the school - so much so that I now have to order more Head Teacher stickers. That's not a bad position to be in, is it?



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- 5A went swimming last week for the first time and there were a few teething problems with regard to children knowing the correct procedures to follow when at the swimming pool - it's all very new and exciting and we know it takes a little time to settle but I wasn't prepared for the report I received this week from the pool attendants and from visitors at the pool. I was told that the children's behaviour was impeccable and a real credit to our school! What a wonderful report to receive. I'm so proud of 5A - keep it up now; after all we *are* getting the reputation as the best school in Havering and this will just cement that fact!!
- Today was a wonderful day because we were enveloped in cake! It was our MacMillan coffee afternoon and we all look forward to this annual cake-fest. Thank you for all your contributions to the cake mountain. I was disappointed not to see a beetroot chocolate cake again this year - something that sounds disgusting but tastes out of this world! Thank you also for all your monetary contributions; I will let you know in next week's newsletter how much we raised. A massive thank you to Miss B, *and her dad Mr. B*, who worked so hard to put the whole event together and thank you to all the staff and parents who lent a hand in setting up and, more importantly, *clearing up!*
- Today, we also had a visit from our Board of Trustees. I've never met them in person before so it was lovely to welcome them into the school and show them around. They had a chat with some of our prefects and student councillors who were polite and extremely articulate in talking about what they liked about our school. A big thank you to Lewis, Harry, Leah and Violet (Y6), Lily-May and Katie (Y5), Daniel A (Y3) and Darcie (Y4) for being such excellent role models for the school. The Trustees were very impressed with the school and I tried to pitch a few ideas to them for further improvements so 'watch this space'!
- 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 to inform you that today is National Love People Day - a day close to my heart as treating all people with unconditional love and kindness makes the world a wonderful place to live in. So, enjoy the weekend, be kind to all people and think of all those poor souls having to run the London Marathon in the pouring rain. And I leave you with this thought:

"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!"

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

Due to our MacMillan coffee afternoon on Friday we will carry over the stars of the week to next week so that they can be celebrated in assembly.

Writer of the week:

R1: Ruby-Rose
R2: Isobel
1A: Dalia
1B: Murtajiz
2A: Henry
2B: Jacob
3A: Evie
3B: Tyler
4A: Muhammad
4B: Sarah
5A: Lyla
5B: Katie
6A: Luke
6B: Prakhar



House Points

1st **Centaur**s 303 points
2nd **Griffin**s 275 points
3rd **Phoenix**es 262 points
4th **Dragon**s 255 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Sofia R1
Maria R2
Grace R2
Thomas 3B
Louis 4B
Sade 4B
Brody 5B
Reuben 5B
Liam 6A

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

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

**5A who achieved
96.1%**

Whole school
attendance...

93.1%



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Ruby-Rose R1
Alayna R1
Nadia R1
Sara R1
Freddy R2
Mia R2
Lauren R2

Alice R2
Rohan R2
Vivaan R2
Isobel R2
Grace R2
Regan R2

Judah 2B
Halimat 2B
Oliver 2B
Reggie 2B
Zoey 2B
Ilinca 4A

Toby 1A
Kal-EI 1A
Thea 1A
Heidi 1A
Spencer 6B
Zach 6B



Dates for autumn term:

- **Thursday 6th October – Year 3 Music Workshop**
- **Thursday 6th October – Parent Council meeting @2:00pm**
- **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 – Thursday 20th October – Book Fair in school**
- **Monday 17th October – Parent's Evening (not 5B and 2B) 3:30 – 6:00pm**
- **Tuesday 18th October – 5B and 2B Parent's Evening only 3:30 – 6:00 pm**
- **Wednesday 19th October – Parent's Evening 4:00 – 6:60 pm**
- **Thursday 20th October – Spoons Workshop for years 1,2 & 3 (carried over from last year)**
- **Friday 21st October – Dress Up for Downs Syndrome Day**
- **Friday 21st October – Break up for half term**
- **Monday 31st October – Return to school**