



HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a calm and quiet week in the main. Here are the highlights:

- Of course, as it's Anti-Bullying week, there's been a great deal of talk around the topic of bullying. It's been very interesting to see how passionate the children are around the topic of bullying and how keen they are to get their message across. We had an anti-bullying march take place on Friday - a peaceful march, of course, but a protest march all the same! Children have worked hard all week producing poetry, prose and posters highlighting the importance of respecting difference and avoiding teasing! Here's an example from Hayden (5A):

*Diversity is shared by all,
We need a helping hand for when we fall.
Diversity is normal - It's actually quite informal.
Diversity is cool - But to insult it is cruel!*



- We started Christmas preparations this week by allocating colours for hampers and the race is officially on! Year 5 hit the jackpot this year by securing the Purple hamper - that's always the easiest with all things Cadbury taking centre stage!
- We're always encouraging you to expand your children's experiences and we try to do so in school also and this week, we heard that Lyla (5A) is appearing in a film being shown in a Clapham cinema next week. The film is called, 'Everything I ever wanted to tell my daughter about me'. It's not a children's film but what a wonderful experience for Lyla who will now have an insight to behind the scenes in the film industry!
- Year 4 experienced life as a Viking on Tuesday. I thought we'd been invaded at one point until I remembered that the Viking workshop had been booked! And, my, it was a good one. The company comprised of 1 woman only, no props and no sound effects - all this woman had were her acting skills and her costume and yet, she was able to transport us back to an era of longboats, axes and drinking horns as if we were living and breathing that very Viking air.

The woman told the children that I had confiscated her blood-stained sword deeming it too evil to be seen. The children took part in a 'Thing' (a Viking meeting) to discuss what punishment should be meted out to Charlie who stole Ela's goat. Liam was the 'Law Speaker' and his decision was that there should be a duel (fist fight) to the death. Other forms of punishment could have been a fine, death (being killed by the victim who would not be 'arrested for killing the thief!) or exile. The children were most aghast at the thought of cow dung being used to build a Viking Long House (daub & waddle). It was all good clean fun!! Y4 were delighted and apologies if any of them came home in a mind to raid and pillage but immersion can sometimes have its drawbacks!

On leaving the school, the Viking coordinator said it was a joy to be at our school - the children were so well behaved & everyone was so welcoming! It's becoming the norm now and so it should be - you don't get to be judged as an outstanding school without having outstandingly well-behaved children! I *will* get tired of using that word one day, I promise.... just not yet!!

- Mrs Petrie approached me this week concerning our Year 5s at swimming. Naturally, I was expecting a behaviour issue - you'd think I'd have learnt by now! - but she told me how the teacher had approached her after the lesson to tell her how hard his group had worked this week. He mentioned Nathan (5A) in particular whose manners and kindness shone out like a beacon. One very proud Head Teacher here!
- Year 3 took part in a National webinar with lots of other schools and learnt about prosthetic limbs. It was a live webinar and our children asked the most insightful questions leading the host to dig very deep into her knowledge bank. So much was learnt about prosthetic limbs giving our children a greater understanding about adapting to life when you lose a limb.
- Our Y5 & Y6 footballers played their first matches of the season this week. The boys' and the girls' teams played two matches each. They won all their matches and now we wait to see if they did well enough to make it through to the next round after Christmas. Well done to all the children who took part and showed great sportsmanship throughout. We're so very proud of you.
- We finished the week in a bit of a spotty daze when everyone brought a donation to dress up in a spotty outfit (or just non-uniform if they preferred). Thank you for all your donations - we raised £236.03 for Children in Need!
- 1A are at the top of the Doodle Tree - Come on, guys, don't leave it all to the Year 1s!!
- And that's it for this week - as I said, a very quiet one this week. Don't forget that it's Individual photographs next Tuesday so wipe the egg off their faces, brush their teeth and hair and practise those beautiful cheesy grins! Please remember that it's full winter uniform, hair tied up if it's below shoulder-length and don't forget those ties if your child is in the Juniors!
- So it just remains for me to wish you all a lovely weekend full of fun and new experiences and I leave you with this thought:

“We all have a responsibility with the words we post on the internet. If you wouldn't want your mother, daughter, sister or friend to read it, don't post it.”

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

R1: Kaiyaan
R2: Jamie
1A: Thea
1B: Murtijiz
2A: Henry
2B: Harper
3A: Logan
3B: Daria
4A: Kyla
4B: Eshaal
5A: Iyaz
5B: Kotryna
6A: Hayley
6B: Liana

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: Layla
1A: Evie
1B: Laura
2A: Seth
2B: Aleeha
3A: Fraser
3B: Kiera
4A: Inara
4B: Isabella
5A: Freddie
5B: Logan G
6A: Violet
6B: Toni



House Points

1st **Dragons** 355 points
2nd **Griffins** 342 points
3rd **Phoenixes** 319 points
4th **Centaur**s 314 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Shiloh 1B
Harley 1A
Albie 2A
Judah 2B
Aiden 3B
Taha 3B

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
99.6%**

Whole school
attendance...

93.9%



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

George R1
Maia R1
Franky R1
Mesh R1
Abid R2
Layla R2

Dottie 1B
Laura 1B
Logan 3A
Lola 3A
Savelly 3B
Charlie 4A

Sotonte 5A
Ronnie 5A
Nathan 5A
Delia 6B
Akshee 6B



Congratulations!

to....

George R1

Laura 1B

Sotonte 5A

on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!



Congratulations
to....

Mubaraq 6B

for achieving
your
reading
token this week.



Dates for autumn term:

- **Tuesday 22nd November - Individual school photos**
- **Friday 25th November - Prospective parent tour @ 1:45pm**
- **Wednesday 30th November - Year 3 visits to Elm Park Library**
- **Thursday 1st December - Reindeer Run**
- **Thursday 1st December - 2B trip to Soanes Centre**
- **Friday 2nd December - PTA Whole School Panto trip**
- **Monday 5th December - Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 9:15 am**
- **Monday 5th December - Year 1 Nativity @ 2:30 pm**
- **Tuesday 6th December - EYFS Nativity @ 9:15 am**
- **Tuesday 6th December - Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 2:30 pm**
- **Wednesday 7th December - Year 1 Nativity @ 9:15 am**
- **Wednesday 7th December - EYFS Nativity @ 2:30 pm**
- **Thursday 8th December - 2A trip to Soanes Centre**
- **Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner day**
- **Friday 9th December - PTA Christmas Bazaar @ 4:00 pm**
- **Tuesday 13th December - Breakfast with Santa**
- **Wednesday 14th December - Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum**
- **Thursday 15th December - Performing Arts trip to Frozen the Musical**
- **Friday 16th December - Visit to Holy Cross Church @ 10:00 am**
- **Friday 16th December - Break Up at 1:30 pm**