

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

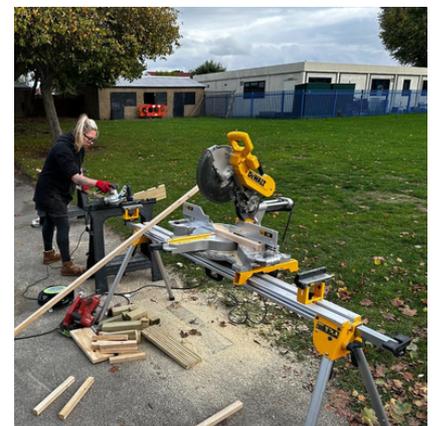
I'm beginning this newsletter with the half-term tasks that were accomplished last week. 5A were thrilled to walk into a bright, shiny, newly-carpeted classroom when they returned to school this week. It's been a long time coming and the class have put up with a musty-smelling carpet for far too long so it was great to see them taking deep gulps of breath as they walked through the door on Monday morning!! The same can't be said for 6B, unfortunately, who have also been waiting for carpet renewal!

Sadly, as with many jobs - when you start to dig, you uncover a host of other problems that need sorting on the way and we simply ran out of time to fully carpet the room before the end of the holiday. Mind you, lifting the old carpet has revealed some wonderful parquet flooring underneath - I wouldn't be surprised if Ms Matharu wanted to polish it up and keep it! Mr Welch was a very busy bee over the week and also put up two new display boards somewhere in the school - I challenge you to spot them (there's nothing on them yet but there *will* be. They both have a very specific, intended use!)

The school was alive with the sound of saws, hammers and nails as Jessica's (R1) mum and dad volunteered their very exclusive and finely-tuned carpentry skills to build us a brand new mud-kitchen in the EYFS area. Just look at this:



I can't tell you what a huge and jaw-dropping surprise it was to walk in on Monday morning and be faced with this incredible wooden beauty! A massive thank-you to Jessica's parents and to Matt who donated all the wood for free! We are so blessed to have such kindness in our community. And now, I'd like all your daughters to look at this picture and be inspired!



- Back to *this* week and we've romped through a cold and wet week with smiles on our faces as we've welcomed yet more visitors to our school and our KS2 children have been out and about learning about lesser known career options.
- Y3 visited Wates Construction on a very dreary day to learn about civil engineering. The construction site itself was out of bounds but the children asked some excellent questions about the current project the company was working on. Feryal (3A) asked "How do you get heavy items up so high?" while another superb question was, "Why is there a large net up high going from one building to another?" The company visited the children back in school in the afternoon and set up some great activities for them to experience engineering in real life. They worked in teams to construct bridges and towers and had an awesome time making lamps and creating their names using Binary Code. They also met and interviewed 5 different civil engineers about their role in the Wates Construction project.
- Y4 visited the University of East London as part of their World of Sports Work. They took part in great activities including quizzes, networking and naming their strengths as their 'brand'. The hosts asked the children about their aspirations, dreams and goals and Sahar (4A) shared that *her* dream was to hug a sloth! Well, we all have to start somewhere and *that's* as good a place as any! They finished the day by watching the university students play a basketball match against another team. Children were given goody bags amongst which were whistles - much blowing was practised during the journey home and teachers were very happy to pass the children (along with their whistles) back to their parents at the end of the day!! They high fived the players and had their photo taken with them. It was a fabulous outing which opened the children's eyes to a variety of career options within the world of sport (that didn't involve kicking a ball into a net!).
- Y5 visited KPMG International Limited which is one of the 'Big Four' accounting organizations in London. They were given training on how to make a good presentation followed by a tour of the premises - I use the term 'tour' loosely since I believe the children were simply walked around the workers' canteen (I'm not sure how much work goes on *there!*) Apart from that unfortunate failing, I believe the trip was excellent and Daisy Bella held court at KPMG as she explained what her group had invented- a smart bin. The 'dragons' were very impressed. The workshop that took place today when children had to present their eco-friendly inventions to the 'Dragons in the Den' back at school was second to none! A little matter of the train trip must be shared here as 5B travelled home sharing their train carriage with another Havering 'outstanding' Primary school who shall remain nameless in this case to protect the privacy of the individuals involved. The other school's children were already seated when we mounted the train so 5B had to stand for the whole journey but 'stand' they did, without complaint, noise or running around. All I will say about the other school is that they did not behave in the same manner as *our* children. I will say no more other than that my pride has literally burst forth from my chest!
- Y6 visited Canada House to learn about APP designing and their presentations were designed on Canva which is the software I'm using right now to design this newsletter. I got a small taste of the Y6 work as Prakhar, Parker, James, Lewis and Dinusan (6B) came to my office to practise their presentation skills. Ms Clarke and I gave them a good grilling about their product and, I must say, they held up very well indeed. As I write this newsletter, Y6 have yet to return from their trip but I'll let you know how it went in next week's review.

- In other news, our wonderful PTA ran some very spooky discos for the children on Monday night – I believe most left the discos to go out Trick-or-Treating with mums and dads so they had quite a night of it! Tuesday was a quiet day in school as the children slept at their desks dreaming of ghouls, witches, ghosts and, of course, sweets!! A big thank you to all the organisers and helpers on the day.
- And we ended the week with a bang – literally!! This letter will greet you before tonight's Fireworks event but I'm almost certain that the event will be a roaring success for everyone. Wrap up warmly, though, it's going to be a cold one! But with raffles, rides, food and drink, not to mention the main attraction exploding in the skies, I'm sure everyone will have a wonderful time and I look forward to seeing you there!
- And that brings us to the end of another busy and full week and now I'm off to start choosing Christmas songs for our singing assembly next week – there! I've said it! I've opened the flood-gates and we're now on full throttle in preparation for Christmas. Hold onto your hats – it's going to be a whirlwind!!

Have a great weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***“In childhood the daylight always fails too soon  
- except when there are going to be fireworks!”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



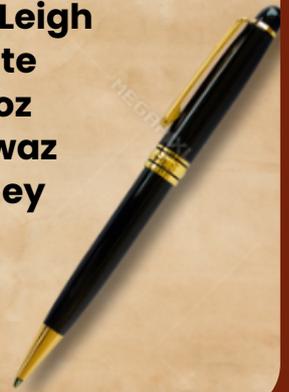
## Star of the week:

R1: Dollie  
R2: Inaaya  
1A: Chloe  
1B: Dottie  
2A: Navaira  
2B: Helena  
3A: Daniel CJ  
3B: Nicole  
4A: Jack  
4B: Leni-Rae  
5A: Gurkeerat  
5B: Zara  
6A: Thomas  
6B: Zach

Please see our star of the week newsletter on our website and on facebook for photos of their work.  
[www.harrowlodgeprimary.com](http://www.harrowlodgeprimary.com)

## Writer of the week:

R1: Aaron  
R2: Lauren  
1A: Kevin  
1B: Ellie  
2A: Kristopas  
2B: Zoey  
3A: Louie  
3B: Freddie  
4A: Mason  
4B: Daisy-Leigh  
5A: Tonte  
5B: Feroz  
6A: Fawwaz  
6B: Sidney



## House Points

1st **Dragons** 224 points  
1st **Phoenixes** 224 points  
2nd **Centaur**s 223 points  
3rd **Griffins** 219 points



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Hugo R1	Laura 1B
Franky R1	Dottie 1B
George R1	Olivia 4A
Rily-Jay R1	Michael 4B
Freddy R2	Amber 4B
Inaaya R2	Samuel 5B
Mia 1A	Amelia 6B
Dalia 1A	Katie 6B

who have had a birthday  
in the last 2 weeks.  
We hope you had a great day!

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**1B who achieved**

**99%**

Whole school  
attendance...

**94.4%**



## OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Nate R1	Ifeh 1A	Elizabeth 1B	Evie 3A
Kaiyaan R1	Milana 1A	Summer 1B	Hope 3A
Nellie R1	Harley 1A	Sophia 1B	Fraser 3A
Jessica R1	Evie 1A	Aria 1B	Jude 3A
Ruby-Rose R1	George 1B	Henry 2A	Opey 5A
Darcy R1	Diyan 1B	Navaira 2A	Lyla 5A
Riley-Jay R1	Dottie 1B	Helena 2B	Luca 5A
Regan R2	Laura 1B	Jessica 2B	Aahil 6B
Isobel R2	Amelie 1B	Fikayomi 2B	Holly 6B
Lauren R2	Shannon 1B	Aleeha 2B	



**Congratulations!**

to....

Nate R1

Nellie R1

Jessica R1

Isobel R2

Holly 6B

on receiving an achiever badge  
for gaining 3 gold certificates!



Congratulations  
to....

Amelia in 5A

for achieving your  
reading  
token this week.



## Dates for autumn term:

- **Tuesday 8th November – Year 6 Royal Liberty Chemistry workshop**
- **Friday 11th November – Remembrance service @ 10:00am**
- **Tuesday 15th November – Year 4 Viking Workshop**
- **Tuesday 15th November – Prospective parent tour @1:45pm**
- **Friday 18th November – Children in Need**
- **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**
- **Friday 2nd December – PTA Whole Schhol 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**
- **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**