

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of another busy week - here are the highlights:

- The week began very quietly. If you walked around the school, you'd be forgiven for thinking that the school was closed since the corridors were filled with a ghostly silence. But, behind the classroom doors, the children sat with their heads down, intent on completing their termly tests to the very best of their ability. Yes, this week was Test Week! The week that we teachers use to check that children know more and remember more.
- 3 parent tours this week brought us to the end of our prospective parent tours and, although I absolutely love to show off our wonderful school, I can't say I'm sorry they've finished because, as there are so many great things to share about our school, the tours can each last for about 2 hours - I'm exhausted by the end of them! But I must give a big shout out to the prefects who have helped me with the tours. They have all been great ambassadors for the school, answering the parents' questions and talking eloquently about our school and what they like best about it.
- Ms Goodwin had a rude awakening this week! One of the children in EYFS was desperate to show her their special birthday present which was a guinea pig and so Ms Goodwin obliged by making space for the pet named 'Mama Maggie' at the side of her desk. After several lengthy discussions about Guinea Pigs, the children discovered that guinea pigs communicate using 11 different sounds, they say hello to each other by rubbing their noses together, they don't like to live on their own preferring to live in a herd, and they love to eat hay, fruit, vegetables, and grass. Mama Maggie did like to squeak for most of the morning so you can imagine Ms. Goodwin's delight when she discovered the on/off button - literally! It turns out Mama Maggie was not a real guinea pig but a battery-powered one! Still, they went on a great learning journey when they thought it was real!
- Year 6 have been on a bread-making journey this week looking at the difference between processed bread and home-made, whole-meal bread. Parker (6A) was discussing his work with me and talking about the process of making the bread.



- I asked him if the bread was delicious and he replied, "Not really - I'm not keen on wholemeal bread!" Fair enough - we all have our own likes and dislikes!
- 2B visited the Soanes Centre this week as part of their science work on 'Habitats'. Ms Harrison's review of the day was that the day was 'engaging from start to finish, totally scientific in focus and enjoyed by both adults and children!' 2A will visit next week and they are very excited.
- This week, we moved full pelt into Christmas preparations, decorating the school and practising nativity plays and Christmas carols. And, as you know, your children have been collecting sponsors for our annual reindeer run where we collect money for Christmas presents for children in Queen's hospital. I'll let you know how much we raised when the final total is in.
- Continuing on the Christmas theme, the whole school spent a wonderful 2 hours at the theatre today to experience that wonderful British tradition of a Christmas Pantomime. This year, the story was 'Sleeping Beauty' but there definitely wasn't a lot of sleeping going on! As usual, your children were well-behaved and great ambassadors for the school. Everyone had a great time - even if panto isn't their cup of tea, they loved being out of school sharing a fun experience with their friends. A massive thank you to Ms Lawson and the PTA members who organised the event (it sounds simple but it takes hours of hard work and stress levels reach an all-time high on the day!) and a special thank you to the parents who so kindly paid for children whose families are really struggling at the moment (and that's *many*, it has to be said). I'm always so humbled by the generosity shown by our parents. It meant that no child, who wanted to attend the pantomime, was left behind - *that's* community spirit for you!
- And that brings us to the end of this week's news. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend full of Holiday preparations and footy fever and I leave you with this thought:

***"The game of life is a lot like football -
You have to tackle your problems, block your fears
and score your points when you get the opportunity!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

P.S. Still desperate for volunteers to hear children read - If you can help, please contact:

mclarke@harrowlodgeprimary.com or lwaddington@harrowlodgeprimary.com

Star of the week:

R1: Lakshay
R2: Alicia
1A: Milana
1B: Olivia
2A: Emily
2B: Jacob
3A: Maya
3B: Tyler
4A: Daisy B
4B: Marta
5A: Lyla
5B: Romaisa
6A: Freddie
6B: Romeo

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: Leandro
R2: Gurlaveen
1A: Toby
1B: James
2A: Henry
2B: Joel
3A: Ben
3B: Leah
4A: Amin
4B: Lemaine
5A: Nathan
5B: Maria
6A: Maci
6B: Afridi



House Points

1st **Centaur**s 278 points
2nd **Phoenix**es 269 points
3rd **Dragon**s 230 points
4th **Griffin**s 200 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Mithran 1A

Zoey 2B

Jenson 2B

Wendell 3B

Fraser 3A

Charlie 4A

Alex M 4A

Nathan 5A

Sidney 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 who achieved
98.4%**

Whole school
attendance...

92.9%



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Darcy R1
Lakshay R1
Kevin R1
Nadia R1
Oliver R2

Aarshy 1B
Ben 3A
Logan 3A
Feryal 3A

Logan 5B
Mubaraq 6B
Sidney 6B
Jamie 6B



Congratulations!

to....

Darcy R1

on receiving an achiever badge
for gaining 3 gold certificates!



Don't forget to
keep on
earning those
reading points
in order to
earn a
reading token!



Dates for autumn term:

- 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
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- 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

We need

YOU!



**Calling all parents,
grandparents, aunts or
uncles!**

We desperately need
volunteers to come in and
listen to our children read. If
you are able to spare a
morning or an afternoon each
week then please contact:
mclarke@harrowlodgeprimary.com
or
lwaddington@harrowlodgeprimary.com

Thank you

