

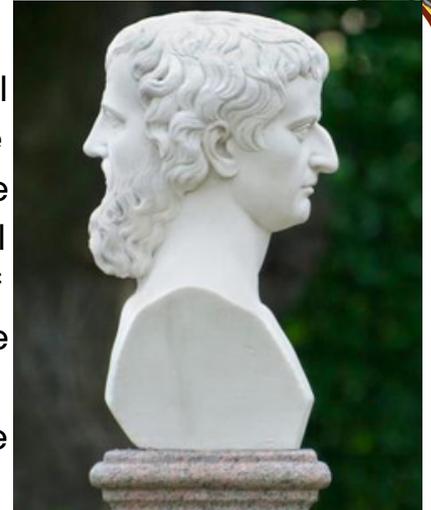
HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 27th January Issue Number 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the last week in January, and with National Puzzle Day on Sunday, I've given you a little puzzle to solve or, better still, get your children to solve! Who is this in the picture on the right and why have I chosen him as a symbol for today's newsletter? The week has been quiet but full of very hard work as we ramp up the learning. Here are the highlights:



- Maths has taken a very strong focus this week as we move towards next Friday for Maths Day. Some of our children were lucky enough to visit Mawney School for a Maths Challenge Day.



The theme of the day was 'Think about your Thinking' and the day began by exploring the huge impact that women have made in the mathematical world. Then the children explored magic squares and the history associated with them. They especially enjoyed solving the Tangram puzzles and meeting children from other schools.

- Our Maths Doodling is continuing to improve. This week's leaders are as follows:
DoodleMaths: 6A (83% of pupils in the green zone)
DoodleTables: 4B (46% of pupils in the green zone)
- 1B have been challenging themselves to double numbers up to 20 and, at the end of the morning I had a group of about 10 children visit me to show me their work that had been done independently. Congratulations to all of them - their work was superb.
- Now, I have children in my office a lot, for a variety of reasons, sometimes with their parents, sometimes on their own or with friends so I like to collect little curiosities to have on display that will provoke interest and discussion. For example, I have a Greek sword (totally blunt, before you start to worry!) on

display at the moment, some insects in resin, miniature models of famous landmarks and busts of ancient Greek philosophers amongst other things. They spark conversations and there's always some incidental learning that goes on because of them. Well, when our little band of 1B mathematicians came to visit me, James spotted a treasure chest on one of my shelves and asked me what was inside it. To be honest, it was left over from my days teaching in EYFS and I couldn't actually remember what was inside, if anything at all! However, as they had all been so clever with their maths, I told them that I would allow them, as a very special treat, to see what was inside the chest. When I brought it down off the shelf, it was covered in dust which I blew away before trying to prise open the lid - well, you can imagine the anticipation that this built and their faces were transfixed as I slowly lifted the lid to reveal a mound of brightly-coloured gems (plastic, but looked like genuine stones!!) Well, you could hear the ooos and ahhs all the way down the corridor! It's moments like this that make the job so wonderful! However....., I discovered later that the children had been discussing their findings in my office and decided that the treasure box, the sword and (and here's the real rub!) *'the way I talk'* could only mean one thing - I must be a pirate or a pirate's wife! I've put the sword away now!!

- HHS sent some of their student leaders over to teach our Year 5 children this week all about positive thinking and positive mind-sets. 5A were the lucky class this week and Mr Norris, who is the Assistant Head at HHS, was blown away by our children's knowledge and understanding.

- EYFS have been exploring the world of interior design this week. Alayna (R1) received a new stand and walker on Monday so the children got busy redesigning the setting so the equipment could be accommodated safely and easily. The equipment used to lift Alayna into her new stand is called a hoist but, with Alayna's agreement, the children decided that calling it a 'crane' would be super cool so, from now on, that's



what will be used to help Alayna into her stand!

- And we had Spanish Day today so everyone has been working on all things Spanish. Year 4 have been making Spanish Timetables as seen here, and creating Mayan masks as well as Aztec sunstones. On top of all that excitement, they were also treated to enjoying some special Mayan hot chocolate only given to the noble people containing chilli and cinnamon.



- We would also like to say a big thank you to Louis' mum in 4B for donating some gardening equipment. We will pass this on to our gardening club and I'm sure they will enjoy using them when the club reopens in the spring.
- And that brings the week to a close. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“Living is the art of getting used to what we didn't expect.”

Eleanor C Wood

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

R1: Beloslava
R2: Layla
1A: Maddison
1B: Alice
2A: Mason
2B: Alicia
3A: Malaysia
3B: Sofia
4A: Charlie
4B: Boe
5A: Ronnie
5B: Hannah
6A: Aliyssa
6B: Aahil

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: Brooke
1A: Nala
1B: Ifraah
2A: Albie
2B: Judah
3A: David
3B: Levi
4A: Mason
4B: Alex
5A: Lily-May
5B: Kotryna
6A: Jenson
6B: Mubaraq



House Points

1st **Griffins** 185 points
2nd **Centaurs** 175 points
3rd **Phoenixes** 168 points
4th **Dragons** 147 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Roger 2A
Dima 2A
Alicia 2B
Harrison 3B
Cody 3B
Bonnie 5A
Jessie 5B
Kotryna 5B
Toni 6B

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

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

**3A who achieved
99.3%**

Whole school
attendance...

95.6%



Congratulations!

to.....

Nadia R1
Ruby-Rose R1
Aarshy 1B
Navaira 2A
Jude 3A
Eshaal 4B

Ronnie 5A
Nitza 5A
Pavel 5A
Lyla 5A
Tymofii 5A
Kaeden 5A

on receiving an achiever badge for gaining 3 gold
certificates!



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Nadia R1
Ruby Rose R1
Sara R1
Aira R1
Oliver R1
Lauren R2
Layla R2
Rebecca 1A
Nala 1A
Paisley 1A
Sidney 1A
Aarshy 1B
Summer 1B
Navaira 2A
Emma 2A
Henry 2A

Seth 2A
Harry 2A
Kara 2A
Jamie 2A
Grace 2B
Toby 2B
Jude 3A
Amanda 4B
Sarah 4B
Eshaal 4B
Daisy-Leigh 4B
Idris 4B
Liam 4A
Sotonte 5A
Ronnie 5A
Nitza 5A

Pavel 5A
Amelia 5A
Lyla 5A
Gurkeerat 5A
Lily-May 5A
Tymofii 5A
Kaeden 5A
Luca 5A
Mitchell 5A
Yafeya 5A
Iyaz 5A
Stefania 5A
Mahum 6A
Almeer 6A
Lexi R 6A
Alex 6B
Teri-Leigh 6B



**Congratulations
to.....**

**Toby 2B
Brody 5B**

**for achieving your
reading token this
week!**



Dates for spring term:

- **Tuesday 31st January - Class photos**
- **Friday 3rd February - NSPCC Number Day - no dressing up**
- **Friday 10th February - Break up for half term**
- **Monday 20th February - Return after half term**
- **Monday 27th February - Stay and Learn Week**
- **Tuesday 7th March - Year 5 Theatre Group - Air Quality and Sustainable Travel**
- **Friday 10th March - 5A visit to Parklands Farm Galleywood**
- **Monday 13th March - 5B visit to Parklands Farm Galleywood**
- **Friday 17th March - Year 5&6 Road Safety show.**
- **Friday 24th March - Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World**
- **Monday 27th March - Parent's Evening**
- **Wednesday 29th March - Parent's Evening**
- **Friday 31st March - Break up for Easter**
- **Tuesday 17th April - Children return to school**