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HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A difficult week of hard decisions for all of us. Here are the highlights:

- This week, we acknowledged 'Inspire your heart with Art' day looking at several genres of art including poetry, prose, dance, music and drama as well as the more accepted meaning of the term - drawing and painting. We talked about how all manner of Art can inspire you and we talked about Ms Howard's own piece of Art - her book and how writing her book helped her to express herself and how the book inspired others to believe in themselves. Don't forget to work on your own 'Life Mimics Art' piece for our competition. The prizes last year were stunning and well worth winning!
- Also this week, we heard that Asda are discontinuing our line of uniform jumpers and cardigans so we've moved over to Sainsburys for our stock - you may not notice the difference yet because we still have Asda stock left to sell but the new stock is better quality but still at a fairly reasonable price. We do everything we can to keep costs down for uniform - I believe we offer the cheapest uniform of all Havering Primary schools and we keep those costs down because we outsource the embroidery and deliver and collect it all ourselves. It's a lot of work but it keeps costs low and we know how important that is for parents.
- Photo day on Tuesday saw all our lovely children turn up to school looking even lovelier than usual as they posed with their classmates for a class photo. We received the proofs today and, whilst the children look gorgeous, we can't help feeling that it's all a bit old hat and tired so we're looking for something a little more contemporary for next time. We found a great company online who produced innovative and modern poses and we got very excited only to find that they were based in Ireland which was a little too far for them to travel!!! We'll keep on looking!



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- This week has been slightly less than pleasant in terms of aromas around the school! It was first noticed on Tuesday but has gradually become stronger and more pungent as the week has progressed! Today, we're all wearing pegs on our noses! Mr Welch was straight into detective mode on Tuesday as he searched for the source of the stench but to no avail. So he called in the big guns who have also come up empty-handed. So, the drain covers are coming off at the end of today and we'll send the camera-probes down to flush out the problem! Whatever it is, it must be vanquished or we'll all be on our knees by the end of next week!
- Today is 'Number Day' and all week, we've been competing in a Borough-wide Maths contest called 'Sum-Dog' and the results came through today - hold onto your hats:

Havering Maths Contest - 27 Jan to 2 Feb 

 **TOP 10 CLASSES**

Overall class scores are the average number of correct answers out of the students in that class. At least 5 students from the class must have played in order to get an average score.

Position	Class name	Score
1st	6B, Harrow Lodge Primary School	473
2nd	6A, Harrow Lodge Primary School	410
3rd	1A, Harrow Lodge Primary School	369
4th	3 Holly, Squirrels Heath Junior School	326
5th	3 Birch, Squirrels Heath Junior School	319
6th	5AS, Hilldene Primary School	316
7th	2RC, Hilldene Primary School	288
8th	2D, The Mawney Foundation School	265
9th	3 Maple, Squirrels Heath Junior School	248
10th	3L, The Mawney Foundation School	244
24th	1B, Harrow Lodge Primary School	129
33rd	5A, Harrow Lodge Primary School	99

- Now, as you know, I'm not one to boast..... but boast I *will*, loudly and proudly as we secured the top three places in Havering - Huge congratulations to 6B, 6A and 1A who are basically taking over ~~the world~~ Havering with their maths prowess! Well done to 1B and 5A who also got a mention on the leader board. We're all so proud of you for putting us on the map!! Commiserations to all the other schools who tried hard but who, in the end, just couldn't match up to us! Ok, yes, I'm enjoying this far too much! I'll stop now!
- We also ran a poster competition to celebrate Women in Maths and I was thrilled to see the wonderful entries from all year groups across the school. Congratulations to the winners:

	EYFS & KS1	KS2
1 st	Amelia (1A)	Mahum (6A)
2 nd	Amelie (1B)	Lily-May (5A)
3 rd	Mahilan (2A)	Larisa (5A)

- Staying on the maths theme, Ruby and Frankie (R1) were ecstatic this week because they'd finally managed to become doodlers! Indeed, I believe it was *their* addition to the Doodle family that added enough points to the class' total to gain the class 'Top Doodlers' of the school this week with Kai being Top Doodler of the whole school and he's only 4 years old - *there's* a future mathematician if ever I saw one! So, the big news is that a whole class of 4 and 5 year olds can fit in my office - who'd have thought it? Well done to all of R1 for such amazing doodling but Kai had better watch out because George informed me that he's 'hot on Kai's tail' so you'd better watch this space - it's a Doodle War!!
- 5A and 5B visited the local allotments today as part of their 'Sow, Grow and Farm' topic. As usual, our children were well-behaved and showed off a good knowledge of food-production already gleaned from their topic!
- I must make a special mention of Isla, Vinys, Henry and Cindy (2A) who worked extra hard today with their art work and brought me the most eye-popping flower art pictures you've ever seen. Miss Batt was so proud of them as they concentrated for over an hour on their work and produced incredibly detailed pictures. When I asked them how long it took them to produce such intricate work, they told me that it only took 3 or 4 minutes!!
- A big congratulations to Daisy(4A) who has won an audition to star in a High School Musical production at Thames Side Theatre in Barking. Look out for another HLPS superstar treading the boards soon!
- Wednesday this week saw our teachers striking for better pay and conditions so, unfortunately, the school had to be closed. Thank you for all your emails of support. It's always hard to make a decision to take industrial action but I know that the teachers really appreciated your voices of support. Let's hope that talks are successful and the other 3 strike days won't happen! Having said that, all the support staff were still in school and, boy, did we make use of the time!!! Even though we struggled through the fetid aroma of blocked drains, we managed to scourge the school of enough rubbish to fill a medium-sized skip! We can now actually walk in to our 'walk-in cupboards' and we can see, at a glance, what resources are available to us for teaching! Yes, I know what you're going to say, "Didn't you do this same thing during lockdown?" and you're quite right but it's been a couple of years since then - enough time for the rubbish to build up again! Don't tell me *you* don't have the same problem at home with your box-rooms!!! So, the school is nice and shiny for another 2 years (if a little bit whiffy - but we'll sort *that* out before another 2 years is up, I promise!)
- 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 from the Dalai Lama:

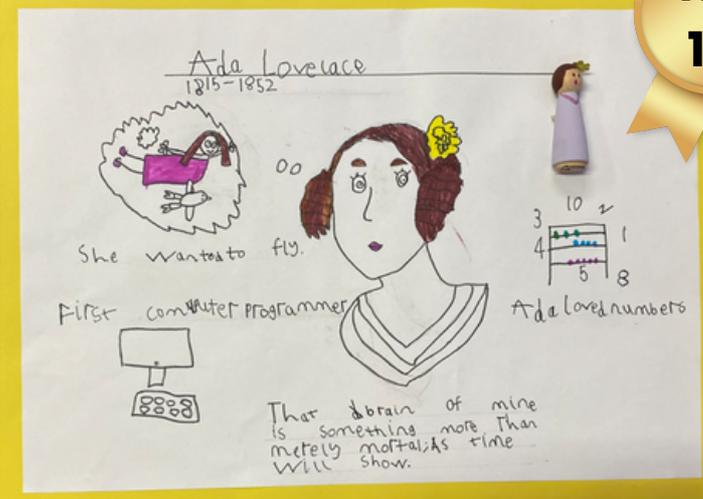
“Only the development of compassion and understanding for others can bring us the tranquillity and happiness we all seek.”

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

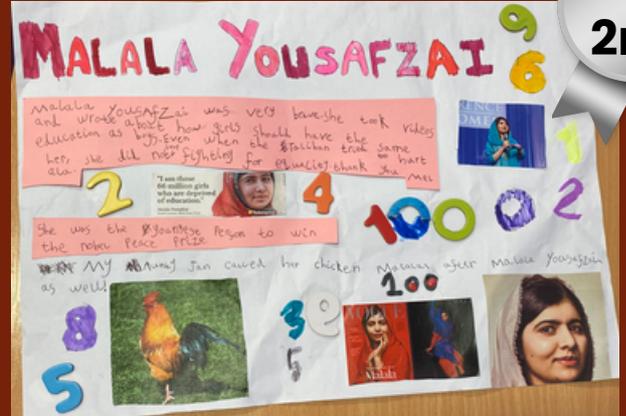
Winners of our poster competition to celebrate women in maths

**KS1
1st**



Amelia 1A

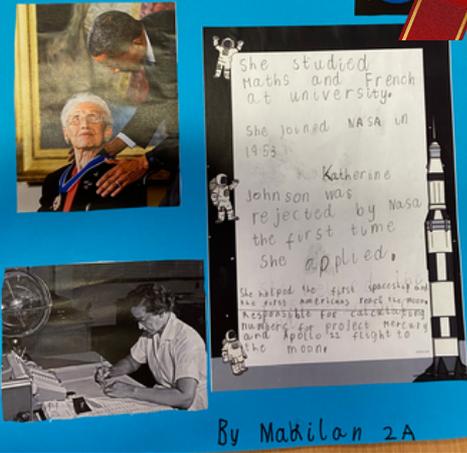
**KS1
2nd**



Amelie 1B

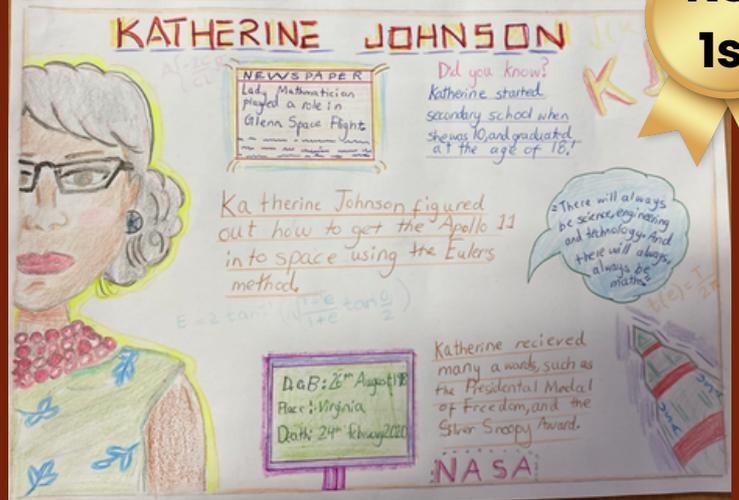
**KS1
3rd**

**Katherine Johnson
1918-2020**



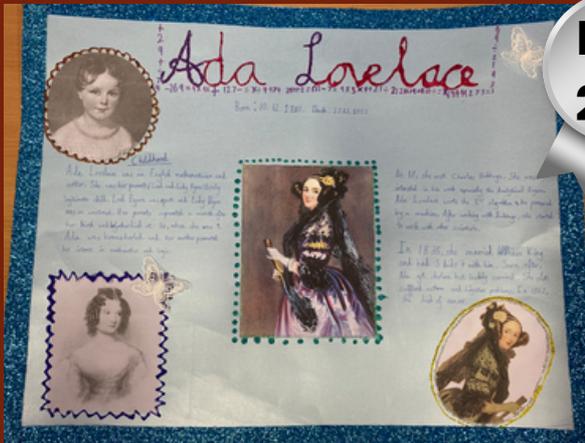
Mahilan 2A

**KS2
1st**



Mahum 6A

**KS2
2nd**



Lily-May 5A

**KS2
3rd**



Larisa 5A

Star of the week:

R1: Alayna
R2: Jamie
1A: Nate
1B: Aarshy
2A: Seth
2B: Joshua
3A: Penelope
3B: Cody
4A: Daisy
4B: James
5A: Demi
5B: Isla
6A: Sadie
6B: Akshee

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: Oliver
R2: Vivaan
1A: Ifeh
1B: Lenny
2A: Lexy
2B: Rhea
3A: Logan
3B: Adelaide
4A: Jack
4B: Lucas
5A: Pavel
5B: Brody
6A: Aliyssa
6B: Aahil



House Points

1st Phoenixes 231 points

2nd Griffins 221 points

3rd Dragons 198 points

4th Centaurs 183 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Vinyx 2A

Kyla 4A

Ela 4A

Arthur 5B

Simeon 5B

Aamani 6B

who had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

2B who achieved

97.2%

Whole school
attendance...

93.5%



Congratulations!

to.....

Franky R1

Kevin R1

Lucas 4B

Tonte 5A

Yafeya 5A

Mahum 6A

on receiving an achiever
badge for gaining 3 gold
certificates!



ACHIEVER

Congratulations
to.....

David 5B

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



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Nate R1	Aya 4A	Tymofii 5A
Franky R1	Sarah 4B	Nitza 5A
Lakshay R1	Michael 4B	Logan G 5B
Kevin R1	Josh 4B	Kotryna 5B
Darcy R1	Marnie 4B	Frank 5B
Joseph 1A	Lucas 4B	Tawheed 6A
Chloe 1A	Louis 4B	Jose 6A
Polly 2B	Tonte 5A	Luke 6A
	Yafeya 5A	Mahum 6A



Dates for spring term:

- **Friday 10th February - Wear Yellow for Young Minds Mental Health Charity**
- **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**