



HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of a 'quiet' week of news. Here are the highlights:

- Science week in school this week saw children entering a poster competition to show 'Connections' between a variety of scientific areas. Such a range of ideas came flooding in from the connection between our behaviour and the health of our planet, gravity and the tides, organs, muscles and nerves to the link between us and a pear tree! I could see that a tremendous amount of work had gone into making the posters and a huge expanse of learning had taken place. There are fab prizes to win and Miss Batt will announce the winners early next week. Well done to everyone who took part - you've all moved your learning forward a great deal!
- Along with the poster competition, we saw a great deal of studying taking place regarding pioneering scientists. Amongst my favourites was Year 5's study of Jane Goodall (if you don't know who she is or what she pioneered, now's the time to get researching)! We also saw a lot of investigations taking place. Indeed, anyone passing by 6A on Tuesday afternoon would have been treated to a myriad of flashing bulbs and sirens as their investigations centred around circuits and electricity. Personally, I could have done with less of the sirens but, oddly, that seemed to be the bit the children liked the best!!!
- Monday saw 5B take part in their trip to the working farm. You may remember that last week 5A had to battle the elements during *their* visit but 5B were much luckier with the weather and, although it was windy, it was warm and mild so the children could really enjoy their outdoor work! The trip was amazing according to all who went along and it linked perfectly with Year 5's Geography work on reducing our carbon footprint. The children were amazed to see how easy it was to make flour from corn; they loved feeding the sheep and watching the dog herd them up; they adored learning about how the worms help to aerate the soil but the most enjoyable activity appears



- to have been planting the big knickers! Apparently, this is common practice with farmers who plant the cotton knickers and dig them up after a month or two and the amount of holes in them (eaten by the worms) tells the farmer how well stocked the soil is with worms and, therefore, how well aerated it is! Apparently, the children were fascinated with this high-tech investigation but *I* wasn't very impressed when one of them asked if they were 'Mrs Searle's knickers'!!!
- This week was also 'Sign Language Week'. We have several non-verbal children in our school and so learning to sign is an essential skill but it's also a great skill for *everyone* since it's a universal way to communicate. So, we've all been learning some sign language this week with the help of 'Signature' at the British Deaf Association who provided a video lesson for us. It was a quiet day the day we studied sign language!
- Wednesday and Thursday were incredibly quiet also. With 8 classes closed so only 6 classes open, I could barely tell there were children in the school. The working buzz of engaged children was cut in half and the atmosphere was dull and rather spooky! Not all the teachers decided to strike on both days and, when 5A discovered that their teacher wouldn't be striking on this occasion, one of the children commented, "Why aren't *you* striking, Ms Howard? You definitely don't get paid enough to deal with *me*!!" What an astute child!!!! 🤔🤔🤔
- Of course, as I've said before, the teachers' protest isn't so much about getting more pay (although staying in line with inflation would be a nice change) but it's about *giving the money to schools* to pay for their annual pay rise so the funds don't have to come away from the resources for your children!
- EYFS have been on a hunt for spring flowers and blossom this week. I believe they were very successful but they didn't manage to find any warm spring weather!!
- On Thursday, Ms Haynes and myself attended a Health & Safety Training Course. Now I'm not saying it was tiresome but let's just say that I made good use of the matchsticks I took along with me! It's very important training which absolutely must be carried out but nobody told the trainers how to engage the learners! We're all clued up now, though, so all the fun stops here and now!!
- Today, Year 5 & 6 were treated to a Road Safety show in which the children learnt how to ensure they stay safe on the roads. All year groups are catered for with these drama shows except EYFS which, to me, seems like the place you should start, really. So, we'll be on the lookout for something appropriate for Reception children to highlight to them the need for alertness when out and around the roads.
- Today was also Red Nose Day and we all dressed up in red and collected some much-needed funds for charity. Thank you for all your donations and the school was awash with red for the whole day! I'll let you know how much we collected next week.
- A massive thank you to the PTA for their great efforts setting up stalls to sell gifts for Mother's Day. As usual, it was a great success and your children were so excited to surprise you with their little treasures.

- And Mr Welch is the hero of the week having persuaded the Travel Plan organisation to give us an extra £700 on top of the £9000 they're already giving us to fund a bike shed we found to replace our old one. Not only that but he persuaded them to fund the concrete base we need to install for the base!! Mr Welch, you are a star and are now the CEO of the funding campaign for Harrow Lodge Primary. Hold onto your hats, parents, who knows what's coming next!!!
- And that was the *not* so quiet week by the end of it! It just remains for me to wish you all wonderful weekend, especially all the mums who, I hope, will be spoiled rotten and I leave you with this thought:

***"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while
but hold their hearts forever!"***

With best wishes and kind regards,

Mrs Searle



Star of the week:

R1: Meshack
R2: Majus
1A: Brian
1B: Lorin
2A: Zayyan
2B: Adam
3A: Evie
3B: Adelaide
4A: Eliza
4B: Louis
5A: Isabella
5B: Stanley
6A: Noah
6B: Kayla

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: Sara
R2: Maria
1A: Milana
1B: Teddy James
2A: Mahilan
2B: Nadia
3A: Fraser
3B: Joshua
4A: Jacob
4B: Oscar
5A: Hayden
5B: Brody
6A: Kevin
6B: Leah



House Points

1st **Centaurs** 202 points
2nd **Phoenixes** 195 points
3rd **Griffins** 186 points
4th **Dragons** 179 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Mujtaba 2B

Ben 3A

Ollie 3A

Tia 4A

Hayden 5A

who had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

4A who achieved

97.8%

Whole school
attendance...

92.8%



Congratulations!

to.....

Amelia 1A

Ellie 1B

Jamie 2A

Reggie 2B

Eliza 4A

James 4B

Almeer 6A

Mahum 6A

Katie 6B

on receiving an achiever
badge for reaching gold 3
times!



ACHIEVER

Harrow Lodge Easter Bonnet Competition

It's time for our annual Easter Bonnet
Competition and Easter Parade!
Prizes for the most creative bonnet in
each class.

Bonnets need to be bought into school
on **THURSDAY 30th MARCH** for judging.

Our Easter Parade will be at 9:15
on **FRIDAY 31st MARCH**.

Parents are welcome to stay and watch!

OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Ella R1	Amelie 1B	Idris 4B	Tawheed 6A
Kevin R1	Aisha 1B	Boe 4B	Kevin 6A
Kaiyaan R1	Jamie 2A	Daisy-Leigh 4B	Almeer 6A
Rohan R2	Drey 2B	Nicola 4B	Mahum 6A
Majus R2	Reggie 2B	Eshaal 4B	Leah 6B
Dion R2	Eliza 4A	Tonte 5A	Katie 6B
Ellie 1B	Jacob 4A	Frank 5B	Jamie 6B
Haakil 1B	Ela 4A	Stanley 5B	
Sophia 1B	James 4B	Kotryna 5B	
Summer 1B	Michael 4B		



Dates for spring term:

- **Tuesday 21st March - Year 4 trip to Eastbrook Country Park to study the River Rom**
- **Tuesday 21st March - Reptile Man visiting EYFS**
- **Tuesday 21st March - World Down Syndrome Day - wear odd socks**
- **Wednesday 22nd March - Year 2 trip to Walton-On-the-Naze**
- **Friday 24th March - Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World**
- **Monday 27th March - Parent's Evening**
- **Tuesday 28th March - Year 1 Thames River Boat Trip**
- **Wednesday 29th March - Parent's Evening**
- **Thursday 30th March - Year 4 Easter Production @ 2:15**
- **Thursday 30th March - Bring Easter Bonnets in**
- **Friday 31st March - Easter Bonnet Parade/**Break up for Easter @ 1:30****
- **Monday 17th April - Inset day**
- **Tuesday 18th April - Children return to school**