

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's news headlines. Here are the highlights of the week:

- This week was Global Money Week but, as none of us *has* any money, we didn't feel like celebrating *that* so we celebrated Down Syndrome day instead by wearing odd socks! We liked that better!
- Monday was a wonderful day as we all filed into the hall to share every year group's music learning from the last two terms. Mrs Cole, one of our Parent Governors came along to see just how hard the children had been working on their music skills and she was very impressed by the wide range of performances that she saw. Performing to an audience is part of the music curriculum and you don't get a bigger audience than a school. All the children did really well and performed their little hearts out. Thank you to Ms Harrison for organising the event.
- On Tuesday, EYFS hosted a tea party for Barnabas for him and some of his mates. Mr Dart (the reptile man) escorted Barnabas' friends into the EYFS setting and they all had a lovely afternoon together. The children discovered so much information about lizards, crocodiles, turtles and snakes but Barnabas found it tricky when Mr Dart brought the cockroaches in (luckily he took home the same number he brought in!!!). There was a chinchilla and a rather large millipede as well which Barnabas eyed with hungry lust! Just to put your mind at rest, because I know you're all thinking it, we did *not* have a live crocodile visit us on Tuesday but there *was* much discussion about them!! The children were shocked at how silky smooth the snakes' skins were and confused by what appeared to be a double-headed Shingleback lizard! This is Alayna (R1) with her new hat chinchilla friend, Charlie! Mr Dart told the children that snakes were the perfect pets for the EYFS classroom as they had no ears!!!!



- Year 4 braved the elements on Tuesday for their River Trip. It was a tight turn-around with 4A visiting in the morning and 4B in the afternoon. For the first time, we were scrabbling around for volunteer helpers so we enlisted the help of the 'Dad's Club' - Mrs Coles' dad, Ms B's' dad and my children's dad (oh, ok, my husband!) all joined the river working party! They returned covered in mud but with big smiles on their faces and I believe they impressed the leader with their knowledge of all things wet and flowing. I was a little taken aback as some of the children returned from the trip and were keen to know how old I was - it transpired that, on being questioned about his name, *Mr Searle* told the children that *I* was his mother! This is exactly why I rarely enlist my husband's help at work!!!
- Tuesday was a very busy day. Ms Clarke had organised an inter-primary quiz run by the Romford Rotary Club. We selected to host the quiz and we chose four bright spark year 6 children to make up our team. The Rotary Club quiz organisers arrived, we set up in the Junior Library with drinks, biscuits, paper, pens and score board and we waited for Suttons Primary and St. Mary's Primary to arrive. They were our rivals and we had to beat them in order to move through to the next round. We waited.....and we waited.....and we waited! Until such time as we could wait no longer and we phoned the schools to ascertain their whereabouts. Would you believe that they 'forgot'???? We were devastated! We'd geared ourselves up for some healthy competition, ready to trounce the opposition and we were left hanging! I suggested to one of the club organisers that we should be awarded with a 'bye' but I think she pretended to be hard-of-hearing! So, the re-match is on Monday. Fingers crossed, it all goes to plan this time!
- Year 2 took their annual trip to the seaside on Wednesday - I know, I know, who plans a trip to the seaside in the middle of winter? (well, let's be honest, *that's* what it feels like!) Well, let's just say, the children got a lot of material for their poetic writing on stormy weather with the waves crashing and the sea thundering out it's stormy passage! The children were looking at coastal features and, my goodness, they saw them in spades (unfortunately not the bucket and spade kind!)
- Y6 took a trip to HHS for a fitness lesson and were able to have a go on all their fancy gym machines - it's a great part of the transition process.
- But Wednesday was overshadowed by the boys' football team receiving their reward for winning the Havering Primary Schools Boys' Football League. Yep, along with their gold medals, they had a meal deal from Burger King! Thank you, Mr Charlee, for organising such a healthy treat for our brave little heroes!



Lunch of Champions!



- Staff were trained on supporting Emotional Regulation this week as we have recognised that more and more children are needing support with this.
- It's been a week for trips and Year 6 had a magical, wizard of a trip today as they visited Harry Potter World in London. Now, I've never been there but, after hearing the excitement and sheer delight in the voices of the Year 6's as they returned from their trip, I'm thinking I'm going to have to book a visit just to see what all the fuss is about. "One of the best trips ever!" was bandied about as the children stepped off the coach on their return.
- Our school hosted the half-termly cluster schools' Head Teachers' Meeting this week and I was very proud to welcome them into our beautiful school.
- And exciting news - we've started Phase 3 of our Playground Improvements - I'm currently trying to write this newsletter against a background of hammer-drilling and cement-mixing so please excuse any blaring typos - I don't work well in a noisy environment!!! Who am I kidding? I'm a teacher! Next week, we should have the infant football pitch up and running.....and then we'll be looking at fundraising for phase 4!
- And this week, we celebrated the start of the holy month of Ramadan. Children have been learning about the meaning behind fasting and what the Holy month is all about. Thank you for all your best wishes and I wish all who celebrate this wonderful month a truly peaceful and thoughtful time.
- And that brings us to the end of the week. It just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***"It takes a strong person to say sorry,
And an even stronger one to forgive!"***

With best wishes and kind regards,

Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

R1: Ella
R2: Dion
1A: Nala
1B: Ifraah
2A: Vanessa
2B: Polly
3A: Fraser
3B: Joao
4A: Alex
4B: Lucas
5A: Kaeden
5B: Dorian
6A: Violet
6B: Dinusan

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: Shayne
1A: Paisley
1B: Woody
2A: Ilsa
2B: Joshua
3A: Joanna
3B: Taha
4A: Jack
4B: Idris
5A: Tymofii
5B: Logan
6A: Thomas
6B: Spencer



House Points

1st **Griffins** 437 points
2nd **Dragons** 410 points
3rd **Centaur**s 376 points
4th **Phoenixes** 363 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Paisley 1A
Maddison 1A
Aria 1B
Harper 2B
Savelly 3B
Adelaide 3B
Delia 6B
Amelia 6A

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
96.6%**

Whole school
attendance...

91.9%



Congratulations!

to.....

Kasey 1A
George 1B
Aisha 1B
Amelie 1B
Harry 2A
Joshua 3B
Daria 3B
Thomas 3B
Jamie 6B

on receiving an achiever
badge for reaching gold 3
times!



Congratulations
to.....

Violet 6A

for achieving your
reading token this
week!



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Leandro R1	Mithran 1A	Cindy 2A	Ethan 3B	Amanda 4B
Nate R1	Zaydon 1A	Aadam 2A	Wendell 3B	Isabella 4B
Evani R1	George 1B	Seth 2A	Mia 3B	Chanan 5B
George R1	Shannon 1B	Albie 2A	Josh 3B	Zara 5B
Dollie R1	Murtijiz 1B	Navaira 2A	Louie 3A	Romaissa 5B
Maria R2	Aarshy 1B	Harry 2A	Lily 3A	Jessie 5B
Layla R2	Lenny 1B	Jake 2A	Joanna 3A	Nathan 6A
Gurlaveen R2	Aisha 1B	Jamie 2A	Iqra 3A	Karina 6A
Henry R2	Ardion 1B	Joshua 2B	Omari 3A	Kevin 6A
Ismael R2	Idris 1B	Levi 3B	Maya 3A	Amelia 6A
Luke 1A	Amelie 1B	Adelaide 3B	Fraser 3A	Jamie 6B
Kasey 1A	Woody 1B	Nicole 3B	Daisy 4A	Leah 6B
Serena 1A	Mahilaan 2A	Daria 3B	Oscar 4B	Romeo 6B
Maddison 1A	Kara 2A	Thomas 3B	Marnie 4B	
Toby 1A	Isla 2A		Sade 4B	



Dates for spring term:

- **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**



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!