

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the spring term. It's been a busy and really joyful week. Here are the highlights:

- Monday was the rescheduled Rotary Club Quiz and, this time, everyone turned up! It was run like a typical pub quiz (don't worry, no alcohol passed any lips, ~~sadly!~~) with 8 rounds of general knowledge questions in different categories. A huge well done to our team of 4 - Kayla & Katie (6B) and Noah and Tyler (6A). They excelled in the Geography round but struggled in the English round! To be fair, knowing the adjective derived from the noun 'choir' is quite a stretch for a ten year old as is knowing the meaning of the saying, 'a chip off the old block!' In the end, we came a very respectable 2nd place behind St Mary's Primary with Suttons Primary coming 3rd but the scores were incredibly close and all the children did themselves proud. More importantly, they all had a fantastic time with Noah telling me, that if we did the quiz again next year, he'd come back from secondary school just to join in!!!
- This week, it was lovely to see you all at Parents' Evening. Everyone seemed happy and I received no visits from parents myself so I'm assuming that you were all satisfied with how things are going. A big thank you to our prefects, Karina, Afridi, Hayley, Sadie, Aamani and Alyssa who were exceptional at guiding parents to their required classrooms. They were polite, respectful and engaging as they led parents around the school.
- The Book Fair has been a big success and everyone has enjoyed browsing as they waited for their appointment times. Sadie (6A) and Alyssa (6B) were like market traders as they encouraged people to buy their wares and I believe we sold out of pencil rubbers due to their high-powered selling technique! We made a substantial profit of £342.06 with book sales which will be exchanged for further much-needed books. Thank you to all parents for buying books.
- The infant football pitch started well last week and looked so promising. I suppose I really should have been suspicious at that point, knowing that we rarely get through a project without dramas! And so this project has turned out to be!



- The fencing was complete and we just awaited the flooring to be covered and yet, something didn't look quite right but we just couldn't put our finger on it! And then, my office was invaded by Mr Welch, Mr Charlee and the Trust's site consultant all looking very concerned with furrowed brows! I was then informed that the fenced football pitch had the entrance gate opening in the wrong direction and the fence panels were back to front!!! 3 days' work was going to have to be ripped out and re-set! There followed several discussions through gritted teeth until changes were agreed but it *did* mean that we wouldn't be using the new pitch until after the Easter break. C'est la vie as they say - better to get it right now than have a regrettable accident later!
- Year 1 went on their River Thames Boat Trip this week. The trip was tremendous despite the weather which was a steady shower of rain! Although, as is the norm, it was not without its dramas. They were late setting off owing to the fact that one of our parent volunteers cancelled because her child was sick so the party had to wait while Ms Lawson sweet-talked Thea's mum into stepping into the breach! A huge thank you to Ms Richardson who helped to pull us out of a sticky hole and, once she was kitted up in appropriate weather-proof attire, Year 1 were able to set off to Elm Park Station! Coming home also presented its challenges as the children had to walk a lot further than originally intended before hopping back on the train making them late returning. Luckily, no feet were soaked in the process and, more importantly, Ms Lawson managed to get 15,000 steps in over the course of the day!!!



EYFS have been busy as ever. This week, it was decided to read a story about wasps overtaking a village and how the villagers managed to lure them all away with a pot of jam. Next thing I know, Regan (R2) is knocking on my door insisting on bringing me a towering jam sandwich just in case I get attacked by wasps. That was extremely thoughtful of him along with Alayna, Kevin, George, Alice D, Riley and Nate, all of whom played their part in building the jam sandwich

tower - I hope they measured the height of it (just to get some incidental maths out of the afternoon!)

- Mr Charlee has been playing a few friendly football matches this week. The first was against Henry Green Primary and our Year 3 & 4 boys' team won 2 - 1 with Baris (4B) and Jacob (4A) scoring for us! Well done to the whole team who beat the team coached by Mr Charlee's dad!! I think Mr Charlee was happier than the boys!!! On Wednesday, we played another friendly against St Mary's (now known as our rivals since they beat us in the quiz) and we lost 1 - 0! Definitely on our rival radar now!!!
- Our local vicar, Julian, came to visit us this week to join our Year 1 and Year 3 classes who are currently studying Christianity. As I passed 3B, I saw Julian at the front of the class with tears in his eyes. Concerned, I popped my head in to see if he was alright and it turns out that 3B had just finished singing a song for him with added signing!

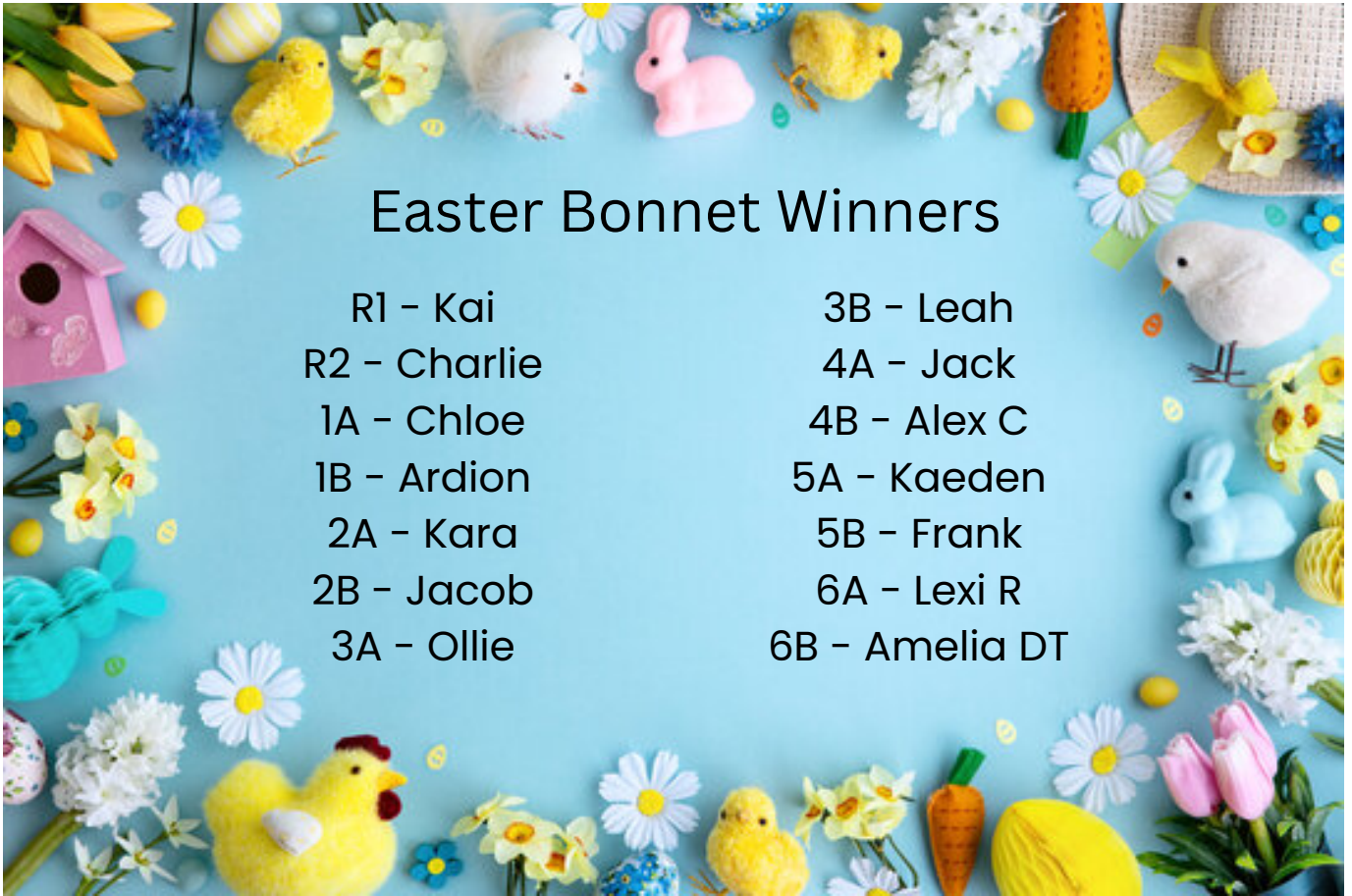
- Julian was just overwhelmed with emotion. I can understand that - it happens to me all the time where our children are concerned!
- Thursday was a delight for all of us as we were treated to our Year 4's production celebrating the Easter Story. It was called The Tale of the Three Trees and it was wonderful. Ms Howard went to see the children before the show to wish them all good luck and they were bubbling with excitement to tell her all about the play. "*I'm* Jesus," Jacob (4A) shared excitedly. "*I'm* scared!" countered Kyla (4A)!!! Well done to all the children who worked so hard to learn their words and sing so beautifully and a big thank you to Mrs LeMay and Mrs Bracken who also worked hard to organise the whole production.
- And today, there were hopping bunnies all over the place as children searched for clues to earn themselves a chocolate egg! Thank you to the PTA for organising the Easter Egg Hunt and making a lot of children super excited and super happy!
- And finally, our Easter Bonnet Parade was amazing. We made a last minute decision to hold the parade indoors because of the risk of rain. Parents swarmed into the KS2 hall and stood around the edge as each class paraded around the middle. The atmosphere was electric with the audience (yourselves!) clapping along to the music and applauding each class as they entered and left the hall. I have to say, being indoors has its advantages - it's warm and dry for a start but it was also easier to see all the bonnets and appreciate the immense creativity that had gone into designing and making them. The only drawback as far as I could see was that the children didn't get to see the parade of bonnets from other classes. If we have to resort to an indoor parade again, we'll have to see if we can organise something separate for the children themselves to view the bonnets. Well done to everyone who made the great effort to make the most creative and imaginative bonnets and thank you to all parents who were able to come and watch the parade - it really makes the children's day and they'll hold those memories forever.
- And that brings us to the end of the week and the spring term. It just remains for me to wish you all a lovely spring break and a blessed and happy Easter and I leave you with this thought:

***"The overriding message of Easter is that,
even when we feel like giving up, there's still hope for resurrection!"***

With best wishes and kind regards,

Mrs Searle





Easter Bonnet Winners

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| R1 – Kai | 3B – Leah |
| R2 – Charlie | 4A – Jack |
| 1A – Chloe | 4B – Alex C |
| 1B – Ardion | 5A – Kaeden |
| 2A – Kara | 5B – Frank |
| 2B – Jacob | 6A – Lexi R |
| 3A – Ollie | 6B – Amelia DT |

Summer Uniform

As the weather gets warmer children can now switch over to the summer uniform if they wish to. Please remember that the girls uniform is white socks or black tights, no white or grey tights please. Our full summer uniform list can be found on our website under the pupils section.



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Thank you

Our stars of the week will be carried over to after the Easter break due to no celebration assembly this week.

Writer of the week:

R1: Riley-Jay
R2: Regan
1A: Maddison
1B: Lenny
2A: Milhaan
2B: Grace
3A: Daniel A
3B: Mia
4A: Ariana
4B: Alexander
5A: Gurkeerat
5B: Fatjona
6A: Jose
6B: Kaysan



House Points

1st **Dragons** 358 points
2nd **Phoenixes** 321 points
3rd **Griffins** 302 points
4th **Centaur**s 276 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Dion R2
George 1B
Joseph 1A
Ardion 1B
Ali 3A
Diana 3B
Stanley 5B
Opeyemi 5A
Dolcie 5B
Leo 5B
Holly 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
98.1%**

Whole school
attendance...

94.2%



Congratulations!

to.....

Jamie R2	Penelope 3A
Elizabeth 1B	Fraser 3A
Helena 2B	Diana 3B
Jenson 2B	Keira 3B
Daniel CJ 3A	Jack 4A

on receiving an achiever
badge for reaching gold 3
times!



Congratulations
to.....

Nala 1A
Amelia 1A
Teddy James 1B

for achieving your
reading token this
week!



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Kai R1	Aleeha 2B	Fraser 3A	Jack 4A
Ella R1	Loris 2B	Daniel A 3A	Charlie 4A
Lakshay R1	Helena 2B	Ali 3A	Louis 4B
Brooke R2	Oliver 2B	Lily 3A	Alex C 4B
Shayne R2	Jenson 2B	Adelaide 3B	Leni-Rae 4B
Oliver R2	Toby 2B	Jacob 3B	Alexander 4B
Jamie R2	Daniel CJ 3A	Thomas 3B	Zariana 4B
Alice R2	Penelope 3A	Diana 3B	Roan 4B
Dion R2	Omari 3A	Wendell 3B	Jamie 6B
Albie R2	Louie 3A	Savelly 3B	Liana 6B
Teddy James 1B	Neve 3A	Nicole 3B	Mubaraq 6B
Elizabeth 1B		Keira 3B	Holly 6B



Dates for summer term:

- **Monday 17th April - Inset day**
- **Tuesday 18th April - Children return to school**
- **Thursday 20th April - Year 5 online Author Event**
- **Friday 21st April - Earth Day**
- **Tuesday 25th April - Year 3 St George's Day assembly to parents @ 2:30 pm**
- **Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday**
- **Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday**
- **Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May - KS2 SATs week**
- **Wednesday 10th May - Year 3&4 Road Safety Show**
- **Monday 15th - Friday 19th May - KS1 SATs week**
- **Wednesday 24th May - Year 2 visit to Elm Park Library**
- **Friday 26th May - Year 3 Farm Trip**
- **Friday 26th May - Break up for half term**
- **Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term**