

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Another full week with lots of hard work and special events for some classes. Here are the highlights:

- It was lovely to see so many of you visiting us for 'Stay and Learn' this week. It seems like such a long time since we hosted 'Stay and Learn' so it was great to get back to get back to normality.
- 8th March was International Women's Day so every class studied the impact that many great women have had in society and thought about the impact that they themselves could have as they, too, see the strength they have within their beings. EYFS studied our recently departed Queen and learnt all about her dedication to her role. They learnt much about the queen including the fact that she often wore purple because that was a colour that denoted royalty. Well, it just so happened that I was wearing purple that day so when I walked in, Maia (R1) was rather overwhelmed and shouted out, "It's the Queen!" I wouldn't have minded but nobody curtsyed!! Just plain rude!! Seriously, though, the children were really well-versed in all matters relating to the Queen. Year 5 wrote newspaper articles about their most inspirational women and also researched a variety of historically successful women such as Emmeline Pankhurst while 2A watched some videos about a few lesser-known female pioneers/inventors and considered their impact on the world. Year 1 discovered all about how Coco Chanel beat the odds of her upbringing and became a famous fashion designer designing the much admired 'Little Black Dress' and Amelie (1B) thoroughly enjoyed telling me that Coco didn't just 'do' fashion, she 'was' fashion!! Year 4 combined their study of climate change with discovering the great work that Greta Thunburg to move politicians to take action. Indeed, as I was meeting a new family about to join our school and I was explaining how the behaviour in the school was of an excellent standard and that we won't accept anything but the highest standards of behaviour, there came the most riotous noise outside the office door - shouting and chanting about Climate Change, stamping feet and thumping banners! I had to very quickly explain to the new family that the noise was a re-enactment of a protest march but I'm not sure that they were wholly convinced since it was so 'real'!



- Year 6 were treated to a live Zoom talk from a successful business woman currently living in Australia. She informed them about the history of International Women's Day and the inequality that still exists all over the world. We certainly ensured that every Harrow Lodge Student understood the importance of gender equality and not settling for stereotypical roles if that's not what you truly desire in life. It was an amazing day full of female empowerment and some fantastic work was covered. Let's hope all our girls got the message loud and clear!
- Staying on the theme of International Women's Day, Baris (4B) came in laden with flowers for all the girls in his class and for myself and Ms Clarke. Thank you so much, Baris, for such a thoughtful gesture. It really made everyone's day!
- Y5 were treated to a theatre experience about pollution and the consequences of allowing pollutants to continue to invade our environment. The theatre company showed very clearly how the pollutants from car exhausts damage children far more than adults (or small people more than tall people!) because they're lower to the ground and more in line with the polluting gasses. Dolcie (5B) pointed out, very astutely, that she was surprised at that information because she'd always learnt that you need to 'get down low' if you find yourself in a smoky room because the fumes rise up. We were all very impressed with Dolcie's contribution!
- On Wednesday, we had another visit from HHS students who delivered a lesson to 5B about mental health. Mr Norris (Assistant Head Teacher at HHS) was really impressed with our Year 5 children, their engagement and behaviour, but most of all, he was impressed with their use of high-level vocabulary! As this is a major part of our school improvement targets, we're really pleased with that!
- This week, the nurses came into school to measure and weigh our Reception children to ensure that they're all growing at a safe and healthy rate. One of our little ones asked the nurse if she should remove her cardigan and shoes - now *there's* a child who's witnessed mum's weekly routine on the weighing scales!!! I even remove my rings before getting on those scales!!
- Year 4 were lucky enough to have a visit from Yasmin this week. Some of you may remember that Yasmin works for HMRC and she came in to teach our Year 5 and 6 children about taxation and a career working for HMRC. Well, Yasmin will be visiting us on a weekly basis for the next 9 weeks as part of HMRC's outreach program. This week, she was working with groups of children on catch-up interventions, Doodle maths and TT Rockstars - all very important interventions especially with Year 4 about to take the Times Table Check in June.
- I had a meeting with the Local Authority this week with regard to Attendance matters. Our real difficulty is the number of children we have in our school whose attendance lies below 90%. So I will be inviting parents in, from next week, to discuss these attendance issues and any support that may be needed so we can nip any problems in the bud!

- 5A visited a working farm today. They left amid snow, sleet and gale-force winds and boarded the coach with less than eager faces. As they drove, the weather worsened, the children sat silent, each one contemplating the dire fate that awaited them when, out of the silence, rang Freddie's loud voice as he sang, "We're on the highway to hell....."!!! In the end, the children had a super time as well as learning a great deal about sowing and growing! Thank you to all our parent helpers, without whom most of our trips wouldn't be able to take place.
- The Essex County Fire and Rescue Service got in touch with me this week to invite parents to bring their children to the Essex Fire Museum (situated behind Grays Fire Station) for their Open Day on the 1st, 11th and 30th of April to celebrate their 75th anniversary. There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails, craft activities and a chance to sit on the fire engines (and squirt water 😊). The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as they are on the site of an operational fire station). If you're interested in visiting (and I would fully recommend), please email them at: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk (they're open from 10.30am to 4.00pm). Check your ParentMail for more information.
- Finally, our Y5 & 6 Boys' football team played in the quarter finals of the Havering Primary Schools' League and we WON!!!! That sent us through to the semi-finals and we WON!!! The final was against Suttons and.....we WON!!!!!! What a result! The game went to extra time and Aahil (6B) scored the winning goal so we won 1-nil - it was a game on a knife-edge!!! George (6A) played like a professional goalie and didn't let in a single goal in all the semi-final games or in the final!! Well done to all the boys - Harry, George, Luke (6A), Romeo, Kai, Aahil (6B), Ronnie, Kaeden, Sotonte, Pavel (5A) and Logan (5B) and to Mr Charlee who coached them! They all came running into my office at the end of the match wearing their Gold medals and waving the trophy above their heads. When they left, amid excited squeals and high-fives, I spent 20 minutes clearing up the mud off the carpet!!! But I'm not complaining - I'm so proud of them all! Have a look below to see our winning team!
- And that brings us to the end of another eventful week - a week in which parents visited classes and agreed that Ms Howard has missed her calling on the stage, our footballers played blindingly well in the Havering Primary Schools' League, snow and sleet threatened to stick around but changed its mind and we celebrated the strength and determination of women across the globe! It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***"Here's to strong women: May we know them.
May we be them. May we raise them."***

With best wishes and kind regards,

Mrs Searle

School Councillors

We held our school council elections last week where the children voted for their class school councillors.

Here is our new student council:

R1 - Sofia & Hugo

R2 - Alice D & Freddy

1A - Sidney & Heidi

1B - Woody & Amelie

2A - Harry & Henry

2B - Khaleelah & Zoey

3A - Feryal & Daniel CJ

3B - Nicole & Ethan

4A - Liam & Eliza

4B - Sarah & James

5A - Oscar & Amelia R

5B - Frank & Dolcie

6A - Harry & Jose

6B - Akshee & Aamani



Our proud Year 5 and 6 Football team.

Wet and muddy but victorious.

Well done boys!

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 brought 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!



Science Week Poster Competition

Great prizes to be won!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
10-19 March 2023

The theme of **British Science Week 2023** is **Connections!** Design a poster with the theme **Connections** showing the exploration of scientific connections. Choose a topic and design your poster! There are some ideas below but you could also come up with your own!

Competition Time!

What connections are there between humans, animals and plants?

How are the organs in the human body connected?

How is climate change connected with human actions?

How are the components in an electrical circuit connected?

How are the parts of the human skeletal system connected?

How does the internet help us stay connected?

How do magnets connect?

How does the brain connect with the rest of the body?

How are tides connected to the moon?

Prizes to be won!!

Connections



Star of the week:

R1: Kai
R2: Grace
1A: Mia
1B: Summer
2A: Emma
2B: Reggie
3A: Ben
3B: Harrison
4A: Arjun
4B: Lemaine
5A: Stefania
5B: Frank
6A: Nathan
6B: Kaysan

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: Ella
R2: Alicia
1A: Nate
1B: Shiloh
2A: Dima
2B: Harper
3A: Lola
3B: Keira
4A: Arjun
4B: Idris
5A: Yafeya
5B: Isla
6A: Karina
6B: Orest



House Points

1st **Phoenixes** 253 points
2nd **Griffins** 244 points
2nd **Centaur**s 226 points
4th **Dragon**s 188 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Mason 2B

Omari 3A

Maci 6A

Fawwaz 6A

who had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

1A who achieved

98.7%

Whole school
attendance...

94.7%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations!

to.....

Vivaan R2

Oliver R2

Alice D R2

Heidi 1A

Lola 3A

Shayan 3B

Joshua 4B

Sarah 4B

Roan 4B

on receiving an achiever
badge for reaching gold 3
times!

Congratulations
to.....

James 1B

Amelie 1B

Diyan 1B

Mahum 6A

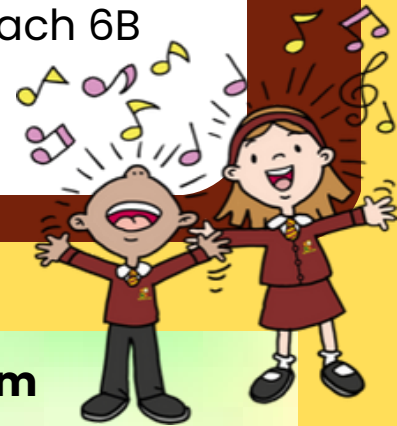
Luke 6A

Kayla 6B

for achieving your
reading token this
week!

OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Bella R1	Kasey 1A	Penelope 3A	Eliza 4A
Jesscia R1	Kal-EI 1A	Ollie 3A	Lucas 4B
Alice G R1	Brian 1A	Evie 3A	Joshua 4B
Ismael R2	Heidi 1A	Lola 3A	Lemaine 4B
Vivaan R2	India 1A	Jude 3A	Sarah 4B
Abid R2	Amelia 1A	Shayan 3B	Roan 4B
Albie R2	Dottie 1B	Thomas 3B	Jenson 6A
Oliver R2	Aisha 1B	Wendell 3B	Mahum 6A
Alice D R2	Adam 2B	Keira 3B	Violet 6A
	Halimat 2B		Zach 6B
	Harper 2B		



Dates for spring term:

- **Monday 13th March - 5B visit to Parklands Farm Galleywood**
- **Friday 17th March - Year 5&6 Road Safety show.**
- **Friday 17th March - Mother's Day Stalls**
- **Tuesday 21st March - Year 4 trip to Eastbrook Country Park to study the River Rom**
- **Friday 22nd - 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**