

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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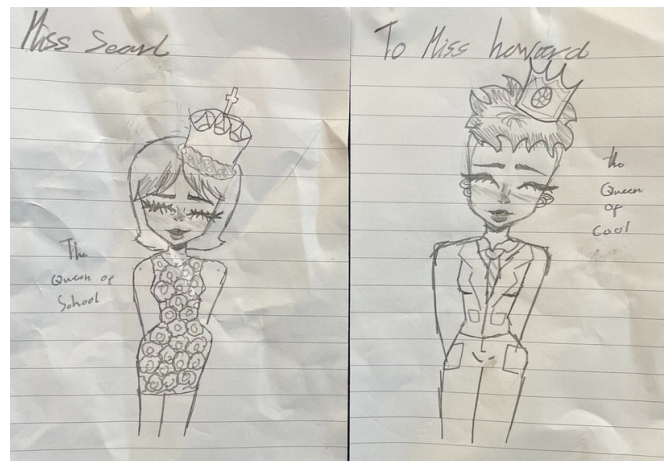
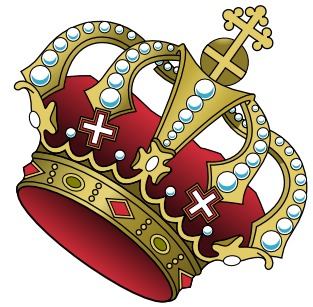
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a special Coronation Edition of the newsletter. Here are this week's highlights:

- We started the short week with a Bank Holiday followed by another strike day! 4 classes were open on Tuesday but even those were short on numbers which is a great shame when you think that they practically had the run of the school to themselves!

The school was like a Ghost Town but the teachers loved the peace and quiet and got through twice as much work as normal with the children who *did* come in.

- There's been a palpable *frisson* of excitement in the air this week as classes have prepared for today's celebrations. I've heard the Coronation Song beating out its rhythm right across the school and our singing practice on Wednesday just confirmed what I already knew - that we are an amazing singing school and none of us have a problem singing *King* instead of *Queen* during the National Anthem!!!
- Children have also been very busy designing a souvenir mug for the Coronation which you can purchase once they are made at a later date if you so wish. Some of the designs are incredible and will serve as a great reminder of the event. We'll send out the order forms when they become available.
- So, of course, there's been a lot of talk about royalty and all things kingly and queenly. Now, those of you who know me know I would never talk myself up above my station so what I'm about to share is rather uncomfortable in some ways but it was just too good *not* to share. Daisy (5A) is quite the artist and decided to draw pictures of myself and Miss Howard (see right). I think she



- depicted me very well, actually - especially that tiny waist and long lashes so I was very pleased with the illustration....and then I read the captions - Mrs Searle, Queen of the School; Miss Howard, Queen of Cool!!!! Oh my, oh my!!
- More royal artwork saw many crowns come into school yesterday. My goodness, the standard just gets higher and higher in this school. We've got crowns that pop with colour and crowns that move with pneumatic power!! It was really tough but we managed to select winners from the myriad of designs. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you parents for supporting children with their endeavours. We'll see if we can set a few up for display in the Infant Foyer.
- EYFS are very happy as they were able to welcome their quails, William and Kate, back to their setting. Just in time for the Coronation! The birds have been staying with Ms Swain whilst Bird Flu prevented them from being in school but they're back now and in fine fettle! The children have been growing all sorts of food to feed them so they're very much looking forward to setting up a quail menu for them. The children have been checking for eggs on a daily basis and some have even been lucky enough to take one home - not sure how filling one of those eggs would be for breakfast but you never know! When I was wandering around EYFS yesterday, one little boy excitedly informed me that next week they were going to make recipes for a cake using ingredients from their garden - well, as all I could see in the garden were tomatoes, onions and lettuce growing there, I think I may give those cakes a miss!!
- Our school councillors have been hard at work devising rules for using the toilets and creating rotas for Toilet Monitors. They've asked me if they can wear special jackets so children know they have the authority to monitor the toilets which is all very good but I'm not sure about having a picture of a toilet on the back of them - I think that may be a step too far!!
- This morning, some of our children were treated to a really novel experience where they were filmed taking part in a PSHE lesson to do with body confidence. The filming was carried out by Dove (the manufacturers of soap and other cleansing products) who are amazing at promoting body confidence and contentment. The lessons were run by the teachers but covered all the material you'd want your child to know about being happy with who they are and seeing diversity as beautiful.
- And today we had more drama as the orders for packed lunches didn't go through properly - some error on the part of parent mail which meant that poor Becky in the kitchen was running around like a headless chicken making 100 or more lunches than she'd anticipated! Becky's amazing - unflappable and totally in control whatever the situation and no one went without a lunch!! Thank you, Becky, you're a star!
- So, we all kept checking our phones throughout the morning to see what the weather forecast was saying and, as we all had different Apps on our phones, we all had different forecasts! So, we ended up just watching the sky until 11:00 am which was far more reliable!

- And what a picnic we had! As usual, our school community came together in a wonderful celebratory way. A big thank-you to Mr Welch who absolutely worked his socks off to get the field cordoned off for the afternoon festivities. We made the decision at 11:00 am to go ahead with the picnic - the skies were blue, the birds were singing, what more do you need for a family picnic? So the parent mail was sent advising umbrellas and groundsheets to be brought along just in case! Miss Harrison lugged all the music paraphernalia out to the field and Ms Clarke and I went out to check all was ready to open the gates at 12:15 pm. At 12:00 pm, the heavens opened and pelted us with hailstones and torrential rain! What's that saying? **'Man makes plans and God laughs!!!'** We had to think fast so the decision was made to hold the picnic in the 3 school halls and we stood at the gates directing parents to KS1 hall for children in KS1, KS2 hall for children in KS2 and the Dining Hall for parents with children in both Key Stages. And so the chaos began..... But, amidst all the changing of plans, lost packed lunches and parents disappointed that they couldn't sit with their friends, everyone got fed and watered and the atmosphere was great. Parents set up their picnic chairs and lay down their rugs and everyone had a good time - crazy but good!
- At 1:30, the sun came out and we were able to hold our crown parade and sing our Coronation Song and National Anthem outside on the field. What a fine afternoon it was and such good fun. This was **our** version of pomp and pageantry and we did it really well. Thank you to all parents who stuck it out with us through the rain, hail and eventual sunshine.
- Thank you to Miss Harrison for organising the technical side of things. She carried the music system out in the morning, back inside at lunchtime and back out in the afternoon as our plans changed from minute to minute! She now has biceps like Popeye! (That's a reference for the over 60's I'm afraid!!)
- May I also thank all of you for my birthday wishes. Normally, my birthday slides by unnoticed but this year, it will be a birthday I shall never forget - having the whole school sing Happy Birthday to you in an open field is a very emotional experience!
- And that brings us to the end of our newsletter. It just remains for me to wish you another very happy long weekend, full of pomp, circumstance and elegant pageantry and I leave you with this thought:

***"The greatest slave in a kingdom is generally the king of it!"***

With best wishes and kind regards, Mrs Searle



Harrow Lodge  
Coronation Picnic!



# Harrow Lodge Coronation Crown Competition



## Winners



R1 - Riley

3B - Keira

R2 - Layla

4A - Charlie

1A - Toby

4B - Boe

1B - Lenny

5A - Oscar

2A - Jamie

5B - Hannah

2B - Joshua

6A - Lexi P

3A - Fraser

6B - Parker





There are no stars of the week this week due to the Coronation celebrations. They will be carried over to next week's Celebration Assembly.

## Writer of the week:

R1: Ruby Rose  
R2: Alicia  
1A: Chloe  
1B: Ardion  
2A: Vinyx  
2B: Shemuel  
3A: Iqra  
3B: Wendell  
4A: Charlie  
4B: Marta  
5A: Bonnie  
5B: Zara  
6A: Lexi P  
6B: Aamani



## House Points

1st **Phoenixes** 176 points

2nd **Griffins** 152 points

3rd **Centaur**s 133 points

4th **Dragons** 116 points



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Chloe 1A

Alice 1B

Tyler 3B

Joao 3B

Amelia-Rose 5A

who had a birthday  
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**4B who achieved  
100%**

Whole school  
attendance...

**95.2%**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

# Congratulations!

to.....

Alice R2

Henry R2

Kal-EI 1A

Sophia 1B

Ali 3A

Thomas 3B

Liana 6B

Romeo 6B

on receiving an achiever  
badge for reaching gold 3  
times!

ACHIEVER

Remember to  
keep working  
hard towards  
your Reading  
token!

## OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Darcy R1  
Hugo R1  
Riley R1  
Nellie R1  
Francesca R2  
Alice R2  
Freddy R2  
Gurlaveen R2  
Henry R2

Thea 1A  
Paisley 1A  
Mithran 1A  
Kal-El 1A  
Layla 1A  
Sophia 1B  
Dima 2A  
Teddy 2A  
Ilsa 2A

Lola 3A  
Iqra 3A  
Logan 3A  
Penelope 3A  
Ali 3A  
Daniel A 3A  
Ben 3A  
Thomas 3B  
Louis 4B

Freddie 5A  
Liana 6B  
Amelia 6B  
Romeo 6B  
Kayla 6B  
Toni 6B



## Dates for summer term:

- **Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday**
- **Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May - KS2 SATs week**
- **Wednesday 10th May - Year 3&4 Road Safety Show**
- **Thursday 11th May - Year 4 trip to the V&A museum**
- **Monday 15th - Friday 19th May - KS1 SATs week**
- **Wednesday 17th May - Parents talks on how we teach Sex and Relationships education 9:00 am, 2:15 pm or 5:30 pm**
- **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**
- **Monday 5th - Friday 9th June - Year 4 Times Tables Check week**
- **Thursday 8th June - Year 6 Dental Examinations**
- **Monday 12th - Friday 16th June - Year 1 Phonics Check Week**
- **Monday 19th June - Stay and Learn Week**
- **Thursday 29th June - Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle**
- **Week beginning 3rd July - Year 6 Residential**
- **Monday 10th July - Sports Day**
- **Friday 14th July - Performing Arts show at Hornchurch High**
- **Friday 14th July - Year 6 Leavers party**
- **Monday 17th July - Open evening**
- **Tuesday 18th July - Music Showcase**
- **Friday 21st July - Break Up for summer @ 1:30 pm**