

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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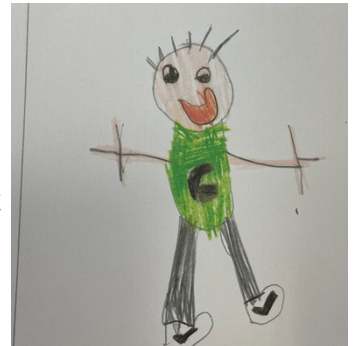


Dear Parents and Carers,
And Testing Times have begun! So begins 2 months of various tests - from Year 6 through to EYFS, every year group except 3 and 5 will be tested with statutory tests and we test years 3 and 5 ourselves to ensure that they are making the expected progress. Whoever said that schooldays are the best days of your lives was living in a time before you were judged every minute of the school day. I've always said that we spend far too much time weighing the pig and not enough time feeding it but nothing ever changes and then we wonder why our children are growing up anxious and lacking confidence! Well, all we can do is prepare as well as possible and that's what we've done so now it's time to show what we can do! Here are the rest of this week's highlights:



- We began the week with another Bank Holiday and there were a lot of bleary-eyed children that rocked up to school on Tuesday - not great to start Exam Week. However, the first Year 6 test was the Grammar Test and it wasn't too demanding so that was a nice way to ease themselves in.
- EYFS children were the lucky recipients of a dental talk this week - Let's hope that everyone gets the message about the importance of regular check-ups and regular brushing - much heartache will be avoided in the future if they *do* (take it from someone who knows!!)
- Year 3 & 4 were treated to their annual Road Safety Show this week. Everyone seemed to be very engaged - let's hope the messages stick!
- On the subject of Road Safety, you may have noticed that we've been placing our No Parking signs out on the roads recently. I don't know about you but, personally, I think we could do with about 10 more of these signs. There's just not enough to stop all the careless parking. On that note, the consultation regarding the School Streets closed at the weekend. I hope you all had your say online and agreed to the scheme being brought into force around our streets. The sooner parents begin using Tesco's car park for drop-off and pick-up, the better and safer for everyone!

- We're still waiting for our infant football pitch to be made safe to play on. Mr Charlee and Mr Welch are going to be working on it to raise the height of the goals so we'll see what the men produce! I have great faith!!
- EYFS children (and staff) are delighted to announce that their first watermelon shoot has sprung. When the children originally decided what they wanted to grow they were quite sceptical as to whether they could actually succeed in germinating such an exotic plant. However, the seed *has* germinated - proof that you should always try and never give up. Granted, it's early days but that little seed will be given the best care possible! We'll keep you posted on progress.
- Now, as you well know, the state of finance in education is at an all-time low and you will notice staff dwindling and teachers scraping the bottom of the barrel for resources so it is with great appreciation that we receive any donations. A big thank you, this week, to Ava's (5B) mum who has donated a vast amount of stationery. Every little helps! On that note, we were rewarded with a £200 Amazon voucher by the Dove company who filmed one of our PSHE lessons so that was a wonderful surprise and will really help with resources.
- Y4 had a very successful visit to the Victoria & Albert Museum this week to tie in with their history topic. All was well and Mrs Bracken was enjoying herself tremendously watching all the groups as they roamed around the various exhibits until she was alerted by a child that some Korean tourists wanted to take photos of the children. She looked up and could see the tourists getting very excited about documenting the children working and poor Mrs Bracken had to run around the museum swooping in to stop the tourists who spoke no English so Mrs Bracken had to mime 'No pictures!' The message was received loud and clear but Mrs Bracken was a quivering wreck by the end of it! Well done Mrs Bracken for acting so speedily - although it was an innocent incident, it's good to know that our children are well looked after and supervised! You really couldn't make this stuff up, could you?
- This week Year 1 learnt about special people who work in our school. Now, like me, you might think that every child would draw a picture of Mr Charlee but, no! I was thrilled to discover that Amelie (1B), amongst others, chose to write about Mr Welch, our caretaker, who goes about his very important business just quietly, without fuss or fanfares but carries out the work necessary to make our school a truly lovely place. She knows just what he looks like too - with C for 'Caretaker' on his top!
- And that brings us to the end of another short week. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend - restful if you are a Y6 parent, frenzied with times tables practice if you're a Year 4 parent - and I leave you with this really important thought:



***"The richest services are, most often,
those that are performed without a fanfare of trumpets!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

R1: Alice G
R2: Alice D
1A: Mithran
1B: Diyan
2A: Summer
2B: Aleeha
3A: Joanna
3B: Daria
4A: Olivia
4B: Michael
5A: Freddie
5B: Ava
6A: Maci
6B: Leah

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: Evani
R2: Affan
1A: Heidi
1B: Isa
2A: Naylaa
2B: Toby
3A: David A
3B: Levi
4A: Gedis
4B: Roan
5A: Nitza
5B: Isla
6A: Nathan
6B: Dinusan



House Points

1st **Dragons** 323 points
2nd **Phoenixes** 295 points
3rd **Griffins** 286 points
4th **Centaur**s 247 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Oliver R2

Ifeh 1A

Cindy 2A

Leah 3B

Inara 4A

Almeer 6A

Sophie 6B

who had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

**2B & 5A who both
achieved 98.9%**

Whole school
attendance...

94.1%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to...

Paisley 1A

Elizabeth 1B

Shiloh 1B

Aria 1B

Summer 1B

Ela 4A

for earning your
reading token this
week.

Well done!

Congratulations!

to.....

Beloslava R1

Ella R1

Albie R2

Majus R2

Dalia 1A

Joseph 1A

Maddison 1A

Aarshy 1B

Ben 3A

Louie 3A

Savelly 3B

Adelaide 3B

Wendell 3B

Taha 3B

Eshaal 4B

Brody 5B

Dorian 5B

Zara 5B

Stanley 5B

Kotryna 5B

Samuel 5B

Karina 6A

Delia 6B



**on receiving an achiever badge for
reaching gold 3 times!**

OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Alyana R1
Evangeline R1
Beloslava R1
Ella R1
Mia R2
Albie R2
Nyla R2
Majus R2
Layla R2
Vivaan R2
Heidi 1A
Nate 1A
Dalia 1A
Joseph 1A

Maddison 1A
Nala 1A
George 1B
Aarshy 1B
Ellie 1B
Isla 2A
Vinyx 2A
Lexi 2A
Halimat 2B
Naddia 2B
Lola 3A
Ali 3A
Louie 3A
Thomas 3B
Savelly 3B
Adelaide 3B
Wendell 3B

Ethan 3B
Taha 3B
Ela 4A
Ilinca 4A
Eshaal 4B
Amelia-Rose 5A
Brody 5B
Frank 5B
Manraj 5B
Dorian 5B
Simeon 5B
Zara 5B
Stanley 5B
Maria 5B
Kotryna 5B

Karis 6A
Freddie 6A
Almeer 6A
Karina 6A
Lewis 6A
Hayley 6A
Lexi R 6A
George 6A
Thomas 6A
Veronika 6B
Liana 6B
Delia 6B



Dates for summer term:

- 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
- Friday 9th June - Year 1 trip to Braintree Museum
- 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
- **Saturday 1st July - Summer Fete**
- 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
- Thursday 20th June - Year 2 trip to Kensington Palace
- Friday 21st July - Break Up for summer @ 1:30 pm