

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

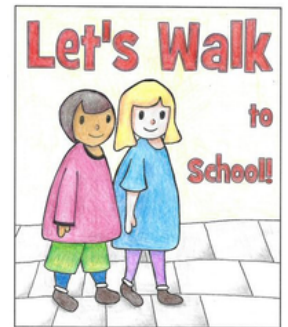
Summer Term 19th May Issue Number 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

So this week, everyone was asked to walk to school - that didn't happen! Here are the highlights:

- We kicked off the week with an assembly about the reasons why walking to school was a good idea and your children know a lot when it comes to pollution and climate change and they know it's *their* generation who are going to suffer if they don't start doing some damage control now! So the children were discussing ways they could reduce pollution on their route to school. Of course, everyone suggested walking to school but Taha (3B) had been thinking hard about this and challenged with, "But what about aeroplanes? Don't they cause pollution?" Yes, Taha but how often do you come to school by aeroplane?!!!! Taha had to admit that *that* was a very rare occurrence! Anyway, children are earning stickers for each day they walk to school (or park in Tesco's and walk from there if they live further than walking distance). I have to say, a lot of stickers are going out but I'm not seeing much of a difference with the cars on Barton Road!!!
- Numeracy week this week and all children took part by carrying out various activities. 5A were particularly lucky that Ms Howard was able to inspire them to write some Maths raps. She wrote and performed her own rap before setting her children to work on *theirs*. Riley (5A) wrote a particularly good one (see below) but was a little too shy to perform it just yet. However, for a first attempt at a rap, I was suitably impressed!
- We have a new addition to our EYFS family - a chicken! This particular chicken has come for a visit from Mrs Swain's farm. You may remember from the tortoises that Ms Swain doesn't name any of her pets (apart from her dog), so the hen's name is anyone's guess! There have been rumours that the children want to call her 'Nugget' but that might just be someone's idea of a bad joke! The children have thoroughly enjoyed caring and tending to her. She feels very at home and has already laid her first egg here at Harrow Lodge!



- On Wednesday, we had a wonderful day talking about sex! Thank you to all parents who attended one of the three meetings we held throughout the day. Each meeting was well attended but, more importantly, each meeting was lively with questions and comments. Not everyone agrees with what we have to teach our children and this brought about some very interesting and healthy debate. Thank you to Miss B especially who led all 3 meetings. One very interesting point which came out from the meeting was that the content of such an important meeting should be available in all the different languages spoken in our school community so Miss B has already started on drafting a brief version of the sex education Power-point which we will then translate for those who need it. It's a lengthy job but a worthy one!
- On the point of translating content on our website, our IT department should have set the website up so that you can translate all of it into the language of your choice. For some reason, there are blocks on this feature within school so we can't test it out when in school but *you* should be able to do it. One parent has found that she can't access this feature at all so I'll be contacting our IT support regarding that and trying to fix it for you.
- On Thursday, we had a 'Bigwig' visit from Trevor Cook (Assistant Director for children's services in Havering) and Oscar Ford (Cabinet Council member for children and young people). We did a whistle-stop tour of the school meeting a few of your lovely children and seeing the amazing work they're doing. Trevor Cook actually attended this school as a child so he was really shocked (pleasantly) to see all the changes that had occurred in the interim years. At the end of the tour, the two gentlemen asked us what they could do for us but when I said, "Give us enough money to staff at least 1 extra teacher and 20 extra support staff in order that we can keep up our high standards", there was a long silence before one of them said, "Is there anything *else* we could do like source some ipads for you?" That really sums up the power of the council to help us really. But it was a pleasant enough visit and it's nice to get our name known out there for all the **right** reasons!
- Congratulations must be given to our new Maths Ambassadors. Katie, Kayla, Leah and Macy (6B) have all been selected to work with younger children on their Doodle Maths during lunchtimes. We should now be seeing far more children 'out of the red and into the green' on Doodle maths and that, in turn, should see standards rise. Well done girls!
- And lastly, our new infant football pitch has finally been christened! Thanks to Mr Welch, Mr B and Mr Charlee who joined forces to higher the goal sets. It looks fantastic and the children are loving it. The children have always played football in this area but we wanted to contain the ball and stop other children running through the space. What it's actually done is increased the number of children wanting to play football especially girls! Excellent! What a result!

- And that brings us to the end of the week. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

"The greatest tragedy for any human being is going through their entire lives believing the only perspective that matters is their own."

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Maths Rap

When it comes to fractions, I always have sad actions!

When I need to do a sum, my nerves become glum!

If it's multiplying, I start sighing;

Pavel and Tonte - they keep tying!

Only the cool can pass GCSEs!

When I have to do dividing, the annoyance starts arriving.

In my spare time, I like to play with slime.

But now it's time to create a maths rhyme!

When I'm counting money, it's never sunny - it really ain't **funny**

The Pro-Rockstars never give up..... when the numbers go up!

But I have a solution to my constant confusion....

If I have to add, I just ask my dad!!

Riley 5A

Star of the week:

R1: Logan
R2: Henry
1A: Matas
1B: Grace
2A: Vinyx
2B: Aibinu
3A: Ollie
3B: Jacob
4A: Inara
4B: Sade
5A: Daisy
5B: Holly
6A: George
6B: Spencer

Please see our star of the week newsletter on our website and on facebook for photos of their work.
www.harrowlodgeprimary.com

Writer of the week:

R1: Beloslava
R2: Alice
1A: Mia
1B: Grace
2A: Roan
2B: Jimmy
3A: Neve
3B: Sofia
4A: Liam
4B: Baris
5A: Sotonte
5B: Samuel
6A: Lexi R
6B: Veronika



House Points

1st **Griffins** 318 points
2nd **Phoenixes** 315 points
3rd **Dragons** 310 points
4th **Centaur**s 296 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Lauren R2
Mia R2
Evangeline R1
Kaiyaan R1
Lorin 1B
Jacob 2B
Vanessa 2A
Sofia 3B
Marta 4B
Sotonte 5A
Stefania 5A
Matthew 6A
Macy 6B

who had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

**R2 & 6A who both
achieved 100%**

Whole school
attendance...

96.5%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to...

Gurkeerat 5A

Nitza 5A	Karina 6A
Alex A 5A	Liam 6A
Freddie 5A	Maci 6A
Stefania 5A	Mahum 6A
Pavel 5A	Matthew 6A
Tonte 5A	Tyler 6A
Yafeya 5A	Violet 6A

for earning your reading token this week.

Well done!

Congratulations!

to.....

Darcy R1	Idris 1B	Stefania 5A
Layla R2	Polly 2B	Alex O 5A
Dion R2	Adam 2B	Logan G 5B
Abid R2	Neve 3A	Aamani 6B
Toby 1A	David C 3A	Mubaraq 6B
Rebecca 1A	Hope 3A	Zachary 6B
Murtajiz 1B	Daniel A 3A	



on receiving an achiever badge for reaching gold 3 times!

OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Jessica R1	Murtajiz 1B	Kara 2A	Sotonte 5A
Franky R1	Elizabeth 1B	Vynx 2A	Nathan 5A
Darcy R1	Aisha 1B	Joshua 2B	Stefania 5A
Kaiyaan R1	Idris 1B	Polly 2B	Alex O 5A
Layla R2	Ifraah 1B	Adam 2B	Mollie-Mae 5B
Isobel R2	Sophia 1B	Michaela 3A	Holly Oo 5B
Dion R2	Grace 1B	Yaid 3A	Chanan 5B
Vivaan R2	Teddy James 1B	Neve 3A	Ava 5B
Abid R2	Seth 2A	David C 3A	Brody 5B
Francesca R2	Ilsa 2A	Kyle 3A	Romaissa 5B
Sidney 1A	Kristupas 2A	Hope 3A	Samuel 5B
Toby 1A	Henry 2A	Ben 3A	Logan G 5B
Rebecca 1A	Mahilan 2A	Daniel A 3A	Spencer 6B
Kasey 1A	Emma 2A	Albert 3B	Aahil 6B
Heidi 1A	Jake 2A	Daisy-Leigh 4B	Aamani 6B
Elliot 1A	Zayyan 2A	Inara 4A	Mubaraq 6B
James 1B	Jamie 2A	Amin 4A	Zach 6B
Shiloh 1B	Harry 2A	Muhammad 4A	



Dates for summer term:

- **Wednesday 24th May - Year 2 visit to Elm Park Library**
- **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**
- **Tuesday 6th June - YHA Parent's meeting @ 5:00 pm**
- **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**
- **Friday 16th June - Father's Day Stalls**
- **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**

PADDLERS
Swim School

INTENSIVE COURSE

31st July - 4th August

St Edwards Primary School,
Havering Drive, Romford

Aged 4+

07976 644 550

www.paddlers.co.uk