



# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the sun woke up and began to think about shining for a bit! Here are the highlights:

- The infant football pitch has been the star of the show this week with everyone from EYFS to Y6 wanting a bite of that particular cherry. What has really pleased me, though, is the number of girls I now see playing football! We have our own little lionesses on the pitch every lunchtime! What a great result.
- Huge congratulations go to Ms Haynes this week as she has passed her School Business Manager certification so is now officially our 'School Business Manager'. It's been a long, hard road for Ms Haynes and, at times, we were *all* made to share her pain so it's with a collective sense of relief that it's finally all over and what a fantastic accomplishment. Well done, Ms Haynes SBM!
- Something very exciting happened on our school field on Tuesday evening. Ms Goodwin found a hedgehog. The hedgehog was perfectly safe and scurried off into the bushes and the next day, R1 and R2 decided that they wanted to learn all about hedgehogs. After a good deal of research, a team of self-appointed hedgehog-experts decided that the Harrow Lodge hedgehog needed a new home. After spending all day learning about architecture and building design, the team decided that the cardboard box that the chicken coop had arrived in could be recycled into the best hedgehog house you've ever seen. After building the improvised hut, the intrepid designers stood to one side studying and admiring their cardboard box but there was a problem identified - what if it rained?! After careful consideration, the only way to solve the problem was to cover the newly-built house with the waterproof tarpaulin kept in the builders' shed. What amazing problem-solving skills! So, if anyone needs a team of architects, just let me know and I'll send our team round to give you a quote (oh yes, indeed, we'll unashamedly profit from our little band of merry men!)
- Y2 were treated to a 'Live Author Event' at the library this week. They listened to Effua Glead read her new book, 'Snotty Dribbler' amid laughs and groans of disgust. She was an amazing story-teller and the children absolutely loved the event.



- A massive thank-you to Alayna's (1A) mum who donated £50 to the school for the SEND department. Donations such as these are so important to us because it's the only way we can actually make physical improvements to our site now that funding has been cut so much. I believe Mrs Boyes will go Amazon shopping tonight for a nice handbag swing for the SEND garden area!
- Walking around the school this week, there was a calm atmosphere with children quietly working away, I didn't like to go into classes to disturb them but then I passed 1A and the atmosphere was far from calm or relaxed; it was loud, excitable and simply buzzing so, of course, I popped my head through the door and what a wonderful sight met my eyes (and ears). 1A have been studying poetry this week and they had learnt their favourite poem (Please Mrs Butler by Allan Ahlberg) off by heart and were reciting it as a choral performance! It was magical....and loud!!
- Y5 have been learning how to structure concise and effective counter-arguments and Freddie (5A) wrote a particularly strong argument against a group of children leaving an island (much in a 'Lord of the Flies' style). I was honoured to be asked to listen to Freddie read his argument aloud to me but what I *wasn't* expecting was the characterisation that came with it - "Cor blimey, Zoe, you ain't got a clue abaht noffink!" And so the rest of the argument went on. It was well-structured and full of excellent reasoning but all delivered in the voice of Bert from Mary Poppins!!!
- Miss Harrison is busy planning her fundraising event for the Performing Arts so do please buy a ticket to join the Quiz Night on Wednesday 7th June. Miss Harrison attended a similar event herself and said it was tremendous fun so it might just be the thing you need to brighten up your week. See the poster below to book a place!
- Now, some of you may have noticed that the entrance into school was suddenly looking a little bit bare - yes, the planter is overflowing with abundant flowers but the keener-eyed of you will have spotted a lack of window boxes along the fencing. Mr Welch decided that the artificial flowers looked dated and faded and were better placed in the recycle bins than in the window boxes. So, that's just what he *did* with the intention of using his own green fingers to replace 'artificial' with 'genuine'. However, that's not quite how it played out as you can see from the picture! A big thank you to Mrs Ellis who got all her gardening club to do Mr Welch's work for him!! And a big thank you to the children - I can't wait to see what you've chosen to plant! Each child filled their own planter!



- Miss Cormenzana had a frustrating week, this week, as she desperately tried to teach the difference between a third and a quarter to her maths group. She thought she would be really clever and use pizza slices to show that a third was larger than a quarter. The third slice happened to be a vegetable pizza slice and the quarter slice was pepperoni (but that's totally irrelevant for the objective of the lesson) except that, when Miss Cormenzana asked the children which slice of pizza would most people choose (because, of course, it's the bigger piece), the children could not and would not veer from choosing the quarter slice... because they much prefer pepperoni to vegetable!!! Well, she never did get the message across and the focus of the lesson turned to pizza toppings!!!!
- We discovered this week that we wouldn't be inspected on our writing for either Year 2 or Year 6 (it's called 'moderation' and we always wait with bated breath to see whether or not we'll be one of the selected schools to have our writing assessments inspected). Thankfully, this year, we haven't been chosen for either Key Stage! It's a lot of extra work to get pieces of writing together for the inspectors to show them the breadth of knowledge that our children have so it's nice, for once, to be able to enjoy the summer term without that stress! Nevertheless, we still visit other schools and compare our writing with theirs in order to ensure that we get our assessment of writing spot-on. I have to tell you - we always fair very well against other schools! Of course!!!!
- And, as we head into the half-term holiday, we begin to gear up to end of year activities - writing reports, setting up new classes, planning showcases, fairs and open evenings - the list goes on and on and we are constantly chasing our tails so, if we pass you by in a mad rush, please understand that we're just on the treadmill of end-of-year preparations!!
- And that brings us to the end of the week and the end of summer half-term! It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful week full of sunshine and butterflies and I leave you with this thought:

***"Some stranger, somewhere, still remembers you because you were kind to them when no one else was. Compassion is priceless!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



FUNDRAISING

QUIZ  
NIGHT

WEDS 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

£30 - INCLUDES A SEATED TABLE BUFFET  
RAISING FUNDS TO AID  
THE HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PERFORMING ARTS CLUB.



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## Star of the week:

R1: Maia  
R2: Albie  
1A: Zaydon  
1B: Teddy  
2A: Isla  
2B: Loris  
3A: Mujtaba  
3B: Henry & Martynas  
4A: Jacob  
4B: Zariana  
5A: Pavel  
5B: Jessie  
6A: Karis  
6B: Delia

Please see our star of the week newsletter on our website and on facebook for photos of their work.  
[www.harrowlodgeprimary.com](http://www.harrowlodgeprimary.com)

## Writer of the week:

R1: Nadia  
R2: Henry  
1A: Kal-El  
1B: Dottie  
2A: Mason  
2B: Mujtaba  
3A: Yatniel  
3B: Shayan  
4A: Jacob  
4B: Leni-Rae  
5A: Amelia P  
5B: Brody  
6A: Freddie  
6B: Kai



## House Points

1st **Dragons** 374 points  
2nd **Centaur**s 365 points  
3rd **Phoenix**es 345 points  
4th **Griffin**s 289 points



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Sara R1

Maia R1

Vivaan R2

Thea 1A

Roan 2A

Louie 3A

Teri-Leigh 6B

who had a birthday  
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**1B who achieved  
99%**

Whole school  
attendance...

**95.3%**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Congratulations to...

Matas 1A

Toby 1A

Thea 1A

Grace 1B

Liza 1B

Adelaide 3B

Gurkeerat 5A

Lily 5A

Jose 6A

Katie 6B

for earning your reading token this week.

Well done!

**Congratulations!**

**to.....**

**Nate R1  
Aaron R1  
Kai R1  
Regan R2  
Isobel R2  
Rohan R2  
Vivaan R2  
Gurlaveen R2**

**Woody 1B  
Aria 1B  
Jamie 2A  
Drey 2B  
Nicole 3B  
Ela 4A  
Nicola 4B  
Freddie 5A**

**Nitza 5A  
Mitchell 5A  
Tonte 5A  
Gurkeerat 5A  
Sadie 6A  
Alyssa 6B**



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

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

Nate R1  
Aaron R1  
Ayaan R1  
Kai R1  
Logan R1  
Evani R1  
Henry R2  
Regan R2  
Isobel R2  
Rohan R2  
Vivaan R2  
Alice R2  
Gurlaveen R2  
Zahran R2

Liza 1B  
Ifraah 1B  
Woody 1B  
Aria 1B  
Jamie 2A  
Regi 2A  
Drey 2B  
Nicole 3B  
Adelaide 3B  
Leah 3B  
Aiden 3B  
Thomas 3B  
Taha 3B  
Wendell 3B

Ela 4A  
Ariana 4A  
Sarah 4B  
Nicola 4B  
Joshua 4B  
Idris 4B  
Emanuel 5A  
Freddie 5A  
Nitza 5A  
TYmofii 5A  
Mitchell 5A  
Tonte 5A  
Amelia P 5A  
Gurkeerat 5A

Tyler 6A  
Maci 6A  
Sadie 6A  
Alyssa 6B  
Teri-leigh 6B  
James 6B  
Afridi 6B





## Dates for summer 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
- Wednesday 7th June - EYFS New Intake Mtg @ 6:00 pm
- Thursday 8th June - Year 6 Dental Examinations
- Thursday 8th June - 6B Trip to Hornchurch Heritage Centre
- Friday 9th June - Year 1 trip to Braintree Museum
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th June - Year 1 Phonics Check Week
- Thursday 15th June - 6A Trip to Hornchurch Heritage Centre
- Friday 16th June - Father's Day Stalls
- Monday 19th June - Stay and Learn Week
- Monday 19th June - Year 6 Junior Citizen Workshop
- Thursday 22nd June - 6A Ben Kinsella Workshop in Barking and Dagenham
- Friday 23rd June - 6B Ben Kinsella Workshop in Barking and Dagenham
- 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 July - 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

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Havering Drive, Romford

Aged 4+

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