

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know it was National Empathy Week this week? No, neither did I and really, as Empathy is one of our core values, I *should* have known but there are so many National weeks and National days now that I can't keep up with them. I missed National paper bag day last week which was a real shame! Anyway, here are this week's highlights:



- We all turned up on Monday dressed for 23 degree weather and ended up wrapping ourselves in scarves and woolly hats! And that really set the tone for the first half of the week!
- We held our Y6 Residential trip meeting on Tuesday which finalised details for the week away. Mrs Waddington will repeat the meeting via zoom this evening for anyone who couldn't make it on Tuesday.
- On Wednesday, I was able to meet and chat with all the new parents joining us in September. This is always an exciting meeting as parents get a glimpse into school-life for the first time. Ms Goodwin gave a wonderful talk about life in the EYFS and her presentation made it abundantly clear why our EYFS is 'Outstanding'!
- A tale of a broken down car sparked an impromptu discussion on designing cars for the future in EYFS this week. In small groups, children excitedly swapped a variety of ideas including cars that contained swimming pools, popcorn and ice-cream machines, a sofa for 'grandma', a cinema room and, rather randomly, a fire place! After the discussions, the engineering factory was opened and the engineers set off designing transport for the future. One particular design had the capacity to reach Saaffffend (Southend) in 4 minutes and cost 1,000 Euro pounds!! This is 'In-the-moment-planning' at its best!
- Years 5 & 6 competed in 'Quad Kids' at Hornchurch stadium on Tuesday. They all did themselves proud and a special mention must go to Aahil (6B) who won his 600m race. Kai and Aahil competed in the standing long-jump event and jumped a massive 2m 6cm and 2m 8cm respectively! We won't know the final results until next week but those jumps are incredibly long!!!!

- 6B visited the Hornchurch Heritage Centre as part of their 'Britain at War' topic. The children were fascinated by the stories they heard from veterans who actually lived through it. At one point the children were asked to role-play 'hitting the ground' for safety as the siren blared out through the museum. The curators explained that every child who raised their head would have been a life lost in the reality of a real bomb attack. I think we lost about half the class during that simulation!!!! Sorry, if that was *your* child - best teach them the importance of following the rules!!
- Some of Year 6 also took part in the National survey for dental health this week. The temporary dental surgery was set up in the Junior Library and the randomly selected children were ushered in to await their turns. Two of the desks had been pushed together to act as the dentist's 'chair' and the dentist called the children 1 by 1 to have their teeth checked. Mrs Matharu was rounding up all the children, sending them to the library to line up at the side of the room and wait but, when she finally entered the 'surgery' herself, she found Afridi (6B) lying on the table with his mouth wide open, the dentist counting his teeth, the dental nurse recording the information and all the other children crowded around him staring intently at the procedure like a group of trainee dentists - they just needed a set of white coats to complete the scene! Poor Afridi! It's a good job Mrs Matharu came in when she did and dispersed the children!!
- Now, as you may know, our Year 5 children always follow the 'Game of Actual Life' program at this time of year which involves a great deal of role-play around real-life events. This week, there was a discussion around Government funding for schools and hospitals and who should receive the most. The majority of children thought that saving lives was most important which would justify the greater funding for hospitals but Freddie (5A) countered that, "Schools can save lives too - we all have First-Aid boxes in our classrooms, you know!" He has a point, to be fair!
- Sticking with Year 5, they discussed leading the country this week and Daisy-Bella (5A) thought that she would make a good leader of the country. Lily-May (5A) asked her how she intended to lead by example and Daisy-Bella replied, "Well, I think that's self-explanatory, don't you?" Yep - we definitely build confidence in this school!
- Year 1 visited 'The Braintree Museum' today. I barely recognised the children as they made their way onto the coach dressed in drab Victorian outfits.....with fluorescent yellow Hi-Viz jackets!!!! Their visit was a great success with much learning taking place which, of course, is the actual point of the trip (not the *packed lunch*, which is usually mistakenly identified as the focal point of any visit!!!)

- On Thursday, we were taken aback when an advisor from the Local Authority turned up on the doorstep announcing that she was doing a spot-check phonics-screening visit. Ms Clarke carries out all the screening so she was sent for. Well, poor Ms Clarke's head went into a tail-spin because she thought she'd made a major mistake and should have been carrying out the Year 1 screening checks **this** week instead of **next** week! When she arrived at the office, she was red in the face with 'panic' written all over her. Luckily, she *hadn't* made a mistake and the spot-check was simply to ensure that we had the tests sealed and locked away and that all official procedures were being followed for carrying out the tests! Of course, everything had been completed to the letter so we received a big, shiny gold star!
- The Local Authority inspector also happened to be an EYFS specialist so I showed her around the EYFS department and she was so impressed, she asked if she could send some other schools over to have a look around to help them improve their practice! That's such an accolade and well-deserved recognition for our hard-working staff.
- And that brings us to the end of this week's news. It just remains for me to wish you a very happy weekend - dig out the sun-cream from the cupboard because you're definitely going to need it and remember to hydrate regularly! 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

## Star of the week:

R1: Aaron  
R2: Abid  
1A: Evie  
1B: Woody  
2A: Roger  
2B: Jimmy  
3A: Jude  
3B: Thomas  
4A: Liam  
4B: Lemaine  
5A: Riley  
5B: Samuel  
6A: Karina  
6B: Sidney

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: Evangeline  
R2: Iqra  
1A: Rebecca  
1B: Kulsom  
2A: Summer  
2B: Mason  
3A: Yatniel  
3B: Daria  
4A: Olivia  
4B: Amanda  
5A: Ronnie  
5B: Leo  
6A: Fawwaz  
6B: Liana



## House Points

1st **Phoenixes** 301 points

2nd **Griffins** 239 points

3rd **Centaur**s 188 points

4th **Dragons** 182 points





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Aaron R1	Alexander W 4B
Nadia R1	Jacob 4A
Layla 1A	Isabella 4B
Matas 1A	Amelia 4A
Rhea 2B	Nitza 5A
Aibinu 2B	Romeo 6B
Polly 2B	Nathan 6A

who had a birthday  
in the last 2 weeks.  
We hope you had a great day!

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**3A who  
achieved 97.7%**

Whole school  
attendance...

**93.9%**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Remember to keep working  
on your reading points so  
that you can earn your  
reading token!



**Congratulations!**

to.....

<b>Oliver R1</b>	<b>Rhea 2B</b>	<b>Samuel 5B</b>
<b>Leandro R1</b>	<b>Feryal 3A</b>	<b>Matthew 6A</b>
<b>Jessica R1</b>	<b>Michael 4B</b>	<b>Tyler 6A</b>
<b>Nyla R2</b>	<b>Louis 4B</b>	<b>Liam 6A</b>
<b>Shannon 1B</b>	<b>Daisy-Leigh 4B</b>	<b>Maci 6A</b>
<b>Joshua 2B</b>	<b>Boe 4B</b>	
<b>Zoey 2B</b>	<b>Holly 5B</b>	



on receiving an achiever badge for reaching gold 3 times!

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

Oliver R1	Joshua 2B	Daisy-Leigh 4B
George R1	Grace 2B	Boe 4B
Kevin R1	Ibrahim 2B	Nitza 5A
Leandro R1	Jacob 2B	Reuben 5B
Jessica R1	Zoey 2B	Logan 5B
Jamie R2	Rhea 2B	Holly 5B
Abid R2	Aibinu 2B	Samuel 5B
Layla R2	Mujtaba 2B	Frank 5B
Ismael R2	Fraser 3A	Matthew 6A
Majus R2	Feryal 3A	Tyler 6A
Nyla R2	Neve 3A	Mahum 6A
Yaseen R2	Ali 3A	Aliyssa 6A
Shannon 1B	Yatniel 3A	Liam 6A
Dottie 1B	Jude 3A	Jose 6A
Alice 1B	Michael 4B	Sadie 6A
Judah 2B	Lashana 4B	Violet 6A
Musa 2B	Louis 4B	Maci 6A
Jessica 2B	Amanda 4B	Akshee 6B
		Spencer 6B

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## Dates for summer term:

- 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



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