





HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Outstanding

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we enjoyed hard work and hard play - here are the highlights:

• We enjoyed a week of shared learning with parents coming in for 'Stay and Learn'. It was lovely to see you all sitting with your children asking them to help you with the work!!



- Y6 took part in the Junior Citizen's Award Heats. We don't know yet how they got on overall compared to all the other schools in the borough but we do know that our Year 6 behaviour was outstanding, especially compared with the other school that was there (no, I'm not going to divulge the name of that school!!) and our children were not only confident but very knowledgeable about what to do in a variety of scenarios.
- This week, Y5 and Y6 had the great pleasure of learning all about puberty I say that with sarcasm because, let's face it, none of us enjoyed going through puberty! But knowledge is power and the more you're prepared for these things, the better you can handle them. Mind you, I'm beginning to think it's a bit late by year 5 since, these days, most children are already starting puberty by then! The talks went well and everyone seemed to have been mature and sensible (which hasn't always been the case!!)
- Tuesday, we had a non-uniform day we have more days in non-uniform than in uniform at the moment - partly because we're doing so much fund-raising but partly because attendance is improving so much and classes are being rewarded with non-uniform days for good attendance. On Tuesday, we collected bottles for the Tombola stall next week and your generosity rose to the surface once more. Bottles galore were collected and a massive thank you to all the parents who helped with the collection which entailed standing for an hour in torrential rain (the only day of rain in two weeks!) and carrying hundreds of wet bottles into the PTA storage room! Not the most glamorous of jobs but a most worthy one.
- Estate Agent boards have appeared up and down the country (well, Brentwood and Hornchurch) advertising our summer fete. Thank you to everyone who agreed to have one! We earnt £5 for every installation! Every penny counts!

- This week Mr Charlee took our Year 3 & 4 Athletics Squad to the Quad-Kids competition and, although we won't discover our overall results until later, we were informed that Darcy (4A) achieved the fastest time for her 60m sprint and Tia (4A) achieved the fastest time for the 400m long distance run. Well done girls amazing results! Mason (4A) also excelled by jumping 2m in the long jump although we don't know if that was the longest jump yet, I'd be very surprised if anyone managed to jump any further! Well done Mason the Olympics are calling!!!
- Sadly, the past few years have seen an increase in knife crime and *some* cases have been close to home and affected some of our families. Because of this, we introduced a new unit into our Year 5 & 6 PSHE curriculum which covers knife crime and the dangers carrying knives presents. We follow the Ben Kinsella program which offers excellent resources and teaching tools. In Barking & Dagenham, there is a Ben Kinsella centre where they offer workshops for children that deal with the realities of living with the after-effects of knife-crime. It's an excellent workshop but, at a cost of around £300 per class, it's never been affordable. Then a couple of months ago, I was looking at their website again and noted that the workshops were being offered for free to Barking & Dagenham Schools! So, as we're so close to the border of B & D and we belong to a Trust based in B&D, I decided to try my luck at asking if we could qualify for the free workshops and, guess what? They agreed! So, this week, our Y6 classes have visited the Ben Kinsella centre and taken part in the 'Choices and Consequences' workshop. The children told me it was one of the most powerful things they've ever experienced - it was horrifying and emotive in equal measure and it certainly opened their eyes to the dangers of carrying knives! We'll definitely try to book this up next year.
- This week, we had the Read Write Inc trainer visit us to scrutinise our teaching and check that we haven't forgotten important routines. We have one of these visits twice every year and they're really useful because teaching phonics is just like driving - after a while, you fall into lazy or bad habits which is no good if you want children to learn well.
- Also this week, Mrs Cormenzana has been coaching teachers on how to teach Spanish since teachers are going to have to teach their own Spanish lessons next year. I've sat in on a few of these coaching sessions and Miss Cormenzana is doing a grand job - the teachers....not so much! Many of us don't speak even a little Spanish, let alone teach it so it's a very daunting prospect!!
- This week, the London Sumdog Contest kicked off and will last for a week. Do make sure your child has a go at competing remember, you've got to be in it to win it!!!

An absolute disaster happened in EYFS this week. Alice G (R1) had been suffering from an extremely irritating wobbly tooth! Despite her best efforts of trying to remove the tooth, nothing appeared to be working. The only way forward was to hold an emergency meeting with a few of her friends to discuss an action plan. Many suggestions were discussed including Mr Charlee's one, which was to place a piece of string around the tooth and another piece of string around the door handle and shut the door! He clearly missed the health and safety memo! Instead, Nellie (R1) suggested Alice try to eat an apple which might dislodge the offending object. so, after a quick dash to the fruit basket and one bite from the apple, the tooth popped out. Success! Sadly, even though Mrs Noe wrapped up the tooth, it had vanished by the time her mummy came to collect her. Alice was distraught. Therefore, two very senior tooth fairies (Alice's mum and Ms Goodwin) were assigned a mission to ensure the tooth fairy came and left Alice a little surprise in school! Alice came in ten minutes earlier than everyone else the next morning and found a letter, certificate and a treat from the tooth fairy. Peace restored, one happy Alice who spent all day telling everyone that something incredible had happened. EYFS are now learning about teeth! I've lent them a spare pair of dentures to study!!



The EYFS Tooth Doctors

• And that brings us to the end of a very warm and muggy week. It just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend full of sunshine and smiles and I leave you with this thought:

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier!"

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Star of the week:

R1: Alayna R2: Vivaan IA: Milana IB: Haakil 2A: Albie 2B: Ashwika 3A: Ali 3B: Mia 4A: Darcie 4B: Idris 5A: Yafeya 5B: Logan G 6A: Fawwaz 6B: Afridi

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: Kevin R2: Dima IA: Zaydon IB: Aisha 2A: Harry 2B: Ashwika 3A: Daniel CJ 3B: Daria 4A: Ilinca 4B: Oscar 5A: Gurkeerat 5B: Dorian 6A: Tyler 6B: Spencer

House Points

Ist Centaurs 328 points 2nd Griffins 323 points 3rd Dragons 321 points 4th Phoenixes 315 points





Leandro R1 Rohan R2 Grace 1B Aadam 2A Emily 2A Henry 3B Penelope 3A Iqra 3A Marta T 4A Sofiya 5A

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

who had a birthday in the last week. We hope you had a great day! This week's attendance award goes to... **4A who achieved 98.1%** Whole school attendance...

93.7%



Congratulations to the following children on earning their reading tokens:

Dalia 1A Rebecca 1A Milana 1A Toby 1A Kevin 1A Helena 2B Ben 3A

Eliza 4A Hayley 6A Luke 6A Harry 6A Nathan 6A Sophie 6B Macy 6B



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Harry 2A

Dollie R1 Bella R1 Aayan R1 Yaseen R2 Mia R2 Ifeh 1A Heidi 1A Luke 1A Joseph 1A Milana 1A Thea 1A James 1B Lorin 1B Grace 1B Idris 1B Aisha 1B Aria 1B Aarshy 1B Dottie 1B Cindy 2A Jake 2A

Aadam 2A Helena 2B Kyle 3A Yatniel 3A Omari 3A Michaela 3A Riaadh 3B Marta 4B Boe 4B Lemaine 4B Michael 4B Alex 4B Leni-Rae 4B Alex A 5A Lily-May 5A Jessie 5B Hannah 5B Logan J 5B Mollie Mae 5B Zara 5B

Simeon 5B Ava 5B Chanan 5B Logan G 5B Fatjona 5B George 6A Liam 6A Luke 6A Scarlett 6A Tyler 6A Mahum 6A Tawheed 6A Matthew 6A Jamie 6B Kai 6B Zach 6B



INTENSIVE COURSE

31st July - 4th August

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Aged 4+

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Dates for summer term:

- Thursday 29th June Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle
- Friday 30th June Non-Uniform day bring sweets for the tombola table
- Saturday 1st July Summer Fete
- Week beginning 3rd July Year 6 Residential
- Week beginning 3rd July Year 5 Bikability
- Tuesday 11th July Sports Day
- Friday 14th July Performing Arts show at Hornchurch High 1:45 pm
- Friday 14th July Year 6 Leavers party
- Monday 17th July Year Group Inflatables for PTA celebration of raising £100,000.
- Monday 17th July Open evening 3:30 5:30 pm
- Tuesday 18th July Music Showcase 2:00 pm
- Wednesday 19th July House Winner water fight
- Thursday 20th July Year 2 trip to Kensington Palace
- Friday 21st July Year 6 presentation assembly 9:15 am
- Friday 21st July Break Up for summer @ 1:30 pm

