

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2022-2023. Nitza (5A) has provided our corner picture from the Spirited Arts Competition. Here are this week's highlights:



- Monday was a celebratory Day for all of us. What an achievement for the PTA to raise in excess of £100,000 and, of course, that money came collectively from you so it was right and proper that there was a small reward to say 'Thank you so much!' There were inflatables galore on the field with a water station available for those who had forgotten their water bottles. Sadly, we hadn't considered shoe racks and, when we saw 120 shoes in a bundle on the floor for just *one* year group, we began to have nightmares about odd shoes going home on the wrong feet! We needn't have worried, though, every child was able to correctly identify their own property - I think they go by smell!!!! Special mention must go to Mesh (R1) who was absolutely determined to get to the top of the slide despite the mountain he had to climb to get there! And Francesca (R2) who discovered that, if she removed her socks, she could climb *up* the slide and slide down again and again without having to queue behind everyone else climbing up the ladder!!!
- The Celebration Day continued with a family picnic which was beautiful; the sun shone and the children played nicely - you couldn't have asked for a better event. Thank you for all your kind notes of appreciation and support.
- Monday was a very busy day as we set up our end of year Open Evening for you to see all the work carried out across the school in all its glory as well as giving you the opportunity to look through your child's books and view the slideshow showing how the class had developed through the year. It was also a chance for you to meet your child's next teacher and have a look at some of the work they will be doing next year in that class. Sadly, very few of you turned up which really surprised me since we've always seen so many of you at Open Evenings in the past.





- Wednesday saw the water rain down on anyone who ventured near the KS2 field - yes, it was House Winners' Water Fight Day. The Griffins raced through to the front at the very end of the term and stole the lead from the Phoenixes who were poised and ready to celebrate. It was a spectacular water fight and a big Thank you to Mr Charlee who organised the winning celebration.
- On Thursday, the very last full day of term, Year 2 went on a wonderful trip to Kensington Palace as part of their Magnificent Monarchs topic. What a lovely way to end the school year - on a day trip out! There were a lot of packed lunches ordered from the kitchen but then children brought a packed lunch from home so my office was awash with packed lunches for the day! I think our message about packed lunches must have got 'lost in translation'! Well, that's *my* dinner sorted for the next two weeks!!
- And this morning, there were tears and smiles alike as we said Good-bye to our beautiful Y6 children. They've been an amazing Year 6 and I'm really going to miss them. They smashed their Leavers' Presentation Ceremony with their magnificent singing, playing and orating. Trophies were awarded (see below) and certificates handed out - to be honest, there weren't enough trophies to go around this year because there were so many worthy children and not enough awards! Good-bye Year 6, we will miss you but wish you every success in your next phase of life.
- And that brings us to the end of this newsletter and the end of another academic year - how time flies. I'll be starting my 6th Year as Head Teacher of Harrow Lodge in September and still look forward to it as much as I did the very first year. Thank you so much for all your kind words, gifts and cards. It just remains for me to wish you all a beautiful summer full of family adventures and visits to the library!! And I leave you with this thought:

"It's never crowded along the extra mile!"

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



2023 Year 6 Awards

Award for Kindness - Akshee & Lexi P

Award for Achievement - Tyler &
Mahum

Award for Art - Lexi R

Citizenship Award - Matthew

Sportsperson Award - Aahil

Performing Arts Award - Scarlett &
Sophie

Award for Effort - Karina

Most Improved Award - Freddie &
Thomas

Headteacher Award - Spencer



Dates for September 2023:

- **Monday 4th September INSET DAY**
- **Tuesday 5th September INSET DAY**
- **Wednesday 6th September CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- **Friday 15th September Peer Mentor trip to The Tower of London**
- **Week beginning 18th September Year 5 & 6 Bikability**
- **Wednesday 20th September - 2A Pizza Making at Pizza Express**
- **Friday 22nd September - Jeans for Genes Day**
- **Wednesday 27th September - 2B Pizza Making at Pizza Express**
- **Friday 29th September - McMillan Coffee afternoon**