

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

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Issue 2

### Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

The heat is off and we're storming on with learning. Here are this week's highlights:

- All EYFS children started full time this week and, yes, there were some tears but the teachers are all fine now and have settled well. I have to say that I have never seen a more well-adapted and well-behaved EYFS group. Their lunch-time manners and behaviour are incredible. Well done to all the EYFS parents who have clearly taken the time to teach their children how to behave at lunch-times!
- Our After-school clubs started this week and our Performing Arts group has swelled to 40 children which isn't surprising after last year's Annie performance. Unfortunately, we lost the street dance club as not enough children signed up for it which is a huge disappointment considering how great the dancing was. We have 2 new clubs this year - netball is tonight so I'm really looking forward to seeing that one in progress. Choir is our other new club and that one is FREE! I thought that might get a lot of people joining but we only got 11 but I'm not giving up; we'll get that hall full of singing children if it kills me!
- Baseline testing has started in Reception and that always throws up a few anomalies - this week, a bird's home is called a 'bird cave'! Methinks we have a *Batman* fan in the building!

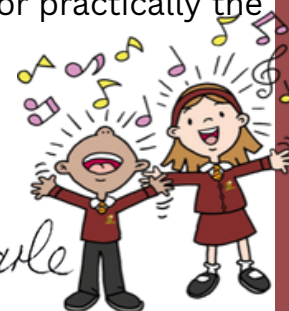


Today, in the Willow Room, our first Medical Monitor was appointed! '*Mia, the Medical Monitor*' has quite the ring to it and she's been amazing. She's checked that every class has their first aid kits and that the kits are fully stocked. She stopped me in the corridor and took my pulse to make sure I was alive and gave me a thumbs up which is more than I can get from my own GP these days so *that's* a win!

Mia thoroughly enjoyed the responsibility and is on call all week should anyone require assistance. I think her training should involve how to find missing shoes, personally, since the majority of my time in the Willow room these days seems to involve searching for shoes!! They just randomly disappear. It's bizarre - we're going to start calling the 'Willow Room' the '*Bermuda Triangle*'!



- We had our annual Buccal and Epi-pen training this week which always unnerves us all as you imagine that you'll be needing to administer the medication on a daily basis. Of course, the reality of the matter is that we've only ever been called to apply our training once in the last 20 years which is a blessing. If you do have a child with a pump, epi-pen or Buccal medicine, do please ensure you keep a check on the expiry date as we were advised that children with such medication shouldn't be in school if they don't have the medication or it's out of date.
- Reading quote of the week - "Reading lessons in Y5 are amazing. It's like diving into the book - I feel like I'm there!"
- There's always a huge amount of annual training that takes place at the start of the year. It's all refresher training but it has to be done as health and safety and safeguarding are important and serious issues that need to be kept at the forefront of everyone's minds. This week, we covered the 'Evacuation Chair' training. This involves learning how to use the evacuation chair to transport a student or staff member out of the building in an emergency if they can't transport themselves. It's very important and serious training as you can see from the photo opposite! Ok, so I just picked the wrong people to photograph! It took an hour and a half to train staff to use the chair correctly - I can't help thinking someone's making some good money out of that training!!!
- A new Y6 lunch time club began this week. Mr Maxted, Reuben's (6B) dad, has volunteered to run a 'Warhammer Alliance' club. I was unsure at first because it sounded like it was promoting war but it's not! It's battling in a 'Hobbit/Narnia' type universe and the main focus of the club appears to be building and painting the figurines before moving to strategic planning within your team. It was only the first week but the participants were enthralled by it. It appears to be a wonderful addition to our wider curriculum offer.
- Today, our Year 5 peer mentors from last year had a lovely reward for their efforts. Mrs Petrie has worked closely with these children coaching them on how to help to sort out disagreements in the playground or help children to play and they did a wonderful job. It was a huge responsibility and very tricky at times so they really earned their reward. They visited the Tower of London for a great day out with a picnic and a chat about executions of old!! That's always a great lunch-time topic!
- We had our first Y1 'Scootability Coaching' day today! I thought it would be chaos but it was amazing and such a good skill to build. Thank you to Miss Wisbey and Mrs Rice for organising such a great workshop.
- Finally, Mr Charlee ran our very first Willow Room PE lesson and it was a sight to behold! Seb (2B) couldn't get enough of the ropes, ladders, tables and benches; Mia (1B) was all about the hoops; Zayyan (3B) bounced on every one of the 8 Pilates balls and Yaseen (2A) could be found at the top of the wall bars (with Mr Charlee at his side) for practically the whole session. My heart was full!
- And that concludes the highlights from this week. It's been a great week 1 and it just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend full of huge amounts of recovery sleep (No? Just me, then!) and I leave you with this thought:



***"Spread love everywhere you go.  
Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."***

*H. Beale*

# Stars of the Week

1A: Hugo  
1B: Gurlaveen  
2A: Elizabeth L  
2B: Mithran  
3A: Khaleelah  
3B: Seth  
4A: Jude  
4B: Nicole  
5A: James  
5B: Doahika  
6A: Tymofii  
6B: Dorian

# Birthdays



Isobel 1A	Henry 3B
Ruby-Rose 1A	Joanna 4A
Alice 1B	Daria 4B
Nellie 1B	Marnie 5A
Olivia 2A	Riley 6A
Halimat 3A	Manraj 6B
Drey 3A	Feroz 6B

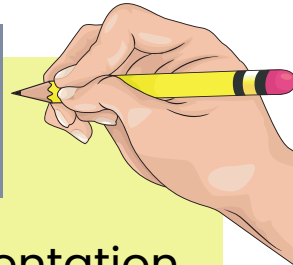
We hope you had a great day!

# House Points

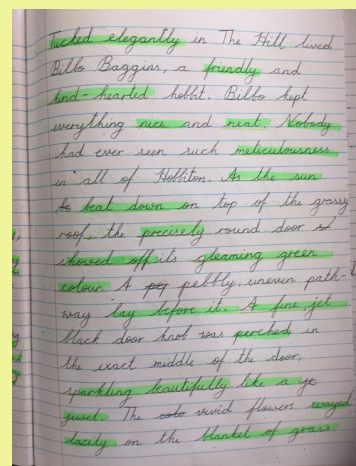


1st **Griffins** 321 points  
2nd **Dragons** 305 points  
3rd **Centaur**s 291 points  
4th **Phoenixes** 279 points

# Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Gurkeerat in 6A



# Attendance

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...  
**6B who achieved  
99%**



## REACHING GOLD!

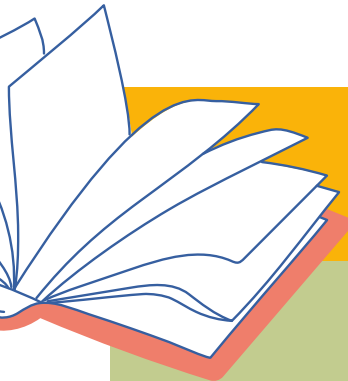
Well done to the following  
children for reaching gold  
this week:

Hallie R2  
Aiden R1  
James R1  
Layla -Mae R2  
Sofia R2  
Nailah R2  
Charlie R1

Ashton R1  
Cleo R2  
Nectari R1  
Mithran 2B  
Jack 5B  
Mason 5B  
Kyla 5B



## BOOK TOKENS



Remember to keep earning  
your reading points. Once  
you reach 50 points you'll get  
your reading token to spend  
in the reading vending  
machine.

## Achiever badges

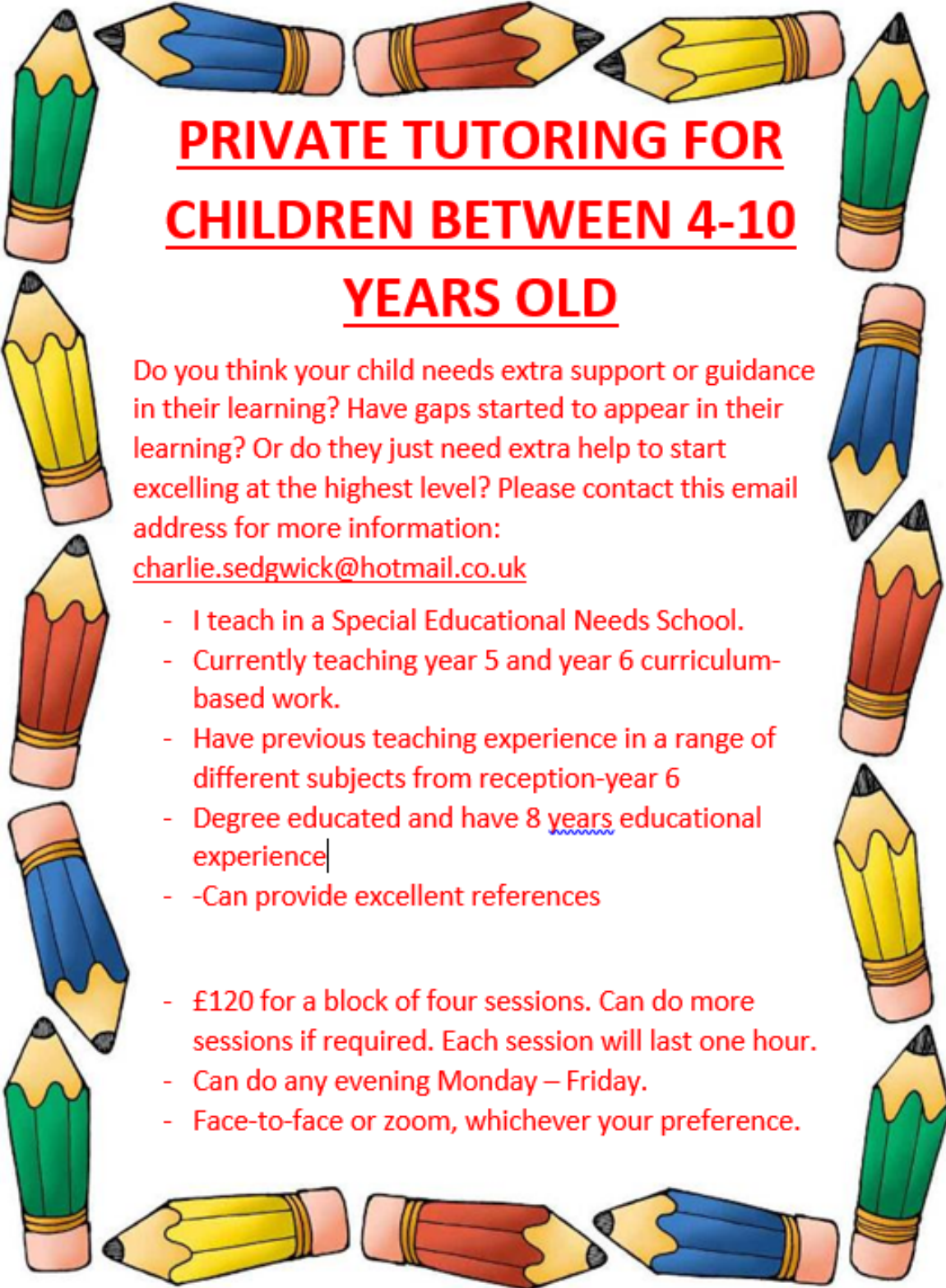
Keep working towards  
achieving golds. Once you  
reach gold 5 times you will  
be awarded an achiever  
badge!





# Autumn Term Dates

- **Week beginning 18th September - Years 5 & 6 Bikability**
- **Wednesday 20th September - 2A visit to Pizza Express - rescheduled**
- **Friday 22nd September - Jeans for Genes Day**
- **Wednesday 27th September - 2B visit to Pizza Express**
- **Friday 29th September - McMillan Coffee afternoon**
- **Thursday 5th October - Parent Council meeting @ 2:00 pm**
- **Monday 9th October - Flu vaccines**
- **Monday 16th October - Parent's evening**
- **Tuesday 17th October - EYFS Harvest assembly**
- **Wednesday 18th October - 2A visit to Piza Express**
- **Wednesday 18th October - Parent's evening**
- **Friday 20th October - Break up for half term**
- **Monday 30th October - Return to school**
- **Week beginning 30th October - World of Work week for Years 3-6**
- **Friday 3rd November - PTA Fireworks night**
- **Wednesday 8th November - 1A visit to Pizza Express**
- **Friday 10th November - Remembrance service**
- **Monday 13th November - Individual pupil photos**
- **Week beginning 13th November - Anti-bullying week**
- **Wednesday 15th November - 1B visit to Pizza Express**
- **Friday 17th November - Children in Need day**
- **Week beginning 20th November - Stay and Learn week**
- **Monday 20th November - Flu Vaccines**
- **Thursday 23rd November - Parent Council meeting @ 2:00 pm**
- **Friday 1st December - Whole school Panto trip**
- **Tuesday 5th December - Year 4 Science of sound workshop**
- **Wednesday 6th December - Reindeer Run**
- **Thursday 7th December - Christmas jumper day/Christmas dinner**
- **Friday 8th December - PTA Xmas Fair**
- **Monday 18th December - Breakfast with santa**
- **Tuesday 19th December - Holy Cross Church and break up at 1:30 pm**
- **Thursday 4th January 2024 - Return to school**



## PRIVATE TUTORING FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN 4-10 YEARS OLD

Do you think your child needs extra support or guidance in their learning? Have gaps started to appear in their learning? Or do they just need extra help to start excelling at the highest level? Please contact this email address for more information:

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- I teach in a Special Educational Needs School.
- Currently teaching year 5 and year 6 curriculum-based work.
- Have previous teaching experience in a range of different subjects from reception-year 6
- Degree educated and have 8 years educational experience
- -Can provide excellent references
  
- £120 for a block of four sessions. Can do more sessions if required. Each session will last one hour.
- Can do any evening Monday – Friday.
- Face-to-face or zoom, whichever your preference.