

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

A busy and exciting week. Here are the highlights:

- Year 5 and 6 brought their bikes for a BikeAbility course this week. Children learnt the importance of safety when riding bikes, especially on the roads. We had great comments from the instructors on the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children. Well done, Year 5 and 6 - you've made us proud.
- We held our first Parent Tour of the year which is always exciting. I love walking around with parents showing off our beautiful, hard-working children. And the children never disappoint - they always represent us in the best way possible. I needed help, of course, so I recruited Lily-May (6A), Amelia P (6A), Samuel (6B) and Reuben (6B) to assist me with my talk and they, too, didn't disappoint as they spoke eloquently about their experience of school. I was so proud of them.
- EYFS understand the rising costs when trying to operate and keep a school afloat. Their business brains were at their finest this week when I was charged £10 for one plastic pear and a croissant!. I was rather taken aback at the cost so it Ms Goodwin pointed out to me that my fine dining meal was served to me on their best china! Fair enough!
- Year 3 behaved like cave men and went onto the field hunting and gathering for their history topic on the Palaeolithic era of the stone age. They found out that by grinding acorns stone age people could make flour and discovered which plants made them sick and how the cave men discovered they could cook by making fire.



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- This week, EYFS had their photos taken for publication in the Romford Recorder. The paper no longer sends a photographer to take the pictures - It's now down to us to take the pictures and to then email them to the newspaper! So I've had to be David Bailey this week (ok, for those of you who *aren't* ancient, like me, David Bailey was a very famous fashion photographer in his day!). It was like herding cats, trying to get our little ones to sit in place and smile while facing the camera - all at the same time! I didn't achieve it but I did my best and captured *most* children. My sincere apologies if your child isn't looking their best but it was a *really* difficult task!!! Hopefully, the paper will print them but, in case they don't, here they are in all their glory. A quick warning - there were 2 children who refused point blank to have their photo taken (teenagers before their time!!!)



- The children are not grouped into classes yet so we just split them in half randomly for the photos.
- Over the summer, the Local Authority have been inundated with applications for school places of which there are none and so they asked us to open an extra Year 3 class to accommodate some of these children. We agreed - on the proviso that we don't have to pay anything for it out of our school budget. This was agreed, so we'll be starting a new Year 3 class at the beginning of October. This will bring about a lot of changes to play times and lunch times and Year 3 classes will now only swim for a term rather than a term and a half. Although the logistics are a bit of a nightmare for *us*, there will only be small differences for your children - the biggest being a lot of new friends to be made which, of course, is lovely.
- Some of our children were lucky enough to have a go with an interactive floor projector this week. The projector projects games and sensory images which can be manipulated by the children on the floor and it's crazily addictive. We were *all* in the room either zoning out to the hypnotic lapping of waves or flying around trying to pop the most balloons! Mrs Boyes was trialling the equipment and I would say it was a great success so I wouldn't be surprised if one of those appears on her wish-list this Christmas!!



- And today we raised money for Genetic Research as we all wore jeans for Jeans for Genes Day! The children looked great in their hybrid uniform and we raised a lovely sum of money for research into genetic disorders. Thank you so much for your support as always and, all those wearing jeans earned themselves a Super-kind virtual badge. These badges are being accumulated at a rate of knots for which I am truly grateful.

- And, after my plight last week with the missing shoe saga, Ms Kitts has come to the rescue with a 'Tidy Toes' solution. I know at the moment, it's more of a 'Tidy Tonsils' solution with all the water bottles in it but, eventually, it will also keep those pesky shoes all in one place! Big thanks to the Willow Room Team who obviously felt sorry for me last week!!

- Finally, we were voted as finalists again in the Havering in Bloom competition. Thank you, once more, to Mrs Morley who nominated us. Ms Clarke and myself attended the ceremony where winners were awarded their prizes and we were able to see the amazing gardens across the borough. Well, you'll never guess what? We only *won* the schools' division this year!! What a coup! I *did* promise you all last year that we'd make a concerted effort to win this year!! We won a gift voucher to replenish the planters for next year's competition. And, while we're talking plants, Mrs Ellis has put in a plea for plants for the Gardening Club and donations for the Just Giving page at

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/GardeningClubProject?utm\\_term=vXegZrnDm](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/GardeningClubProject?utm_term=vXegZrnDm)

I'd like to send out a huge thank you to all those who have been turning up to help paint and garden and fence the Garden Club area. It's absolutely fantastic and I'm so grateful to you all.

- And that brings us to the end of a wet and windy week. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend full of reading, reading and more reading and I leave you with this thought:

**“The real measure of your worth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money and all your assets!”**

*A Pearce*



With kind regards and best wishes,



# Stars of the Week

- R1: Aiden
- R2: Hallie
- 1A: Kevin
- 1B: Maria
- 2A: Nate
- 2B: James
- 3A: Aibinu
- 3B: Navaira
- 4A: Louie
- 4B: Aiden
- 5A: Lashana
- 5B: Kyla
- 6A: Bonnie
- 6B: Zara

# Birthdays



- Folafoluwa R1
- Ella 1B
- Rebecca 2B
- Heidi 2B
- Mason 3B
- Mahilan 3B
- Daryna 5B
- Oscar 5A

We hope you had a great day!

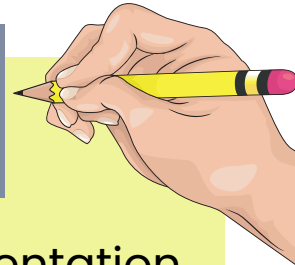
# House Points



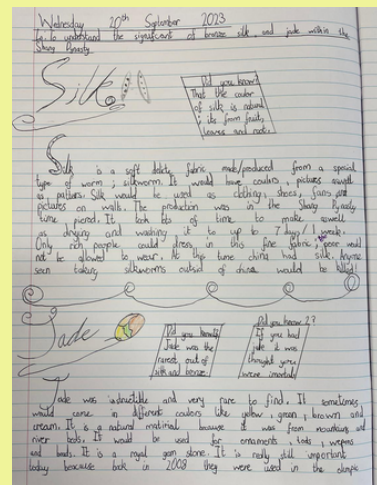
- 1st **Griffins** 372 points
- 2nd **Phoenixes** 361 points
- 3rd **Dragons** 343 points
- 4th **Centaur**s 327 points



# Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Amanda in 5A

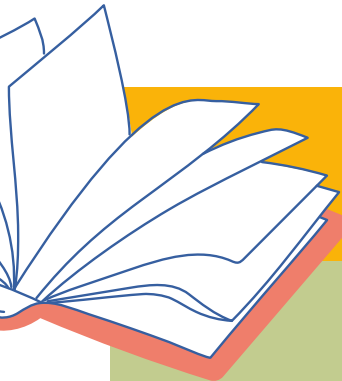


# Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to...

**5B** who achieved **98.5%**

Whole school attendance was **96%**



## 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.

## REACHING GOLD!

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

Dollie 1A  
Alice 1A  
Kevin 1A  
Logan 1A  
Aisha 2A  
Aarshy 2A  
Elizabeth L 2A

Toby 2B  
Ifeh 2B  
Khaleelah 3A  
Jake 3B  
Jamie 3B  
Darcie 5B  
Arjan 5B  
Kyla 5B



## Achiever badges

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



# Autumn Term Dates

- **Wednesday 27th September - 2B visit to Pizza Express**
- **Friday 29th September - McMillan Coffee afternoon**
- **Tuesday 3rd October - Year 6 trip to Docklands Museum**
- **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 Pizza 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**

# Let's come together for an



## important cause!



Harrow Lodge Primary School is hosting a coffee afternoon to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Research.

Please join us on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm- 4pm** in the dining hall. Any voluntary donation counts and helps to make a difference!



If you have any cakes/cookies/brownies/muffins that you would like to donate towards our coffee afternoon, please hand them into the school office by **Friday morning**.

Please ensure that the name and ingredients of anything that you hand in are clearly visible for allergy purposes. Let's work together for a great cause.

It would be greatly appreciated!

MacMillan Cancer Support is one of the largest British charities and provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer. It also looks at the social, emotional and practical impact cancer can have, and campaigns for better care. Let's do our part to help this charity to continue to flourish!

# THANKS A MILLION

## Join us for a nibble and a natter!