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Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

An exciting week at Harrow Lodge this week. Here are the highlights.

- The first big news is a huge welcome to our new 3C class. They turned up on Wednesday looking smart as pins but with a mish-mash of ruck sacks. We'd run out of our school back packs so there was an eclectic selection of bags on show that first morning. We also had the usual discussion with parents about earrings and nail varnish - it doesn't seem to matter how many times or ways I try to communicate the rule of no jewellery, it seems I will always have to address the issue on an individual level! Well, in the grand scheme of things, that was a minor problem and the big concern - settling in happily - went swimmingly well, so I have no complaints. The children are lovely and as I asked the children to line up, 2 little girls held hands as they made their way towards the line and my heart melted. Ms Jass is our new interim teacher and she was so gentle and welcoming that it made settling in a very easy process. Ms Mukith is the interim Teaching Assistant for the class - a warm welcome to both staff members. After a few tweaks to entrances and exits, lunchtimes and playtimes, I think we've got it working. Mr Welch is now living at the top of a ladder in the new classroom, painting and building units trying to get the room ready as quickly as possible so, if you have any spare matchsticks at home that he could borrow to prop his eyes open, he'd be very grateful!!
- This week was the start of Black History Month and the children have all been studying famous Black movers and shakers. When you come in for Parents' Evening, you'll be able to see the work on display.
- Y5 were lucky enough to experience 2 Author events this week. The first raised their awareness of 'Brilliant Black British History' facts and figures including the first Black people to appear in Britain etc. I think their heads were swimming with information by the end of it. The 2nd author visit told them a story about a disobedient African boy who got trapped in a drum and had to sing for his supper! Y5 were treated to a drumming session full of body percussion which they absolutely loved and they learnt about the dangers of being disobedient to boot!

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- We had our PTA Annual General Meeting this week where we welcomed many new members and said 'Goodbye' to a few key role holders. Sadly, we said a fond farewell to our Vice Chair, Sarah Corless, who's left us for higher climbs (Hornchurch High gets her services now). Our new Vice Chair is Danielle Mizen. Mrs Plewa stepped down from the role of secretary and is replaced by Hannah Walsh. And so we begin a whole new year of fundraising and improvements. A big thank you to all parents who have signed up to support the PTA in all its wonderful endeavours.
- Last week's MacMillan coffee afternoon was a great success as you know but there weren't just cakes to eat and coffee to drink at the event - there were also competitions to take part in which many children chose to do and here are the winners:

Guess the weight of the cupcakes - Reggie in 3A - guessed 600g / weight 636g

Guess the height of the cake tower - Amelie 2B - guessed 100cm / height 94cm

Guess the length of the veggie roll - Nicole 4B - guessed 45cm / length 49cm

Place the cherry on the gateau - Kai 1B

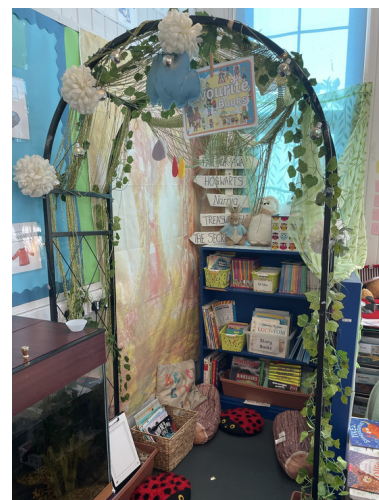
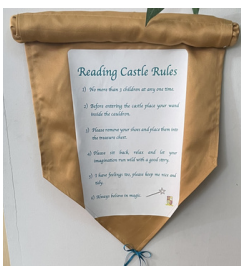
Reggie won the whole pack of 12 cupcakes and the other children won a pack of 2 cupcakes.

Well done to all the winners and to all those who 'had a go'. It was a really fun and funny time.

- Year 2 watched a live stream of Harvest Fest '23 on Wednesday. They learned how to make 'saag paneer' and delved into the Science of the ingredients involved in the dish. They got to see and explore where/how onions and spinach grow and the processes they go through when being harvested and sold. They also explored Indian cottage cheese and learnt about the food group that it belongs to and where dairy products come from. They also visited a cow farm to see how milk was extracted from cows - not sure many of them are going to aspire to be dairy farmers after that but they certainly learnt a lot!
- In EYFS, Ms Goodwin read a story called 'The Fish that could Wish', and one of the wishes the fish made was a silly wish. Ms Goodwin had previously wished for a magic reading castle to appear in her classroom and the magic fairies made that wish come true! So, Ms Goodwin thought she would make a silly wish and with her magic wand in her hand she wished that when the children came back from lunch, the walls, floor, doors and windows would be made from chocolate. With disbelieving faces the children went off to lunch and several conversations were overheard....'We can't have chocolate walls - we're a healthy eating school!' and, 'I don't think Ms Goodwin has thought about this; if the sun shines through the window, there will be no more HLP because it will melt away' and, 'If everyone licks the walls, that's how germs spread!' So, EYFS can confirm that silly wishes should definitely *not* come true!



- So, our Book Corner Competition came to an end today and I've had the great pleasure of wandering in and out of those corners pretending to be a child (not difficult, I know!) to see which one would motivate me the most to go in and read. Here's a selection of them - see what you think and which one grabs *you* the most!



Reception

1A



1B

2B



3A



3B



4A



6B

- And that brings us to the end of another busy week. It just remains for me to wish you a great weekend full of kindness and reading and I leave you with this thought:

"Adventure awaits with the crack of every book's spine"

With kind regards and best wishes,

A. Beale



Stars of the Week

- R1: Ashton
- R2: Harper
- 1A: Franky
- 1B: Dima
- 2A: Murtijiz
- 2B: Nala
- 3A: Drey
- 3B: Jamie
- 4A: Ollie & Joanna
- 4B: Thomas
- 5A: Riley
- 5B: Sahar
- 6A: Ronnie
- 6B: David

Birthdays



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| Danielius R1 | Yaid 4A |
| Harper R2 | Keira 4B |
| Aisha 2A | Amin 5B |
| Joel 3A | Lemaine 5A |
| Daniel 4A | Reuben 6B |

We hope you had a great day!

House Points

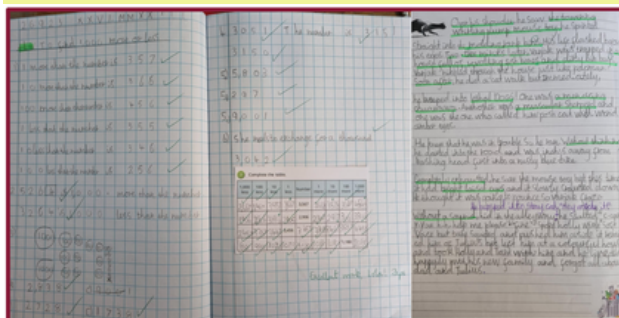


- 1st **Griffins** 272 points
- 2nd **Dragons** 281 points
- 3rd **Centaur**s 274 points
- 4th **Phoenixes** 272 points

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Lola in 4A

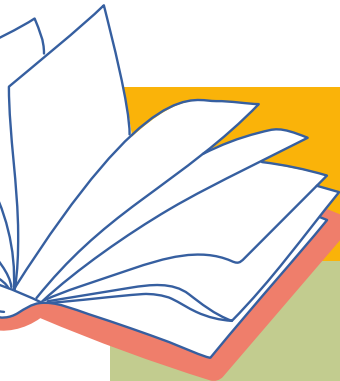


Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to...

6A who achieved **99.4%**

Whole school attendance was **97.4%**



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:

Ruby 1A	Navaira 3B
Isobel 1A	Kira 3C
Hugo 1A	Promesse 3C
George 1A	Vivien 3C
Sofia 1A	Michaela 4A
Sara 1A	Lola 4A
Abid 1B	Nicole 4B
Aaron 1B	Baris 5A
Zayna 1B	Idris 5A
Darcy 1B	Michael 5A
Toby 2B	Jacob 5B
Lorin 2B	Ela 5B
Judah 3A	Tia 5B
Jessica 3A	Amelia 5B



Achiever badges

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

Congratulations!



Autumn Term Dates

- **Monday 9th October - Flu vaccines**
- **Tuesday 10th October - Year 6 trip to Docklands Museum**
- **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**
- **Thursday 19th October - Year 5 Harvest assembly**
- **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**