

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Issue 6

Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

A week of two seasons, this week. Here are the highlights:

- Monday began with what should have been a morning of flu vaccinations followed by a scheduled Fire Alarm Drill in the afternoon. But things didn't work out like that! I'm not entirely sure what the hold-up was but the vaccinations took all day! Children were sniffing up and down the corridors - if you'd visited us on Monday, you'd have been forgiven for assuming that we'd all just been told that Christmas was cancelled or something equally as devastating!
- We announced the winners of the Book Corner Competition:



Infant Winner - Reception
(Well done Ms Huseyin & Ms Delaney)



Junior Winner - 3B
(Well done Ms Bracken)

- We had so many great entries that we also had to go for a runner up prize which went to 3A!!



Well done Ms Millard!

- * Y6 went on their first visit of the year this week and visited The Museum of London Docklands to enhance their learning about the Slave Trade.

My spies told me that the children were well behaved and interested especially in the Hamster Wheel (see right) which was some kind of heavy lifting pulley system and I believe that *someone* may have 'accidentally' held on too tightly and made a full rotation inside it - I don't think I should



mention any names here!! Suffice it is to say that everyone enjoyed the trip.

- This week, I ran *two* parent tours - a huge thanks to Freddie, Riley, Luca, Arthur, Opeyemi, Isabella, Zara and Nathan (6A & 6B) for stepping up as model students answering questions about life at Harrow Lodge Primary and articulating their favourite things about the school.
- This week, we had an external, private educational psychiatrist come in for an assessment on one of our children with additional needs to see whether a mainstream setting was the right place for her and, in particular, whether we were the right mainstream setting. The feedback from her was amazing; she was blown away with the quality of provision we are providing and, especially, the attitudes and motivation of the staff members. She said that everything that she would want to *be* in place *was* in place and she was really pleased with the access to the class and the relationship with the child's teacher. She gave high praise to the set-up of our Willow Room and the fabulous team who go above and beyond for some of our most needy children. What a tremendous accolade from an external expert! Mrs Boyes and Ms Kitts have led a team of amazing staff and coordinated the highly complex timetable that allows for our children to receive the provision they need (and then some!) A massive thank you to everyone involved!
- Mr Charlee went out on his first competitive meet this week with our Year 5&6 Cross Country Teams. Tragedy struck from the outset as the first race of 130 Year 6 girls got underway and Bonnie (6A and a slight figure of a girl) dive bombed into the soggy ground. As 129 girls surged past her, she struggled to regain her feet and, unperturbed, mud-covered and in second to last place, she soldiered on, blind to the possibility of surrender. With a determination matched only by Hercules, himself, she



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- passed first one competitor, then another and another until, at the end of the race, she came in 22nd place but, to me, Bonnie *won* that race with her determination and refusal to give up and zooming past 107 or so girls. Well done Bonnie - you truly *are* a winner!
- Year 5 girls were also incredibly successful with Tia (5B) crossing the line in first place no less while James (5A) came in 3rd in the Y5 boys' race. Well done to all the competitors who had to brave the rainy elements and muddy terrain in a bid to stand tall for our school! I'm so proud of each and every one of you! Y5 - Tia, Aya, Marni, Daisy, Mason, Liam, Luca, Alex M, Charlie and James and Year 6 - Kaeden, Ronnie, Logan J, Dorian, Tonte, Bonnie, Kotryna, Chanan and Romaissa.
- The children and their families in EYFS have excelled this week in their homework with their wonderful renditions of 'Big Fish, Little Fish Cardboard Box', and 'In and Out the Dusty Bluebells'. The effort was incredible and each video was unique to that particular child. Some videos included the entire family, even great-grandparents, while others used musical instruments such as a piano, guitar, and drums. Others used props including real fish, the family dog, a frozen bag of fish fingers and homemade cardboard boxes. I cannot even begin to tell you how much enjoyment the children got from watching their unique video clips. Watch out Hollywood.....here they come! Another reminder that learning isn't an arduous task - learning is fun!
- Mrs Ellis has made a whopping £1064 for the Gardening Club from her 'Just Giving' Page and plant sale. Do spread the word (especially to companies who give to charities) about her page. She's doing an amazing job and creating a wonderful resource for your children.
- Our Book Fair arrived on Thursday and, my, have we been busy! I think the inspirational book corners must have inspired some miniature book worms!! Don't forget - it'll be here all week!
- Finally, look out for the Romford Recorder First Class Special out today with our gorgeous Reception children showing off their cheesiest grins! I *would* say that it'll be a souvenir for all our Reception mums and dads but I'm sad to say that the paper did a terrible job with the photos and cropped out half the children and poor Mrs Waddington! Personally, I think it's a really poor show and I'm sure complaints will help to ensure that it doesn't happen again! Just saying!!
- 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 (again!) and I leave you with this thought:

***"For all of life is like a race,
With ups and downs and all.
And all you have to do to win,
Is rise each time you fall."***



With kind regards and best wishes,



Stars of the Week

- R1: Kendall
- R2: Zoe
- 1A: Sofia
- 1B: Nellie
- 2A: Zaydon
- 2B: Thea
- 3A: Nadia
- 3B: Isla
- 3C: Vivien
- 4A: Daniel
- 4B: Taha
- 5A: Temi
- 5B: Arjan
- 6A: Riley
- 6B: Logan

Birthdays



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| Matei R1 | David C 4A |
| Layla 1A | Baris 5A |
| Amelie 2B | Lashana 5A |
| Isa 2A | Hannah 6B |
| Musa 3A | Bobby 6B |
| Shemuel 3A | Isla 6B |
| Oliver 3A | |

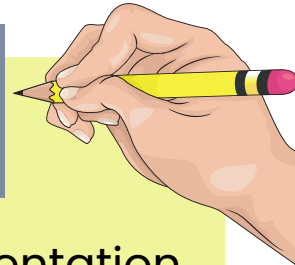
We hope you had a great day!

House Points

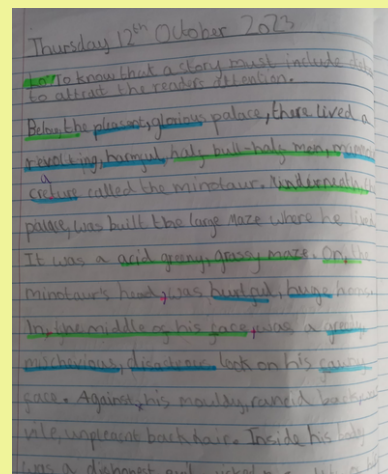


- 1st Centaurs 416 points**
- 2nd Phoenixes 414 points**
- 3rd Griffins 410 points**
- 4th Dragons 406 points**

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Khaleelah in 3A



Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to...

1B who achieved



Whole school attendance was

97.4%



REACHING GOLD!

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

Ameer R1	Alice 1B	Daniel CJ 4A
Ashton R1	Aaron 1B	Fraser 4A
Idrees R1	Ayaan 1B	Lola 4A
James R1	Amelie 2B	Keira 4B
Dexter R1	Harper 3A	Shakira 4B
Henry R1	Aibinu 3A	Shayan 4B
Kaylan R1	Mujtaba 3A	Amanda 5A
Darius R1	Harry 3B	Marta 5A
Sofia R2	Jamie 3B	Alex C 5A
Lola R2	Mason 3B	Joshua 5A
Ada R2	David 3C	Idris 5A
Zoe R2	Shriyah 3C	Roan 5A
Lexi R2	Ashlyn 3C	Riley 5A
Maia 1A	Vivien 3C	Sahar 5B
Layla 1A	Kyle 4A	Olobo 5B
Evani 1A	Michaela 4A	Alex 5B
Freddy 1A	Yaid 4A	Stefania 6A
	Ali 4A	Nitza 6A
	Joanna 4A	

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!

Congratulations!



Autumn Term Dates

- **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 - ProStrike fundraiser day**
- **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**