

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Weekly News



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've reached the end of the first half term! Here are this week's highlights:

- We began the week with the autumn term's Fire Drill which, as is the norm now, was a near perfect evacuation! Mr Welch set up a surprise blockage which the year 5 children navigated sensibly and efficiently! However, having watched 'Tour of Duty' on television and seen how the Navy carry out *their* fire drills, I think we're on the same side with our scenario set-ups and I think I might ask Mr Welch to set off a smoke screen next time!!!!
- Tuesday saw a very funny maths lesson in EYFS that involved learning all about repeating patterns in sentences aka 'tongue twister time!' The battle began between Mrs Delaney and Mrs Seldan with who could say the tongue twister '*red lorry, yellow lorry*', without making mistake. The children were then asked to pick a side to see who would be the champion tongue twisters! Mrs Seldan romped home with Mrs Delaney looking on in a rather bemused way. Mrs Delaney's version contained several 'lellow lollies and bed lollies!'



- Our Gardening Club have a new sign kindly donated by Shell's Krafty Kreations <https://www.facebook.com/shellskraftykreations> and Travis Perkins Rainham donated concrete fence posts, a bulk bag of sand, a bulk bag of Topsoil and 8 bags of various decorative stones, all of which have been used to make our Gardening Club a safe and beautiful place to work. A big thank you to Mrs Ellis also who is spear-heading the fundraising and running the club to boot!!
- Year 1 have worked really hard this week collecting food to be donated to a local food bank. All the children who brought in food will earn themselves a social impact badge! Well done all!



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- We held our first Parents' Evenings of the year and it was lovely to see you all particularly on Wednesday when you had to brave the stormy weather! However, the drowned footballers really hold top spot in the braving rainy weather challenge. Mr Charlee and the football club brought an ocean of water into the hall with them at the end of their club. When I exclaimed at the state of the children, Mr Charlee exclaimed, "A little bit of rain and mud never hurt anyone - it makes real footballers out of them!" Well, I guess I can't argue with that and they were all smiling and happy so I suppose that's the way to do it. However, I'll be spectating from *inside* the building, thank you very much!!
- As you know, we had our Book Fair this week and we made £823.78 which will translate into some lovely donated books for our libraries. I hope your children will have hours of fun with their purchases.
- EYFS wiped us out of tissues this week as they moved us all to tears with their first assembly - Harvest Time. They had learnt their songs beautifully and their actions were so well executed as were those of the parents who had clearly been practising them with their children. Well done to everyone for such a super assembly.
- 2A went out for lunch to Pizza Express this week. They learnt about where all the ingredients for pizzas hailed from, donned their chefs' hats and made their own pizzas. I heard the pizzas were delicious - I wish I could say that I'd sampled them but no such luck. They all took them home for mum and dad to nibble on. Every staff member also brought home a pizza - I didn't see any of *those* either but I *did* notice that the office ladies were given a pizza to eat. Now, I'm wondering what the office ladies are offering in return for gifts and treats like this - I'm looking at the lack of Glue sticks on the stationery shelves and thinking there are devious deals going on behind my back!
- Year 5 produced their Harvest assembly with fun songs and meaningful prose this week. They reminded us how lucky we are to want for very little and how grateful we should be. Thank you Year 5, it was an excellent Harvest Assembly.
- And, finally, Friday was awash with goal shooting as everyone took on the Prostrike Speed Challenge. It was one of the most exciting (and noisy) challenges I've ever encountered and, goodness, do we ever have some amazing strikers! I'll let you know how much we raised after half term but what a fantastic event it turned out to be!
- And that brings us to the end of Autumn 1, 2023-2024. It's been one of the busiest half-terms but we've achieved a lot and we've all grown in kindness and confidence. It just remains for me to wish you a very happy half-term holiday full of crispy, crunchy leaf-tossing, conker collecting and hedgehog feeding - yep, autumn is well and truly upon us and I leave you with this thought:

***"If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more.***

***If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough."***

With Kind regards and Best Wishes,

Mrs Searle



# Stars of the Week

R1: Ameer  
R2: Luna  
1A: Logan  
1B: Oliver M  
2A: Layla  
2B: Meshach  
3A: Fikayomi  
3B: Harry  
3C: Elsie  
4A: Feryal  
4B: Adelaide  
5A: Sarah  
5B: Liam  
6A: Nitza  
6B: Brody

# Birthdays



Ismael 1B  
Elizabeth L 2A  
Jamie 3B  
Amanda 3C  
Lola 4A  
Nicole 4B  
Logan J 6B

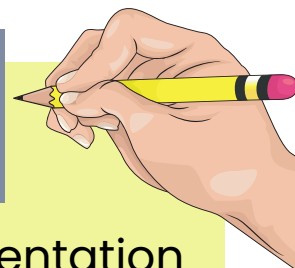
We hope you had a great day!

# House Points

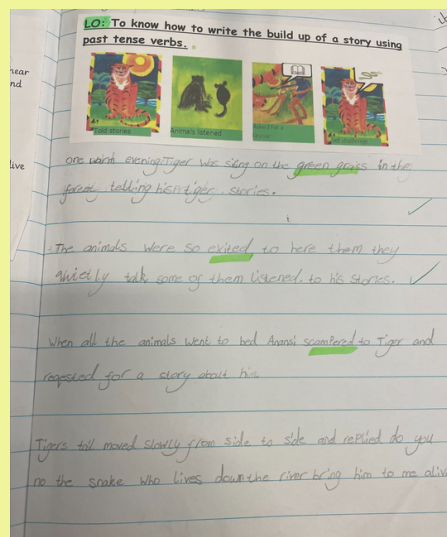


**1st Centaurs 400 points**  
**2nd Dragons 385 points**  
**3rd Phoenixes 353 points**  
**4th Griffins 338 points**

# Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Aisha in 2A



# Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to...

**R2, 1A and 6B** who all achieved **98.7%**

Whole school attendance was **96.5%**



## 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:

Harley R1	OliverM 1B	Amanda 3C
Micheal R1	Mutijiz 2A	Marco 3C
Matei R1	Elliot 2A	Vivien 3C
Charlie R1	Dottie 2A	Ethan 4B
Ali R1	Dalia 2A	Henry 4B
Leandro 1A	Diyar 2A	Adelaide 4B
Regan 1A	Summer 2A	Amanda 5A
Freddy 1A	Harley 2B	James 5A
Lauren 1A	Ellie 2B	Vijaya 5A
Nate 1B	Thea 2B	Marta 5B
Albie 1B	Seth 3B	Daryna 5B
Abid 1B	Kara 3B	Ariana 5B
Zayna 1B	isla 3B	Inara 5B
	Promesse 3C	Charlie 5B
	Kira 3C	Liam 5B
	Shriyah 3C	Gurkeerat 6A
		Lyla 6A

## 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 30th October - Return to school**
- **Monday 30th October - PTA Spooky disco**
- **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**