

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Issue 10

Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

- We started the week with my favourite day of the year - 13th November, World Kindness Day! I hope your children showered you with kindness all day and, indeed, all week! Here's the rest of the week's highlights in brief:
- Kindness Day was a good start to the week because it was Anti-Bullying Week! So all classes have been carrying out protests throughout the week to stand in solidarity against bullying. It's been rather noisy but for a good reason. Every child took part in one way or another and so will earn themselves a Social Impact badge or Super Kind badge (remember - they're virtual badges!).
- Talking of the Social Impact Award, the company who works with schools to guide them on their journeys towards gaining the Award have asked us if we would mind if they used our school as a model case study for their training because they've been so impressed with the work our children have been doing to help the wider community. What a lovely compliment!
- This week EYFS were hit with a devastating trail of carnage left by the Evil Pea who was clearly on a mission to cause maximum destruction! He wrapped our poor Superheroes in string and elastic bands; the carrots in the snack basket were also attacked with some of them being wrapped in masking tape, and the final straw was when he took over the slide in the garden claiming it now belonged to him and was to be known as Pea Castle! To stop the Evil Pea, the children suggested he needed a reminder on how to be kind, particularly when it's National Anti Bullying Week! Therefore, the children made kindness posters in the hope he would read them and, to really make the message loud and clear that kindness is everything, they went on a protest march around the school. We knew he was hiding in our school somewhere! The children also got some great cutting practice as they cut all the string and tape off their possessions!
- Monday also saw the most handsome children enter our doors - shiny faces and beautifully coiffed hair. What caused this attention to presentation? Photo Day of course! The smiles were infectious and everyone naturally had a really happy day!



- Back on the theme of kindness, so much work has been going on this week about love, caring, empathy and compassion and Lucas (5A) wrote his thoughts about his learning down on paper saying, 'If the world could come together and spread love and friendship, then it would be a lovely, happy place to live in.' And, after considering the impact of bullying, Barish said, "Well, 'Time has the power to turn a black hole into a shiny diamond.' I'm thinking that some of our children have developed the ability to think very profoundly about some meaningful issues!
- 1B had their turn as pizza chefs this week and the school once more smelt like an Italian Bistro so we were all dreaming of holidays on Wednesday.
- 6A were taken on a bus ride - yes, a bus ride like no other... a lot of strange incidents occurred on this bus ride. The first incident involved a verbal altercation between two passengers arguing over the noise of one of the passengers' loud music. It became extremely heated culminating in one of them snatching the other's phone and a chase ensued. These incidents can be very scary when they happen and our Year 6 children were being trained in how to deal with possible dangerous situations. Next year, they will have to start travelling on public transport on their own and they need to learn when to ignore situations and when to step in. This was part of that training. I believe they all passed with flying colours unlike the second incident where a man tried to get their attention by showing them a picture of his cute dog and asking them if they'd seen the dog. The children were all keen to help and crowded around the man to look at the sweet pet. Little did the children know that it was all a set-up to show the children how easy it can be to get drawn in by somebody who *could* have nasty intentions! I seem to remember last year, we had the same problem with our year 6 children being lured away to help a stranger look for his lost puppy! On a very serious note, please, *please* educate your children about these dangers.
- Mesh (2B) has this week learned to hold a pen and make significant marks! See if you can spot his personification of joy on this page!
- Finally, our week has culminated in 'Children in Need Day' when we've all worn spots to raise awareness of those children less well off than ourselves. It's been a fun day with serious issues at the heart of it. Thank you to everyone for your donations. I'll let you know the grand total next week.
- So that brings us to the end of this week's news. It just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend with thoughts of kindness and selflessness in your minds and I leave you with this thought:

***"Bullying is a learned behaviour.
It's up to us to teach our children how
to be kind and respectful to others."***

*Kindness
MATTERS!*

With Kind regards and Best Wishes,

Mrs Searle



Stars of the Week

- R1: Arish
- R2: Vadim
- 1A: George
- 1B: Affan
- 2A: Dalia
- 2B: Alice
- 3A: Helena
- 3B: Naylaa
- 3C: Azaan
- 4A: Ali
- 4B: Cody
- 5A: Jasmine
- 5B: Marta
- 6A: Amelia P
- 6B: Fatjona

Birthdays



- Parker R2
- Logan 1A
- Shiloh 2B
- Harley 2B
- Albie 3B
- Judah 3A
- Aiden 4B
- Arjun 5B

We hope you had a great day!

House Points

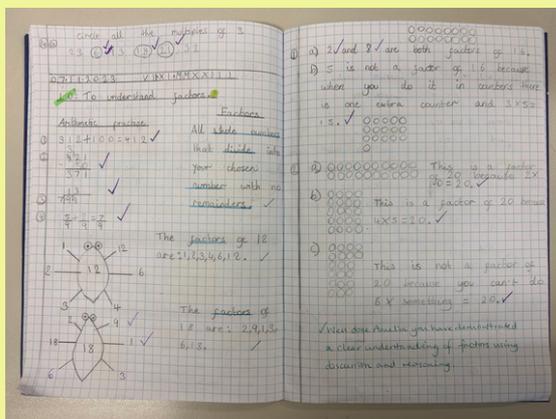


- 1st Griffins 461 points**
- 2nd Phoenixes 460 points**
- 3rd Dragons 458 points**
- 4th Centaurs 450 points**

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Amelia in 5B



Attendance

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

4A who achieved
99.3%

Whole school
attendance was
95.2%



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:

Denzel R1
Archie R1
Matei R1
Camilla R2
Freddy 1A
Kevin 1A
Deivid 1A
Evani 1A
Francesca 1A
Maria 1B
Ella 1B
Nellie 1B
Nate 2A

Layla 2A
Meshach 2B
James 2B
Jessica 3A
Judah 3A
Harper 3A
Elsie 3C
Meharwan 3C
Ashlyn 3C
Alena 3C
Vivien 3C
Kira 3C
Hope 4A
Yaid 4A
Arham 4A
Amber 4B

Albert 4B
Mabel 4B
Diana 4B
Aiden 4B
Jasmine 5A
Lucas 5A
Louis 5A
Roan 5A
Liam 5B
Sahar 5B
Osna 5B
Sontonte 6A
Gurkeerat 6A
Stefania 6A

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 20th November – Stay and Learn week**
- **Monday 20th November – Flu Vaccines**
- **Monday 20th November – PTA Non-Uniform – bring a bottle**
- **Thursday 23rd November – Road Safety shows for Years 1,2,3 & 4**
- **Monday 27th November – PTA Non-Uniform – bring chocolate**
- **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 – Choir singing in Romford**
- **Friday 8th December – PTA Xmas Fair**
- **Monday 11th December – Year 2 concert @ 9:15**
Year 1 concert @ 2:30
- **Tuesday 12th December – EYFS concert @ 9:15**
Year 2 concert @ 2:30
- **Wednesday 13th December – Year 1 concert @ 9:15**
EYFS concert @ 2:30
- **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**