





HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the most exciting half term of the year but also the
most stressful for teachers and parents (I am, of course, referring to the big C - shhhh!)
Here are the highlights of the week:

- The half-term holiday saw a break-down in our computer network system so we all had heart failure when we returned to no files or data and a broken system! Our IT support have been working all week on it but finally concluded that the network was irreparable so a whole new system has been installed (which takes absolutely ages) and we're now at the stage where we keep remembering 'something else' that needs to be installed!!! Once the basic system is up and running, we'll then get our files back and we can all breathe again. As parents, you shouldn't have noticed too much disruption to normal services but I know that sQuid was taking a while to settle in which was very frustrating.
- We have a new Year 2 after school club that has started which is *free* run by 'Imaging Partnership' teaching children all about animation and animation activities. It sounds fantastic but the proof is in the pudding so let's wait and see.
- Ms Goodwin's heart nearly stopped on Tuesday afternoon! Sonny (R2) ran to tell her that Danielius (R1) was dead! Ms Goodwin, (who hasn't run *anywhere* since 1989!), sprinted to the construction area to find Danielius strategically placed on top of a wooden bench and covered in bandages. What Sonny *hadn't* told Ms Goodwin was that he was now referred to as '*Doctor* Sonny', and he had just saved Danielius' life! Apparently, Danielius had fallen off a mountain and needed to be rescued! Two 'mint leaves', one play-doh spoon and several bandages later, alongside treatment from Dr Sonny, Danielius was now breathing! I anticipate an Oscar nomination for Sonny in the future, for his extremely convincing acting! Naturally, EYFS are now exploring the world of the NHS and people who help us!
- This week, KS2 have been learning about the World of Work studying a variety of careers - Y3 looked at Architecture, Y4 looked at careers in the Performing Arts, Y5 looked at sustainable food sources and Y6 looked at Product Development. Each year group went on a special trip to see what the career looked like in the world of

- work and the trips were amazing. It goes without saying that we received some great feedback from the companies who welcomed our children, telling us how polite and wellbehaved they were. Thank you to all parents who volunteered on these trips - we couldn't actually run these trips if we didn't have your support and especially those of you who volunteered for year groups in which you had no child. Thank you for your generosity of spirit.
- On Tuesday, we held a rather large second-hand uniform sale which was very successful and we sold off a lot of our stock which was fantastic since the prices were as low as £1 for many items. It's such an excellent way to recycle as well as to save huge amounts of money. Do keep donating your good quality uniform please we're teaching our children a very real way in which they can contribute to saving our planet.
- This week, we had a visit from PC Hobday who spoke to our Year 5 & 6 children. He was making them aware that they shouldn't be on any social media chat groups because they are not 13 years old yet and that, once they are 10 years old, they can be arrested for 'malicious communication' which includes being nasty on chat groups if the intention is to hurt someone. It was a powerful talk and one that needed to happen since these chat groups are causing an incredible amount of emotional damage.
- We received the sponsorship money for the Pro-Strike event we held last week and we couldn't believe the total amount £1200!!!! The office was bursting with bags, water bottles, footballs and other football paraphernalia which arrived for the children as their prizes. What a fun way to raise some money!
- We began the first week of the School Streets Program and all seems to be going smoothly
 except for the small matter of one of the cameras being vandalised!!! I really hope this was
 nothing to do with protesting over the School Streets program which is ultimately
 beneficial for all of us but especially our children! I'll let you know how the program
 progresses.
- And lastly, we finally announced our Student Leaders for the year in what I must describe as a most exciting and moving Celebration Assembly ever! It was lovely to be able to invite parents to witness this important event and share in your children's proud moment. Thank you for joining us. Please see below for a rundown of the Leaders and their assigned roles.
- And tonight, I hope to be seeing you all at our Fireworks Night gates open at 6:00 pm for rides, food, hot chocolate and raffles! It's going to be the best one yet!!
- So that brings us to the end of this week's news. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend full of hot chocolate and snuggles and I leave you with this thought:

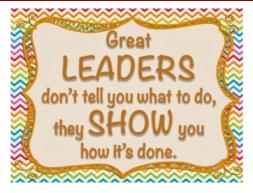
"In a world where there is so much darkness, be the firework that brings light, hope and smiles!

With Kind regards and Best Wishes,

Mrs Searle



Our Student Leaders









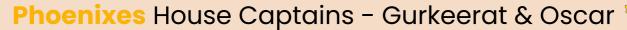




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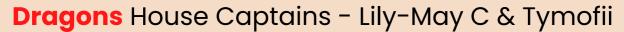


Centaurs House Captains - Lyla & Yafeya













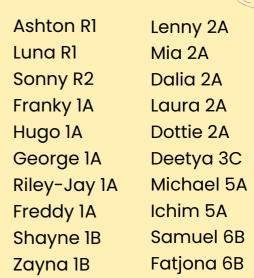
Prefects

Logan G, Jessie, Manraj, Isabella, Kaeden, Mollie-Mae, Leo, Maria, Sotente, Kotryna





Birthdays



We hope you had a great day!

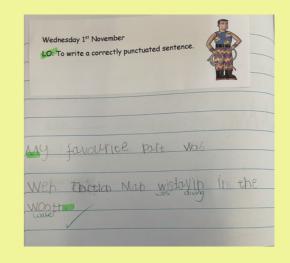
House

1st Phoenixes 347 points 2nd Griffins 315 points 3rd Dragons 276 points 4th Centaurs 264 points



Presentation Award

This weeks presentation award goes to Hugo in 1A





Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to... **6A** who achieved 98.4% Whole school attendance was 95.6%



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

Emily B R1 Chloe R1 Lola R1 Luna R1 Sage R1 Arisha R1 Annie R2 Musa R2 Camilla R2 Callum R2 Darius R2

Igra 1A Leandro 1A Alice 2B Teddy 3B Naylaa 3B Sofia 4B Amber 4B Thomas 4B Vijaya 5A Daisy 5B Muhammad 5B Pavel 6A Amin 5B

Ilinca 5B Aya 5B Gedis 5B Doahika 5B Olivia 5B Opeyemi 6A Oscar 6A Lily-May 6A Amelia 6A Alex A 6A



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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!







- 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