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# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

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Issue 1

### Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. I trust you all enjoyed the break and took part in some well-earned family time. We've returned with a vengeance and got straight down to hard work. Here are the week's highlights:

Happy  
New Year

- As a reminder, we negotiated with the Local Authority to get our cookery room refurbished when we were asked to open up a third Year 3 class and that work has begun this week. The builders said they'd be finished in 2 weeks - hahahaha! We all need a New Year laugh don't we?
- We carried out our last Parent Tour (for new starters in September 2024) and there were so many parents that we had to split the tour in half but it's really lovely to see such interest in our school and, I have to say, I love showing it off to parents because I'm so proud of it. I took *my* half of the parents into 3A who were working extremely hard and were eager to show their work to our visitors. I told 3A that these parents were looking at our school to see if they'd like to bring their own child to join us. I then asked 3A if they would recommend our school to the visitors and, if so, why? Several hands flew up to answer and one young boy said, "Definitely! Because we're the best school in Havering!" Well that's a brilliant recommendation. I'll pay him later!!
- You will notice that a large 'bin' has appeared in the Parent Foyer. This is because we are participating in a card recycling scheme. All cards, not just Christmas cards, can be sent into school with your child and given to their teacher (for a social impact badge or you can put them in the wheelie bin in the Parent Foyer. The cards will be baled up and sent to a recycling facility where they undergo various processes in preparation for being made into new products. You can also recycle any white envelopes you may have. The recycling bin will be collected on the **23rd January**, so lets help save the planet and RECYCLE!
- EYFS explored the concept of 'zero' this week. Ms Goodwin asked the children how many humps Alice the camel would have if she lost her 1 hump. Without skipping a beat, Luna (R1) laughed and said, "If Alice the camel lost her hump,

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- she'd be a horse!" This is exactly why Reception teachers always have smiles on their faces - Reception children are a constant source of amusement!
- Y2 visited Elm Park High Street to record which human features are the most used in our local area. Children tallied the number of people using various amenities and services and they discovered the most frequently used feature was the ~~pub~~ I mean station. Apparently, tallying the use of the hairdressers was extremely tedious for the children because *nobody* went in or out for 20 minutes or more so, when a lady (of the more mature standing) came out of the door proudly sporting her new purple rinse, the children cheered in celebration! That poor woman must have thought she was on 'Candid Camera' or something! (Ok so I know none of you will know what I'm talking about so you'll need to go and ask your *own* parents what Candid Camera was!!!!!!)
- Y5 and Y6 were read the Riot Act this week! No, they weren't in trouble; they were treated to a Road Safety drama show entitled 'The Riot Act'. Well, I say 'Road Safety' and that's what it was advertised as but, to be honest, it was more about making safe choices in life so they learnt about not walking along lonely roads alone, wearing reflective strips when out in the dark, not staying on their devices till late into the night, not being influenced by the behaviour choices of others and so on. At the end of the very serious show, the actors asked the children if they had any questions and many questions were asked....all about how long the actors had been acting, what other acting jobs they'd done and how much they earn!! If I had access to the 'hand over my face' emoji, now would be a good time to use it!!!!!!
- The Performing Arts Club were lucky enough to visit the Cambridge theatre in London this week to see the much-acclaimed 'Matilda'. The children absolutely loved it and it was the first experience of seeing a West End show for some of them which was just brilliant! Only *one* travel sick child this year so we're improving year on year! The children were amazed at the confident singing and dancing of the young children. Well, one of our very own children will be on that stage starting in March. Marnie (5A) has secured the role of *Lavender* in the show and is currently in the middle of many rehearsals to prepare for her big West End debut. Wouldn't it be nice if we could organise a school trip to see her once she's in the cast? Also, our own Performing Arts Club will be putting Matilda on the stage at Hornchurch High School in the summer so that's something to look forward to!



- It's been a busy week for building work - we've also had our West Stairs wooden door replaced this week with a shiny new one that's just like the Parent Foyer door. It looks very smart and fits in beautifully with our décor!
- And that brings us to the end of this week's news. Next week is threatening to be cold and possibly snowy. Please do not send your child to school wearing boots without remembering to pack their shoes in their ruck-sacks.
- So, it just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend full of New Year's resolutions ending going from strength to strength and preparations for a snowy week ahead and I leave you with this thought:

***"The bad news is time flies.  
The good news is you're the pilot."***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



# Stars of the Week

R1: Ameer  
R2: Annie  
1A: Maia  
1B: Ella  
2A: Liza  
2B: Grace  
3A: Halimat  
3B: Harry  
3C: Ishan  
4A: Lola  
4B: Levi  
5A: Amanda  
5B: Darcie  
6A: Nathan  
6B: Dolcie

# Birthdays



Charlie R1  
Darius R2  
Affan 1B  
Sophia 2B  
Ellie 2B  
Kasey 2B  
Idris 5A  
Daisy 5B  
Nicola 5A  
Osna 5B  
Frank 6B  
Gurkeerat 6A  
Lyla 6A

*We hope you had  
a great day!*

# House Points

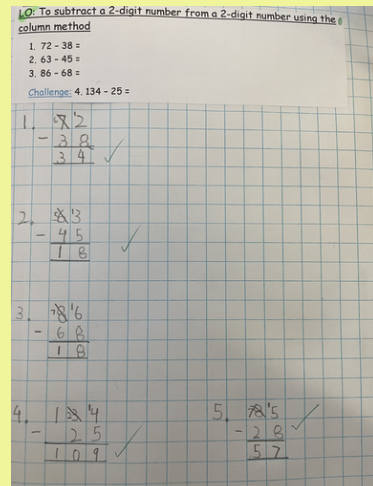


**1st Griffins 375 points**  
**2nd Dragons 341 points**  
**3rd Phoenixes 310 points**  
**4th Centaurs 302 points**

# Presentation Award



This weeks presentation  
award goes to Thea in 2B

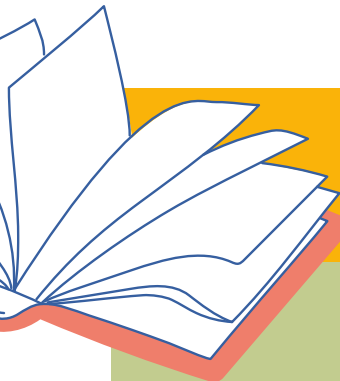


# Attendance

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**6B** who achieved  
**98.7%**

Whole school  
attendance was  
**93.8%**



## BOOK TOKENS

Remember to keep  
working on those  
book token points!

## REACHING GOLD!

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

Luna R1	Zaryab 1B	Liam 5B
Dexter R1	Paula 1B	Olivia 5B
Archie R1	Ismael 1B	Eliza 5B
Fletcher R1	Shannon 2A	Doahika 5B
Jude R2	Halimat 3A	Amelia Rose 6A
Sonny R2	Jimmy 3A	Mitchell 6A
Parker R2	Rhea 3A	Opey 6A
Callum R2	Jacob 3A	Brody 6A
Annie R2	Zoey 3A	Nitza 6A
Sofia 1A	Regi 3B	Sotonte 6A
Sara 1A	Isla 3B	Gurkeerat 6A
Mia 1A	Albie 3B	Stefania 6A
George 1A	Shriyah 3C	Ronnie 6A
Franky 1A	Olamide 3C	Lyla 6A
	Louis 5A	Hayden 6A
	Sarah 5A	Freddie 6A
	Charlie 5B	Yafeya 6A



## Achiever badges

Well done to...

**Eliza 5B**

for reaching gold 5 times  
and earning an achievers  
badge.



# Spring Term Dates



- **Thursday 4th January 2024 – Return to school**
- **Thursday 11th January – Year 5&6 Road Safety Workshop**
- **Thursday 11th January – Performing Arts trip to Matilda**
- **Monday 15th January – Choir singing at the O2**
- **Wednesday 17th January – 6B Safer Bus Travel in Romford town centre**
- **Tuesday 23rd January – Year 4 trip to the V&A museum**
- **Thursday 1st February – Online Safety Show**
- **Monday 12th February – Parent’s Evening**
- **Wednesday 14th February – Parent’s Evening**
- **Friday 16th February – Wear Green for Gardening Club donations.**
- **Friday 16th February – Break up for Half term**