

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

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Issue 2

### Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

A wonderful week even though we began, apparently, with 'Blue Monday'! Here are the highlights:

- The choir had an amazing trip to the O2 on Monday where they sang their hearts out as part of the biggest choir in London known as 'Young Voices'. Natalie Williams, the critically acclaimed jazz and soul singer/songwriter performed on the night. Our children were very excited about seeing her whilst our teachers were frantically googling her to find out who she was!!!! It was a really long day but the choice to journey by public transport instead of coach made a much shorter day than it would have been otherwise. What a wonderful experience for children to have. A big thank you to Mrs Millard, Ms Howard and Ms Batt who all helped to prepare the children and to Mrs Millard, Miss Millard, Ms Batt and Ms Clarke for taking the children on the day. Teachers and children were back at school by 10:45 pm and the following day, we allowed the children to have a later start in school (no such luxury for the teachers I'm afraid but they soldiered through none-the-less!!)
- 6B took to the streets of London to learn about safer travel. They travelled on a bus and encountered several 'set-up' scenarios to teach them how to behave should they ever find themselves in any similar circumstances once they are travelling on their own. It's a really important workshop for our Year 6 children who will soon be venturing out alone to travel to and from secondary school. It's always a bit of an eye-opener for us when we're struck by the reality of how ill-prepared our children often are because so few children travel by public transport these days.
- Thursday was a sleepy day and many children in EYFS didn't even bother getting dressed for school preferring, instead, to just roll up in their night-wear - even the teachers could be seen swanning around in their negligees PJs as they went about their daily routines - all part of immersing themselves in their starry night topic.



- Drawing club has been a huge hit with the children in EYFS. The Poddington Peas needed a new location to hide away from Creep Pea and Black-Eyed Pea. Fletcher (R1) drew a wonderful beach for the Poddington Peas' hideaway. Part of Drawing Club rules require the children to use a maths code in their daily writing which will initiate an action. At first, Fletcher chose 100 for his mathematical code which would create an electric forcefield once activated. But then he realised that he would need a higher number so he chose 1,000. He eagerly explained to Ms Goodwin that 1,000 was a 1 with three zeros. He went on to point out that if there was a 1,000 volt forcefield around the island, Creep Pea and Black-Eyed Pea will never get through the electric current! I'm wondering if Fletcher's mum is an electrician - what incredible knowledge for a 4 year old!!
- In 5A this week, they have been discussing the importance of being happy in your job/career versus how much money you earn. Well, in this day and age of 'influencers' and celebrity culture, it's no surprise that most of our children plump for wealth over job-satisfaction. However, Sarah (5A) proved to be the exception to the rule, writing, "A pay check is worth less than a smile"!
- Sarah (5A) seems to have an 'old soul' as my mother would say as she wrote a poem for Ms Howard this week thinking about how the loss of Ms Howard's father must have affected her. She wrote it from Ms Howard's point of view and I think it's worth sharing here - the level of empathy is extraordinary:

***His funny jokes, his comforting smile. I miss the way he used to like my style***

***He was such a cheerful person; with his constant happy modes***

***I hope he still knows that I love him loads!***

***His bright eyes, his brown hair -***

***We would binge-watch horror movies which always left me scared!***

***But we were all scared in 2010 - that year was such a shock;***

***I still wish I'd never heard that terrifying knock!***

- Finally, today, we were treated in assembly to one of the choir's songs that they sang at the O2 - it was a beautiful Korean ballad - sung with incredible soul. Well done to all the children who took part.
- And that brings us to the end of this week's newsletter. It just remains for me to wish you a happy weekend - snow is allowed as long as it's gone by Monday - wrap up warmly and enjoy the apricity (warmth of the winter sun on your face) and I leave you with this thought:

***"Winter sunlight is a warm, old soul,  
Spreading love in the bitter cold"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle





# LAST CHANCE!

Card & Envelope Recycle Bin  
will be collected on

**TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY**



# Stars of the Week

R1: Luna  
R2: Parker  
1A: Hugo  
1B: Paula  
2A: Ifraah  
2B: Rebecca  
3A: Reggie  
3B: Vanessa  
3C: Vivien  
4A: Ben  
4B: Keira  
5A: Alexander  
5B: Jacob  
6A: Lyla  
6B: Samuel

# Birthdays



Idrees R2  
Zaryab 1B  
Shannon 2A  
Madeline 3B  
Zahra 3C  
Mabel 4B  
Shakira 4B  
Darcie 5B  
Daisy-Bella 6B  
Ronnie 6A  
Alex A 6A

*We hope you had a great day!*

# House Points

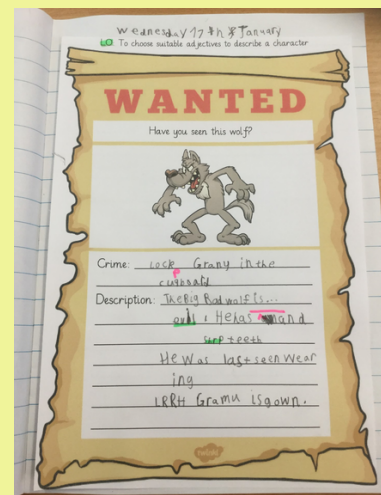


**1st Phoenixes 414 points**  
**2nd Centaurs 383 points**  
**3rd Dragons 343 points**  
**4th Griffins 329 points**

# Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Shayne in 1B

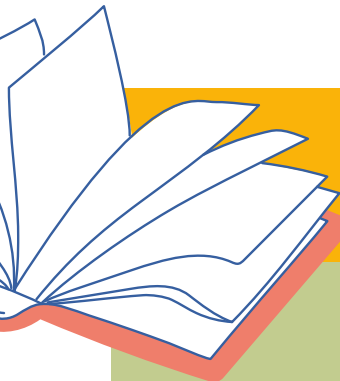


# Attendance

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**3C** who achieved  
**98.6%**

Whole school  
attendance was  
**95.1%**



## BOOK TOKENS

Remember to keep  
working on those  
book token points!

## REACHING GOLD!

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

Olivia R1	Logan 1A	Shriyah 3C
Matei R1	Albie 1B	Maxwell 3C
Nailaih R1	Nellie 1B	Elsie 3C
Mannat R2	Oliver G 1B	Daniel C.J 4A
Fola R2	Nate 1B	Arham 4A
Callum R2	Olivia 2A	Logan 4A
Zoe R2	Sidney 2B	Joanna 4A
Ariana R2	Mithran 2B	Fareedah 4A
Darius R2	Thea 2B	Hope 4A
Camila R2	Lorin 2B	Louie 4A
Harley R2	Harley 2B	Thomas 4B
Layla 1A	Rebecca 2B	Nicole 4B
Ruby 1A	James 2B	Daryna 5B
Evani 1A	Zoey 3A	Aya 5B
Dollie 1A	Ashwika 3A	Inara 5B
Isobel 1A	Joel 3A	Mason 5B
Leandro 1A	Mujtaba 3A	Tia 5B
Alice 1A	Harry 3B	Darcie 5B
Jamie 1A	Henry 3B	Zlata 5B
	Navaira 3B	



## Achiever badges

Well done to...

**Nicole 4B**

for reaching gold 5 times  
and earning an achievers  
badge.



# Spring Term Dates

- **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**
- **Monday 26th February - Return to school**
- **Thursday 29th February - Year 4 Music workshop**
- **Thursday 29th February - Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World**
- **Friday 1st March - Year 2 Music Workshop**
- **Monday 4th - Friday 8th March - Careers week**
- **Thursday 7th March - World Book day - dress up**
- **Friday 8th March - Mother's Day stalls**
- **Monday 11th March - Class photos**
- **Friday 15th March - Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle**
- **Monday 18th March - Stay and Learn Week**
- **Monday 25th March - PTA Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Tuesday 26th March - Year 4 Easter Play**
- **Wednesday 27th March - Year 5 trip to the British Museum**
- **Thursday 28th March - Easter Bonnet Parade**
- **Thursday 28th March - break up at 1:30 pm**