

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Issue 3

Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week. Here are the highlights:

- Last Monday, on the 15th January, World Religion Day was celebrated but we were unable to carry out some of our plans for that day owing to time so, this week, we began our look at religions followed by families in our community. This week, Mr Jarral came into school to talk to our Year 2 children about Islam and what the religion stands for. It may have been a little 'over their heads' but your children were polite and inquisitive. A big thank you to Mr Jarral for sharing his faith with us and why it's so important to him and his family. In the following weeks, we'll be inviting several members of our school families to come in and talk to the children about how their religion impacts their daily lives. Thank you in advance to all of you who have volunteered.
- On Wednesday, all your children will have had a couple of visitors in their classes watching part of their writing lessons. We have implemented a new handwriting style and we were keen to get into classes and see how the children were getting on with it. It's the continuous cursive style and it's beautiful. I can confirm that the children love it and are making incredible progress with it. Wait till you see their books on Parents' Evening - you'll be astounded!
- Ms Batt's class (4A) were treated to a visit from Mrs Boyes and myself for their writing lesson. My favourite moment of the year so far occurred when Miss Batt was asking children to spot 10 deliberate mistakes she had made in her writing. Knowing that the children's most prevalent mistake in their own writing was their lack of capital letters, Miss Batt deliberately littered *her* writing with lower case letters where there should have been capitals. As she worked through the text, she came to the 5th missing capital letter and a voice from the back of the class (Yaid) grumbled loudly, "Oh no, not this again!" Without skipping a beat, Miss Batt turned to the class and retorted, "Now you know how *I* feel!" I'm going to dine out on *that* anecdote for years!!!



- Y4 visited the Victoria & Albert Museum this week to study art in all its various forms. Now, I don't know if you've ever visited the V & A museum but it's what I would call one of the more 'high-brow' museums and, when you visit, there's a very hushed atmosphere. I'm pretty confident with the behaviour of our children now, that I can trust them to behave in a 'cultured' manner appropriate to the venue they're visiting but my concerns were heightened when (and I *know* you'll appreciate my fears when I tell you this), I discovered that our pupils would be studying an array of artistic statues celebrating the human form!!! Yep - I need the emoji with my hand on my forehead again!! Well, of course, I gave our pupils a little heads up and asked them to be really grown up and try to approach the statues and busts (no pun intended!) with a calm and mature attitude. And guess what? They actually did!! My pride knows no bounds - our children didn't giggle at the rude body bits!! On the educational side, the visit was a great success as part of their 'Ancient Art' topic but maybe we'll reassess the choice of venue for next year!!!
- The drawing (writing) club continues to delight in EYFS. This week Ashton (R1) was adamant that the biggest number *ever* would be created if he added 99 to a quadrillion but, when asked if he was certain about that, he hesitated for a moment before stating, "Just let me go home and check with my dad!"
- R2, on the other hand, were set the task of designing a disguise for the Big Bad Wolf. Musa suggested 'headphones' to hide his big ears, Jude suggested 'gloves' to conceal his sharp claws while Parker demonstrated how wearing a scarf could camouflage his big teeth and long nose. The biggest problem was how to hide the wolf's tail. The whole class was stumped until Zoe piped up, "Erm, Mrs Swain, I know what we can do." Everyone turned to Zoe who confidently declared, "Just don't *draw* the tail - then we won't have to hide it!" Genius idea !!!!
- And that brings us to the end of this week's newsletter. It just remains for me to wish you a happy weekend - Saturday is Chocolate Cake Day and Sunday is International Lego Day - that sounds like *my* kind of weekend!! And I leave you with this thought:

"Every day may not be good... but there's something good in every day."

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Do you know that **Minecraft, Roblox and Fortnite** are not as safe as you might think? Do you know by restricting the 'chat' in games, this does not stop your child talking to other people?

Do you know that having the wrong settings on your Social media apps can expose your young person to grooming or put them at risk from Bullying?

Do you know how **gang culture** and **radicalisation** online affects your child?

Do you know that **self-generated images** are now common among children in Primary School Years across the county?

Do you know what **media sources** your child forms their opinions from?

Do you know how to keep your child safe and show them the wonders of our digital world?



'The 2 Johns' will open your eyes to a world we, as adults, didn't grow up in. Your child is growing up within and into this digital age.

Please save the date to attend this crucial parent support event.

Thursday 1st February 2024

At 6pm

Spaces are limited please email nharding@harrowlodgeprimary.com to reserve your space or contact the school office on 01708 448187.

Stars of the Week

- R1: Matei
- R2: Jude
- 1A: Leandro
- 1B: Kai
- 2A: Lenny
- 2B: Brian
- 3A: Harper
- 3B: Mason
- 3C: Oyintade
- 4A: Fayeq
- 4B: Tyler
- 5A: Louis
- 5B: Gedis
- 6A: Sotonte
- 6B: Leo

Birthdays



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| Aarish R1 | Dima 3B |
| Isa R2 | Harrison 4B |
| Zahran 1A | Cody 4B |
| Kevin 2A | Jesie 6B |
| Roger 3B | Bonnie 6A |

We hope you had a great day!

House Points

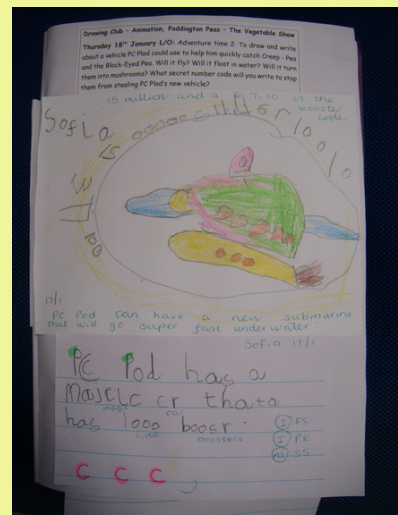


- 1st Phoenixes 478 points**
- 2nd Griffins 470 points**
- 3rd Dragons 460 points**
- 4th Centaurs 451 points**

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Sofia in R1



Attendance

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

5B who achieved

100% 

Whole school
attendance was

93.8%



REACHING GOLD!

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

Ashton R1	Francesca 1A	Daria 4B
Tashim R1	Charlie 1A	Adelaide 4B
Bella R1	Asad 1A	Savelly 4B
Vinnie R1	Nyla 1A	Roan 5A
Arisha R1	Deivid 1A	Zariana 5A
Chloe R1	Halimat 3A	Idris 5A
Henry R1	Joshua 3A	Ilinca 5B
Emily R1	Rhea 3A	Alex 5B
Annie R2	Ashwika 3A	Ariana 5B
Darius R2	Vanessa 3B	Ela 5B
Mannat R2	Harry 3B	Osna 5B
Cleo R2	Henry 3B	Jacob 5B
Vadim R2	Regi 3B	Gurkeerat 6A
Isa R2	Ajar 3C	Iyaz 6A
Ayaan 1B	Olamide 3C	Lily-May 6A
Nellie 1B	David 3C	Nathan 6A
Zaryab 1B	Zahra 3C	Samuel 6B
Abid 1B	Kira 3C	Reuben 6B
Kaiyaan 1B	Azaan 3C	Maaz 6B
Majus 1A	Naksh 3C	Logan J 6B
	Amber 4B	Lilli-Mae 6B
	Sofia 4B	Fatjona 6B
		Frank 6B



BOOK TOKENS

Congratulations to...

Kara 3B
Temi 5A
Lemaine 5A
Aya 5B

for earning your
reading token this
week!

Achiever badges

Well done to...

Darius R2
Harry 3B

for reaching gold 5 times
and earning an achievers
badge.



Congratulations!



Spring Term Dates

- **Thursday 1st February - Online Safety Shows for children & Parent workshop @ 6:00 pm**
- **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**