

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the week that we celebrated International Happiness Day, we carried out a lot of learning. Here are the highlights:

- This week, we welcomed all parents in to join their children in the classroom for a morning's lesson. This term, we tried to be more organised by asking teachers to give us their list of parent visitors so we could ensure there was no overcrowding. The plan was flawless, the execution.....not so much!!! There were a few 'teething problems' shall we say so that, when I went outside to do my 'town-crier' bit, a few parents were left unaccounted for whilst others were nowhere to be seen! I'd like to say it got better as we went through the week but, quite frankly, it didn't!! So, back to the drawing board for system processes, I think. On the plus side, your feedback regarding the lessons you joined was amazing. Thank you so much for completing those forms. I'm going to let you into a little secret....our teachers don't really like 'Stay & Learn' very much (except those who, like myself, are frustrated actors!) It's like being on stage playing the lead role when you just want to be an 'extra' and get on with the job in hand without anyone really noticing you! So, I'm really grateful to the teachers and support staff for agreeing to invite an audience into their work-place and your feedback slips make it worthwhile. It's nice to see how many of you appreciate getting an insight into your child's daily diet and many of you with younger children expressed your gratitude at being able to learn how to help your little ones with their reading and writing at home.
- It was Spanish Challenge week this week! Did any of your children use 'por favor' or 'gracias' at home? That was the challenge. Please and Thank you in Spanish all week. I have to say, I haven't heard *anyone* saying it! Usually, I get children running up to me babbling away in Spanish to prove they've met the challenge - not sure what happened this week!
- Our Book Fair also arrived this week so I expect you've been badgered for books - sorry but reading *is* the most important life-skill for your child to master if they want to be successful so the more encouragement they get to read, the better! There are some fantastic books on offer - I have to keep away from the fair because, otherwise, I would clear the shelves! I LOVE books!!



- On Monday, we had a Science Workshop Day in which every class was able to learn about the very real nature of air. Industrial air-blowers, balloons, candles, water, cups, bubbles and general excitement was very much a part of every workshop! Children learnt that air has substance and, when directed accordingly, can be very powerful! Ms Francis and Miss B both had their hair blown into new hairstyles whilst Kyle (4A) was able to bounce a bubble on his hand 12 times without it popping! The scientist leading the workshops was a stereotypical 'mad-scientist' who spoke '19 to the dozen' and whipped the children up into a scientific frenzy!! It was an excellent workshop with great learning taking place.
- On Wednesday, Year 1 stepped back in time to the 1800s to experience a day in the life of a Victorian child (at *school* not up the chimney!!) Everyone, including the staff, dressed in Victorian attire with a range of characters appearing from Little Lord Fauntleroy to ragged street orphans but *all* experienced a day in a Victorian school. We merely *showed* the cane and Dunce's hat since actually *using* them might just have brought our good name into question!!! It was a fantastic day in which children experienced sitting in rows, writing on slates, working in absolute silence (remind me again why we moved away from this form of teaching?????) 😂 and chanting times-tables! I heard the loudest rendition of 'In and out the dusty blue-bells' whilst children weaved in and out of one another, emulating one of the popular playground games of the Victorian era. Next week, you'll get a chance to hear everything they've learned about school life in the past when you come to see Year 1's Assembly. What a treat you have in store!
- This week, EYFS have been on several bear hunts. Now, I don't know if any bears have actually been *caught* but EYFS have certainly learnt a lot about them! Not only that but they've been learning all sorts of bear-related activities including songs and dances! Miss Seldan brought in a karaoke machine and the children have been entertaining one another by singing the Teddy Bears' Picnic song through the machine! There's been a mixture of responses to the karaoke machine - most controversial being the volume control!! When you get a resident from the bottom of Rainsford Way asking you to turn the music down, you know you may have given the children a little too much independence on the matter!!
- We also received the proofs of our class photos this week and we simply LOVE them! What a creative and unusual way to present a class photo! You will have received them now and can order with your reference number. Don't miss the deadline, though, because once that's gone, the ordering door is well and truly closed! That's the photograph company policy (not ours!)
- Another Fire Drill this week just proves that we keep on getting better and better! 3 minutes and all children and staff were clear of the burning building - it was a raging success! Although.....for the first time, there was a little bit of talking and a little bit of running - the children assured me they would rectify that next time!



- A special mention must go to the Willow Class children who made it out to the playground in record time - well done Zahran 1A, Zayyan 3B, Mesh 2B, Seb 2B and Yaseen 2A. What a great achievement!
- After the fire drill, I popped in to see EYFS to make sure there were no traumatised children. On entering the setting, I was greeted by Parker popping out of the laundry basket - he told me he'd been a little bit frightened by the fire alarm but he was alright now (he didn't explain what he'd been doing in the laundry basket!) I spent the next 20 minutes playing with the new lego board that's been set up on the wall in the EYFS setting. A big thank you to Mr Agius for giving up their time to measure, drill and glue and present our little ones with a great way to improve their fine motor skills and hone their imaginations!!
- I was also presented with 2 delicious teddy bear biscuits which had been hand-made for me by Kendall. That's *me* sorted for elevenses tomorrow!
- Last week's red-nose non-uniform day raised £191.63! Thank you all so much.
- Today, we held another non-uniform day - this time, you could dress in non-uniform in exchange for a chocolate egg!! What a great idea - all the eggs will be placed in a fancy hamper which will be raffled off next Thursday after the Easter Bonnet Parade. One lucky winner won't have to buy chocolate for a year or more!!!
- We've suffered another broken hand-drier in the infant toilets - not sure we'll be using this company to fit out any more of our toilets!!
- And that brings us to the end of a pretty busy week compared to last week's. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***“It's not what you gather but what you scatter that tells
what kind of life you have lived.”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Stars of the Week

- R1: Arisha
- R2: Sonny
- 1A: Francesca
- 1B: Alice
- 2A: Diyan
- 2B: Sidney
- 3A: Grace
- 3B: Dima
- 3C: Kira
- 4A: Penelope
- 4B: Riaadh
- 5A: Oscar
- 5B: Ela
- 6A: Isabella
- 6B: Feroz

Birthdays



- Paisley 2B
- Aria 2B
- Maddison 2A
- Fayeq 4A
- Savelly 4B
- Adelaide 4B

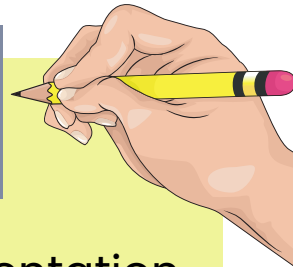
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a great day!

House Points

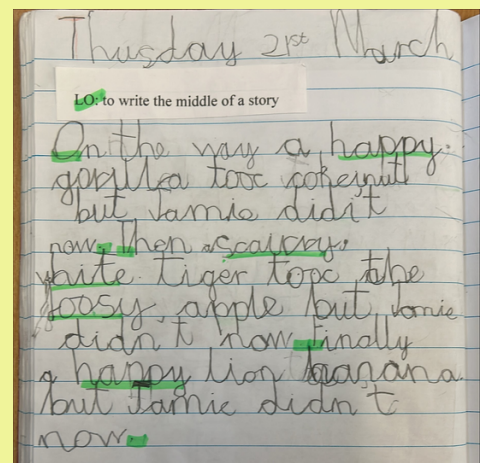


- 1st **Centaur** 501 points
- 2nd **Dragon** 499 points
- 3rd **Griffin** 486 points
- 4th **Phoenix** 482 points

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation
award goes to Jamie in
1A

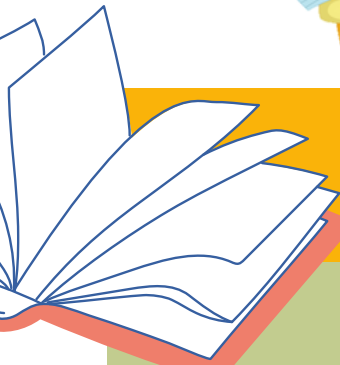


Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to...

4A who achieved **99.3%**

Whole school attendance was **95.6%**



BOOK TOKENS

Congratulation to

Alice D 1A
George 1A
Vinyx 3B

for earning your reading token this week!

Congratulations!

REACHING GOLD!



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

James R1	Lauren 1A	Seb 2B	Amanda 5A
Denzel R1	Leandro 1A	Thea 2B	Oscar 5A
Sage R1	Kevin 1A	Shiloh 2B	Muhammad 5B
Vinnie R1	Maia 1A	Kasey 2B	Daryna 5B
Arisha R1	Franky 1A	Aria 2B	Kyla 5B
Aarish R1	Jamie 1A	Alice 2B	Ariana 5B
Sofia R1	George 1A	Fikayo 3A	Ela 5B
Nectari R1	Raahim 1A	Musa 3A	Aya 5B
Charles R1	Zahran 1A	Jenson 3A	Olivia 5B
Emily R1	Kaiyaan 1B	Aadam 3B	Alex 5B
Matei R1	Kai 1B	Kara 3B	Jack 5B
Ada R1	Albie 1B	Albie 3B	Pavel 6A
Aidan R1	Alicia 1B	Regi 3B	Stefania 6A
Ameer R1	Alice 1B	Roan 3B	Nathan 6A
Kendall R1	Paula 1B	Zayyan 3B	Amelia Rose 6A
Camilla R2	Henry 1B	David 3C	Nitza 6A
Idrees R2	Oliver G 1B	Maxwell 3C	Bonnie 6A
Harley R2	Oliver M 1B	Marco 3C	
Hallie R2	Yaseen 2A	Ayanah 3C	
Hurmat R2	Dalia 2A	Zahra 3C	
Mannat R2	Elizabeth 2A	Gold 3C	
Michael R2	Aisha 2A	Thomas 4B	
Zoe R2	Mesh 2B	James 5A	

Achiever badges

Well done to...

James R1	Kevin 1A
Denzel R1	George 1A
Sofia R1	Oliver M 1B
Charles R1	Dalia 2A
Matei R1	Zahra 3C
Camilla R2	Fareedah 4A
Idrees R2	Amanda 5A
Harley r2	Kyla 5B
Hallie R2	Nathan 6A
Leandro 1A	Bonnie 6A

for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achievers badge.



Spring Term Dates

- **Monday 25th March – PTA Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Tuesday 26th March – Year 4 Easter Play @ 9:15 or 2:30**
- **Wednesday 27th March – Year 5 trip to the British Museum**
- **Thursday 28th March – Easter Bonnet Parade @ 9:15 am**
- **Thursday 28th March – break up @ 1:30 pm**
- **Monday 15th April – Return to school**