

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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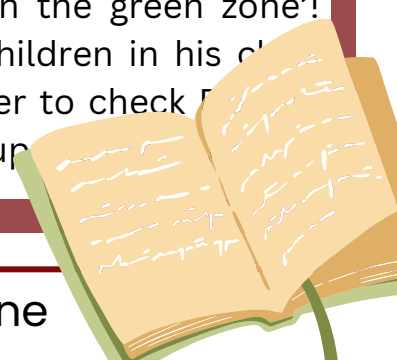
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Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the spring term. And it's been a wonderful final week. Here are the highlights:

- We started the week with a full-blown Easter Egg Hunt. Children and bunnies were hopping around the school site here, there and everywhere and the smell of chocolate pervaded the air. Every child was successful and went home a little bit sweeter than when they arrived!
- On Tuesday, Y4 shared the Easter story with us through a play called 'The Tale of the Three Trees'. It was a resounding success! Every single child acted and sang their hearts out and, in true 'school production' style, a last minute replacement for 'Jesus' was needed when the original actor went home sick at lunchtime and, *mid-song*, another child lost a tooth!! But the show went on regardless! I was really proud of them!
- Wednesday was a busy day - Y5 took a trip to the British Museum and were in awe of the artefacts on display as they learnt about life in Ancient Greece. I had only good reports about the children's behaviour which is common-place now and makes me so proud. Liam (5B) thought he'd lost the group at one point (he hadn't - they were right beside him!!) so he followed his parents' instructions and found a staff member to tell them he had lost his group. Slight embarrassment when he then noticed he was standing right beside them! However, what a star, carrying out the correct procedure and finding a safe person to speak to. Well done Liam - a gold star to *you*!
- This week, we held our first Doodle Maths Ambassadors' meeting and it was really positive. The Ambassadors are tasked with promoting the consistent practice of Doodle Maths in their own class so that all children stay 'in the green zone'! George (1A) said he'd made his own certificates to give to children in his class when they reached the green zone and he reminds his teacher to check for Doodle Maths on a daily basis! Bet his teacher loves that!!! But keep it up!



- George - you need your class to get to the top of that leader board. James (2B) thought George's certificate idea was great and said he was going to do the same thing! Fareedah (4A) said that she was thinking about giving all the children in *her* class a fancy card which would be taken away if they dropped out of the green zone! Nathan (6A) shared with the rest of the Ambassadors that, in Year 6, their maths test scores went up when they did their Doodle Maths practice at home every day. All the other Ambassadors were really impressed with this and felt that this was an important message to spread to all the children in the school and agreed to do this in their classes. Well, that really *was* a positive first meeting! Thank you, Mrs Matharu, for organising these meetings (and don't think I didn't notice the sneaky biscuits you provided for the ambassadors!!)
- This week, we talked a lot about inclusion, diversity and anti-racism and our children were inspired to create posters sending the message that it's what's on the inside that matters. Luna (R1) wrote on her poster, "It's not nice to judge someone on how they look. All that matters in our big, wide world is to be kind to each other." Out of the mouths of babes.....!
- On Wednesday, Y1 treated us to a wonderful assembly all about Victorian Times. The children were so good and presented their information very professionally. However, I sort of got the feeling that they'd never really listened to each other before the presentation because, at one point, when we were being told how Queen Victoria gave birth to 9 children, Majus (1A) exclaimed, in a very loud aside, "Good God!" Out of the mouths of babes.....!
- Y3 have had the time of their lives this week making models with moving parts and then applying that learning to make a model Roman Town! There are no words to describe the beauty of these model towns and the children have just adored working on them. See the picture of 3A's town below with moving fountain and arena!!
- And, finally, we were so lucky with the weather today as the sun shone for our Easter Bonnet Parade. There was literally a 2-hour window without rain and it happened to fall right at the time of our parade. See the winning bonnets below but well done to everyone for such efforts - especially the edible hat (now *that's* creative!)
- We had a guest of honour join us for today's parade in the guise of Alf the Lollipop Man who was, as you know, made redundant by the council and his last day was today! We presented Alf with lots of cards and gifts and the children showered him with affection. And we welcomed the BBC as well who were filming a human interest story on Alf and his rather sad exit from the role of lollipop man! Thank you to the staff, parents and children who agreed to be interviewed about Alf by the television. It should be aired tonight at 6:30 pm on BBC London so tune in to see Alf's story.

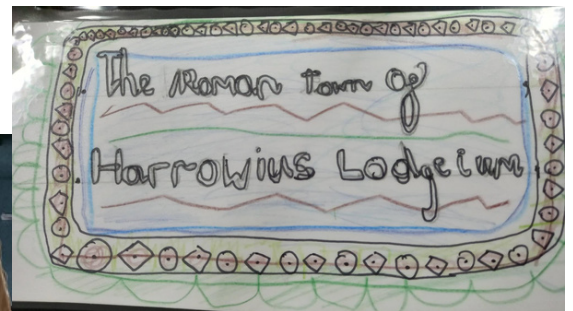


- So that's it for another term - we end yet again on a rainy day but it's been such a lovely week. Thank you for all your kind gifts and good wishes for the holidays. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful Easter break full of fine weather (well, a girl can dream can't she?) and fine chocolate and I leave you with this thought:

“Easter is the only time of the year when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket!”

Kind regards and best wishes,

A Pearce



Easter Bonnet Winners



Fletcher R1



Annie R2



Evani 1A



Evangeline 1B



Elliot 2A



Aria 2B



Jessica 3A



Mujtaba Willow



Dima 3B



Oscar 3C



Maya 4A



Henry 4B



Daisy-Leigh 5A



Zlata 5B



Pavel 6A



David 6B

Summer Term Dates

- **Monday 15th April - Return to school**
- **Tuesday 23rd April - Year 3 St George's Day assembly**
- **Thursday 2nd May - Polling Day - school closed**
- **Friday 3rd May - 5A Basildon farm trip**
- **Monday 6th May - Bank holiday**
- **Friday 10th May - 5B Basildon farm trip**
- **Monday 13th May - Year 6 SATs week**
- **Monday 20th May - Year 3 trip to the Tate Modern**
- **Wednesday 22nd May - National Numeracy Day**
- **Friday 24th May - Music showcase**
- **Monday 3rd June - Year 4 Multiplication Check week**
- **Thursday 6th June - 6A trip to Hornchurch Aerodrome Museum**
- **Friday 7th June - 6B trip to Hornchurch Aerodrome Museum**
- **Monday 10th June - Stay and Learn week**
- **Monday 10th June - Year 1 Phonic screening week**
- **Friday 14th June - Father's Day stalls**
- **Thursday 27th June - EYFS trip to BarleyLands Farm**
- **Tuesday 9th July - Open evening**
- **Friday 12th July - Sports Day**
- **Wednesday 17th July - House winner water fight**
- **Friday 19th July - Break up for summer at 1:30 pm**