

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

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### Weekly News

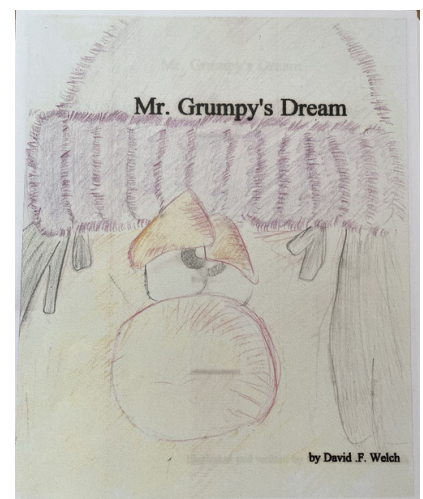
Dear Parents and Carers,

An exciting week of books, careers and a celebration of mothers! Here are the highlights:

- This week all classes had an opportunity to think about the jobs held traditionally by men or women. Children were asked to draw a childcare worker and an engineer prior to the lesson and I'm sure you won't be surprised to hear that the majority of children drew a female childcare worker and a male engineer!! They then followed a lesson in which they met a male childcare worker. Our children asked him some very astute questions about his role but, by the end of the lesson, none of the children had changed their minds about gender-bias for specific careers. They all felt it was important that girls should be engineers and boys should take jobs in the childcare sector but none of them wanted to be the ones to 'buck the trend'!!
- 2A enjoyed a Zoom lesson learning about a variety of careers. They found the marine biologist the most interesting and some children (both boys and girls) said they would like to do that job or work with animals in the future.
- EYFS had visits from an undertaker, a police officer and a hairdresser (sounds like a bad joke's about to follow!!) Their generous sharing of their professions with the children was inspirational, encouraging the children to ponder their future careers beyond school. There was genuine excitement as the children were convinced that Dexter's dad (undertaker) possessed magical abilities, with his top hat sparking imaginings of a possible white rabbit appearance - they were convinced he was a magician! Henry's dad (policeman) arrested Mrs Cole (one of our school governors) for disorderly conduct! And Dexter's mum (hairdresser) treated Mrs Delaney for headlice! What a day!!
- Y5 learnt about careers based in the Book industry. They learnt about the skills needed to be an editor and a marketing manager as well as learning about a whole host of careers they'd never come across before.



- Year 3 took part in a STEM zoom having already discussed jobs they might find interesting when they grow up. At the moment a few children like the idea of being a journalist, having started writing a Newspaper Report about Pompeii in their Writing lessons!
- Next week is Science Week but a few classes started some of their science activities early and took part in some interesting Zoom workshops to do with time-keeping for insects (insert your own joke about poor punctuality here!). Year 3 had made some amazing Giacometti sculptures (foil covered) last week and, this week, the children discovered they could make the sculptures move without any contact by using the magnetic field of a magnet. The most interesting discovery for them, though, was when they realised that the foil wasn't magnetic so it was the steel wire frame under the foil that was reacting to the magnet!! There's got to be some kind of application to real-life in that discovery!!
- And, of course, it was World Book Day on Thursday and, boy, was that fun! The costumes were amazing as always but the excitement about books was just palpable. The PTA organised a book sale where children could buy donated books for a pound. Children were thrilled with their purchases and the PTA made £300 to add their Air-conditioning fund. Thank you so much for all your donations - it makes such a difference to children. A big thank you to Ms Lawson, Laura, Yulia, Jo and Rida who helped set out all the hundreds of books and helped the running of the sale throughout the day.
- A variety of book related competitions took place this week including original book covers and each class received a prize for their winning entry. In amidst all the excitement and zoom workshops about being authors etc, Mr Welch (our much-revered site manager) dropped a little nugget on my desk - it was an original copy of a book he'd written when he was about 14 years old - complete with self-drawn illustrations! It was a story for children about a 'Mr Grumpy'. I asked Mr Welch if it was an autobiography but he scowled and left the room - hmmm...did that answer my question, I wonder? The book is really good actually and I intend to share it with some of the children as I know they'll enjoy it!



- 3C spent time discussing their favourite books and explaining why they loved them. There was an interesting debate as to whether they preferred the book version or film version of some of their favourite stories. Maxwell from America brought in both the British version of Harry Potter and the American version and they compared the differences and discussed why those changes were made for an American audience.





- This week, we have assigned Class Doodle Maths Ambassadors who will have the responsibility of encouraging their class to be at the top of the Leader Board each week for Doodle Maths. Watch out! Here comes the strong arm of the law!!

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
A	James C	George	Aarshy	Halimat	Fareedah	Louis	Nathan
B	Camilla	Aaron	James	Navaira	Diana	Jack	Maaz
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- And, today, children made a secret trip to the KS1 hall where they bought little treats for the most important people in the world - I say no more than that because I don't want to spoil any surprises!! But I can also tell you that there's been a frenzy of card-making throughout the week as children have been preparing to shower their mums with love and heartfelt messages this weekend.
- And that brings us to the end of this week's newsletter. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend full of flowers, chocolates and breakfast in bed!! And I leave you with this thought:

**“The backbone of a mother  
is the strongest,  
yet most pliable of them all;  
To bend over backward and still  
be a pillar - some call it magic!”**

With kind regards and best wishes,  
Mrs Searle



The office would like to be declared the winners of World Book Day with their Naughty Crayons outfits. I tried to explain that there *were* no winners of WBD but it fell on deaf ears. So may I present the ‘winners’ of WBD!



# Stars of the Week

- R1: Fletcher
- R2: Ariana
- 1A: Jamie
- 1B: Kaiyaan
- 2A: Luke
- 2B: Chloe
- 3A: Shemuel
- 3B: Vinyx
- 3C: David
- 4A: Kyle
- 4B: Freddie
- 5A: Zariana
- 5B: Olobo
- 6A: Luca
- 6B: Mollie-Mae

# Birthdays



- Mason 3A
- Omari 4A
- Doahika 5B
- Luca 6A

We hope you had a great day!

# House Points

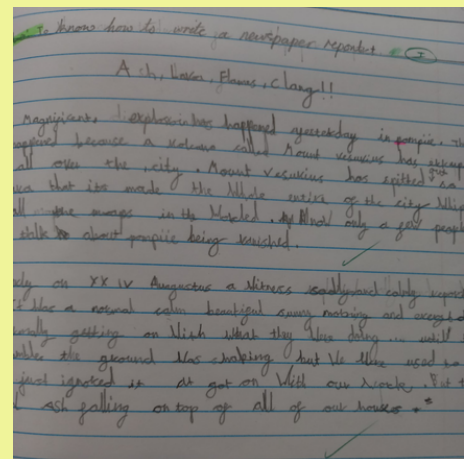


- 1st **Dragons** 472 points
- 2nd **Phoenixes** 469 points
- 3rd **Griffins** 409 points
- 4th **Centaur**s 387 points

# Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Aleeha in 3A



# Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to...  
**6A** who achieved **100%**  
Whole school attendance was **95.6%**



## BOOK TOKENS

Remember to keep working towards your book tokens!

**Congratulations!**

# REACHING GOLD!

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

Henry R1  
Luna R1  
Sophia R1  
Arisha R1  
Hudson R1  
Ameila R1  
Denzel R1  
Bella R1  
Olivia R1  
Sage R1  
Ada R1  
Danileus R1  
Aarish R1  
Vadim R2  
Lexi R2  
Cleo R2  
Kaylan R2  
Isa R2  
Layla R2  
Wilayate R2

Kevin 1A  
Jayden 1A  
Alice 1A  
Logan 1A  
Maia 1A  
Alayna 1B  
Ella 1B  
Affan 1B  
Kai 1B  
Jessica 1B  
Alice 1B  
Shayne 1B  
Evangeline 1B  
Albie 1B  
Grace 3A  
Adam 3A  
Emily 3B  
Henry 3B  
Aadam 3B  
Mahilan 3B  
Jibreel 3C  
Zahra 3C

Ola 3C  
Kimberley 3C  
Mustafa 3C  
David 3C  
Ayanah 3C  
Oyintade 3C  
Ajar 3C  
Marco 3C  
Promesse 3C  
Oscar 3C  
Shakira 4B  
Shayan 4B  
Thomas 4B  
Taha 4B  
Mia 4B  
Oscar 5A  
Daisy 5A  
Liam 5B  
Gedis 5B  
Darcie 5B  
Arjun 5B  
Doahika 5B  
Olobo 5B

Oscar 6A  
Sotonte 6A  
Ronnie 6A  
Brody 6A  
Lyla 6A  
Isabella 6A  
Nitza 6A  
Amelia Rose 6A  
Lily May 6A  
Bonnie 6A  
Alex A 6A  
Gurkeerat 6A  
Iyaz 6A  
Stefania 6A  
Amelia P 6A  
Opey 6A  
Tymofii 6A  
BJ 6B  
Isla 6B  
Maria 6B  
Mollie-Mae 6B

## Achiever badges

Well done to...

**Luna R1**  
**Hudson R1**  
**Cleo R2**  
**Isa R2**  
**Logan 1A**  
**Albie 1B**

**Alice 1B**  
**Henry 3B**  
**David 3C**  
**Sotonte 6A**  
**Lily-May 6A**  
**Brody 6A**

for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achievers badge.



# Spring Term Dates

- **Monday 11th March – Class photos**
- **Tuesday 12th March – 3C trip to Colchester Castle**
- **Friday 15th March – 3A & 3B trip to Colchester Castle**
- **Monday 18th March – Stay and Learn Week**
- **Monday 18th March – Science week workshops all day**
- **Wednesday 20th March – Year 1 Victorian Day**
- **Wednesday 20th March – Book Fair Arriving**
- **Friday 22nd March – Non-Uniform – Bring an Easter Egg donation**
- **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**