

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

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Issue 1

### Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the summer term, arguably the most pleasant term of the year since the sunshine tends to bring a smile to everyone's face! Let's hope we see plenty of it this term!! Here are this week's highlights:



- We began the week with a Spanish Day so we were all greeting one another in Spanish. I even had a collective 'Buenos días' from R2 who were really getting into the spirit of things by designing and making a Flamenco Dress. I asked Ms Swayne to model the finished product but she politely declined on the grounds that she didn't want to traumatise the children!! She could have lent it to Miss B whose year group (Y2) were learning to dance to Spanish music. Year 3 were the main suspects as an intense aroma of garlic permeated the entire school! They were making and sampling Spanish Tapas which went down a treat, actually, despite many professing to have an aversion to garlic! All in all, it was a very informative Spanish Day!
- Sticking with the foreign language theme, I had a visit from our Language Ambassadors this week who told me that they intended to make some instructional videos for classes to learn a little bit about other languages. They told me that they were going to start with Romanian because we have a high proportion of Romanian children in our school. Then, week by week, they will tackle all the different languages that are spoken in our school by children. So, watch this space and be prepared for 35 different languages to come alive in your homes!!
- On Monday, we celebrated all the children who had a 100% attendance record for the spring term as well as those whose attendance was 96% or above for the spring term. It was a lovely celebration and so many children were rewarded - it was a real treat! Some children now have an autumn badge *and* a spring badge so we're looking at exquisite silver and gold badges for anyone who gets 100% over all 3 terms!

- On Wednesday, Year 2 were looking rather sad and, when I questioned them about their sad faces, they said they wanted to help the Rang Tans! It turns out that they listened to an author, James Sellick, read his book to them - 'There's a Rang-Tan in my bedroom' - and he explained to them how the orangutans are losing their habitats so that trees can be cut down for their palm oil. The story was very moving and you could tell that the children were really touched by it. Do please talk to them about their experience and understanding of conservation and, if you go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQQXstNh45g> you can watch the animated version of the storybook to share with them.
- Y5 have started two GOAL programs this week - one is Game Of Actual Life in which students learn how to open a bank account and balance their finances and one is a Mental Health Champions Program in which the children are training to be mental health champions. Both programs are exceptionally good and the children are thoroughly enjoying them.
- We had our annual Read Write Inc Development Day this week in which an instructor from the phonics program comes into school to watch how we're running the program and advises us on ways to improve it. It's always a very intense day but one which has huge impact.
- There's been an incredible start to the term in EYFS! Mrs Swain and her family dedicated their time over the Easter break to enhance the garden area. Their hard work has truly elevated the EYFS department to new heights! After the two-week holiday, the children were overjoyed to discover their newest additions: three fish in a beautiful new fish pond, two guinea pigs lovingly named Sulley and Joey, and two quails. Miss Noe lent them her Guinea Pigs to observe and learn how to look after as pets (the children love them already) and she also bought the fish to start the fish pond off. Miss Noe came in almost every day also. She was painting fences, cleaning, ~~moaning~~, sweeping and being a general, all-round handy-woman! The Agius family also donated time and money helping to improve the EYFS garden area. So a massive team effort all round. A huge thank you to all staff and parents for their immeasurable assistance.
- However, the fish and quails can't be left unnamed! So, parents, the challenge is now yours. Who can come up with three fantastic names for the fish and two wonderful names for the quails? Please share your suggestions on Seesaw for EYFS.
- And that brings us to the end of the first week's newsletter. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***“To make a difference in someone’s life, you don’t have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



# Stars of the Week

R1: Sage  
R2: Camilla  
1A: Lauren  
1B: Vivaan  
2A: Teddy James  
2B: Ellie  
3A: Polly  
3B: Teddy  
3C: Jibreel  
4A: David A  
4B: Wendell  
5A: Al-Ihsan  
5B: Tia  
6A: Opey  
6B: Jessie

# Birthdays



Henry R1	George 2A	Ali 4A
Dexter R1	Joseph 2B	Feryal 4A
Olivia R1	Ardion 2B	Diana 4B
Chloe R1	Harper 3A	Leni-Rae 5A
Meltem R2	Fikayomi 3A	Opeyemi 6A
Ariana R2	Aleeha 3A	Amelia P 6A
Evani 1A	Adam 3A	Stanley 6B
Dion 1B	Ayanah 3C	Dolcie 6B
Kai 1B	Oyintade 3C	Leo 6B
Jessica 1B		

*We hope you had a great day!*

# House Points

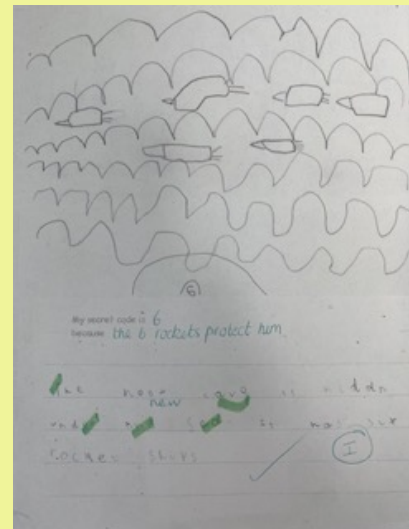


**1st Phoenixes 399 points**  
**2nd Griffins 381 points**  
**3rd Centaurs 346 points**  
**4th Dragons 341 points**

# Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Sofia in R1

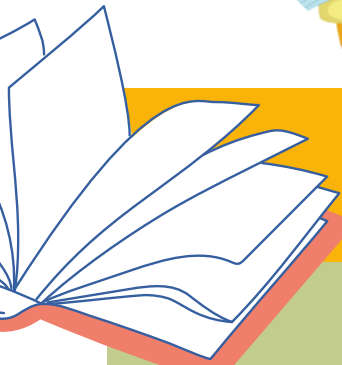


# Attendance

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**5B** who achieved  
**98.7%**

Whole school  
attendance was  
**94.7%**



## BOOK TOKENS

Congratulation to .....

**Halimat 3A**  
**Jessica 3A**  
**Adelaide 4B**

for earning your  
reading token this  
week!

**Congratulations!**

# REACHING GOLD!



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

Aidan R1	Ruby 1A	Aleeha 3A
Vinnie R1	Jamie 1A	Vanessa 3B
Sage R1	Nyla 1A	Mahilan 3B
Nectari R1	Francesca 1A	Emma 3B
Arisha R1	Karley 1B	Seth 3B
Olivia R1	Nate 1B	Promesse 3C
Luna R1	Aaron 1B	Oscar 3C
Chloe R1	Shayne 1B	Sinachi 3C
Danilius R1	Zayna 1B	Jibreel 3C
Matei R1	Darcy 1B	Elsie 3C
Ada R1	Jessica 1B	Mustafa 3C
Sofia R1	Abid 1B	Daisy 5A
Kendall R1	Aria 2B	Boe 5A
Camilla R2	Grace 2B	Kyla 5B
Parker R2	Serena 2B	Tiye 5B
Sonny R2	Khaleelah 3A	Jacob 5B
Vadim R2	Joel 3A	Ela 5B
Jude R2	Joshua 3A	Alex 5B
Folu R2	Rhea 3A	Tymofii 6A
Darius R2	Halimat 3A	Oscar 6A
Lexi R2	Judah 3A	Mollie 6B
Riley 1A	Jenson 3A	BJ 6B
	Aibinu 3A	Zara 6B

## Achiever badges

Well done to...

<b>Olivia R1</b>	<b>Oscar 3C</b>
<b>Abid 1B</b>	<b>Alex 5B</b>
<b>Aaron 1B</b>	<b>Ela 5B</b>
<b>Karley 1B</b>	<b>Tiye 5B</b>
<b>Judah 3A</b>	<b>Oscar 6A</b>
<b>Mahilan 3B</b>	

for reaching gold 5 times  
and earning an  
achievers badge.





# Spring Term Dates

- **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**
- **Wednesday 5th June - Year 1 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo**
- **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**