

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Issue 3

Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've finally left rainy April behind and entered the springy month of May. Here are the highlights:

- This week, we started auditions for our Music Showcase. It was a slow start as usual with children putting their names down to audition and then not having a clue why they'd been called so, when I did my Simon Cowel bit and asked, "What will you be doing for us today?", I was met with a confused face crossed with terror as the realisation dawned on them that they were expected to perform something for us!! On the plus side, some of the auditions were amazing so all was not lost.
- R1 were busy conducting balloon experiments this week discovering that only sharp objects could penetrate the balloon. Unfortunately for Mrs Delaney, *she* was the guinea pig who had to test the theory!
- I had several visits from EYFS this week actually as they start to really develop with their reading, writing and maths at this time of the year and they're desperate to share their achievements with me!
- Mrs Ellis is doing a sterling job getting her gardeners in the gardening club to plant the front flower bed. I've reminded her that our flower bed won first prize in the Havering in Bloom competition last year and that we expect no less this year - it was said with a twinkle in my eye but for those of you who know Mrs Ellis, you'll know that she'll take that as a challenge and she's not one to turn her back on a challenge!!!
- The warmer weather has brought with it the awakening of busy insects and Year 6 had the pleasure of several buzzy visitors this week. As they are honey bees, they have to be protected so Mr Welch will have to do a quick patch up job on the area where they're coming in before calling in the experts to remove them safely!



- We had more wild visitors in the Quad this week (apart from the children!) and Mr Welch had to go on another rescue mission but for *two* fox cubs this time! I know some people see them as a nuisance and we could certainly do without their deposits but, oh my goodness, they are soooooo cute!!! We watched Mr Welch grapple with the foxes and the cardboard box for about 20 minutes before getting bored and leaving him to it and, no sooner had we gone, then he managed to catch the wrigglers and pop them into the box (little bit of stage fright, methinks, Mr Welch!!) The RSPCA were contacted and they took the little mites away with them to check them over and, depending on what they find, they would decide whether to return them for their mother to collect or not.



- Of course, this week was a 4-day week with our school being used as a polling station. We teachers and support staff still came into work and used the day as a training day. We did a lot of training on children's well-being as that is something that often gets side-lined in favour of the reading, writing and maths because those are the areas we are held accountable for but we know how important it is to have good mental health if you're going to do well in the academics so it's worth spending some time on it.
- On Friday, Ms Howard celebrated her 60th birthday by having a gathering at a farm in Basildon. She invited her whole class along to the celebration as well as a rooster or two! Well, the weather was absolutely awful but the children still got a lot out of it and, even better, I received this email from the organiser on their return: *"I just want to say thank you. It was a very difficult day for a visit to a working farm, very cold and wet, but your children were amazing. I hope they took to school lots of new information and that they did enjoy the visit. Marta (5A) asked me if she could come back to buy a pig but, when I told her that the pig will be bigger than me, she decided against it! Gemma, the farmer, was really impressed with their questions and very happy with their behaviour."*
- This week, years 4 and 5 were able to take part in the OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) experience and it was a great success. The dressing up continues to be a firm favourite and I don't know who it was but it made my day seeing one of the Y5 boys playing basketball wearing a wig, a hat and a shoulder bag and no one taking a blind bit of notice! This is definitely what life should be like. Next week, we hope to introduce some new activities and see how that goes down. Our mantra will be, 'Be safe, Be kind' so children will be expected to police their own activities by saying to themselves, "Is it safe and is it kind? If so, I can do it!" We're still looking for someone with a van to transport some pedalos for us so, if you know anyone with a van and a desire to be kind, do please point them in our direction!



- There was a lot of discussion around May Day traditions this week. May-pole dancing, Morris-dancing, Flower crowns, wild flower posies and May-Day queens were all the subject of conversation in classes across the school so, when I visited R2 this week, I wasn't surprised to hear the excitement as they shared their favourite traditions with me. Lexi was the most excited as she wanted to demonstrate the traditional pole-dancing element of May Day! I left Ms Swain to clear up that little error!!!
- Continuing with last week's Earth Day focus, 5B have completed their recycling of plastic bottles into planters with a spring theme. Take a look at this cracking set of planters!
- And that brings us to the end of the this week's newsletter. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful, long, bank holiday weekend and I leave you with this thought:



“The month of May is the gateway to summer.”



With kind regards and best wishes,
Mrs Searle



Thank you for all of your donations so far, the extra resources are really having a positive impact on the children's play at lunchtimes.

We are still looking for toy cars and we would really like to set up a lego table for the children so any donations for these would be greatly appreciated. Please put any donations in the drop box in the parent foyer. We are also looking for lots of tyres to make raised planters and for children to play with. If you are able to source any for us then please get in touch.



Thank you for your continued support,
Ms M Clarke



Stars of the Week

- R1: Matei
- R2: Callum
- 1A: Dollie
- 1B: Aaron
- 2A: Dalia
- 2B: Heidi
- 3A: Joshua
- 3B: Jake
- 3C: Zahra
- 4A: Arham
- 4B: Mabel
- 5B: Olobo
- 6A: Freddie
- 6B: Frank

Birthdays



- Alice D 2B
- Chloe 2B
- Tyler 4B
- Temi 5A

We hope you had a great day!

House Points

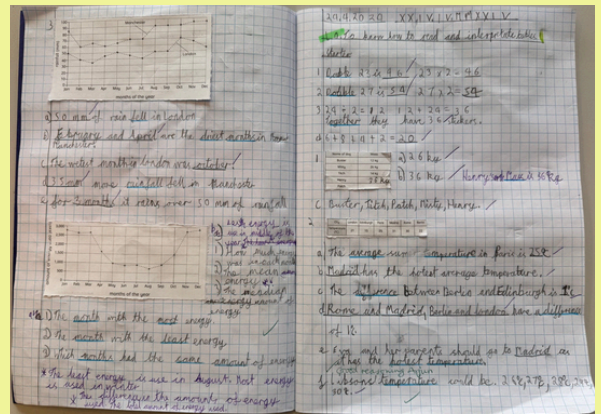


- 1st Centaurs 540 points**
- 2nd Dragons 535 points**
- 3rd Phoenixes 530 points**
- 4th Griffins 524 points**

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Arjun in 5B



Attendance

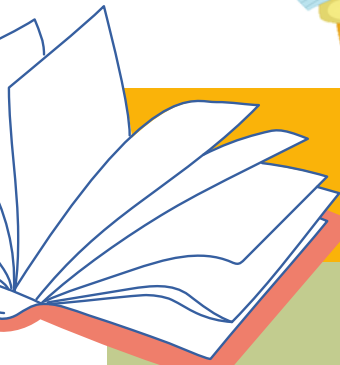
This week's attendance award goes to...

6A who achieved

99.1%

Whole school attendance was

95.6%



BOOK TOKENS

Congratulation to

Joel 3A
Liam 5B

for earning your reading token this week!

Congratulations!

REACHING GOLD!



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

Sage R1	Sofia 1A	Mahilan 3B	Amanda 5A
Chloe R1	Alayna 1B	Jibreel 3C	Lashana 5A
Nectari R1	Kai 1B	Sofiia 3C	Liam 5B
Ada R1	Kaiyaan 1B	Tade 3C	Gedis 5B
Matei R1	Albie 1B	Kimberley 3C	Olobo 5B
Folu R2	Vivaan 1B	Maxwell 3C	Marta 5B
Hurmat R2	Albie 1B	Ben 4A	Daryna 5B
Layla R2	Jessica 3A	Yatniel 4A	Daisy 5B
Mannat R2	Ibrahim 3A	Lily 4A	Amelia 5B
Micheal R2	Mujtaba 3A	Louie 4A	Ava 6A
Rocko R2	Khaleelah 3A	Ali 4A	Hannah 6A
Sienna R2	Rhea 3A	Hope 4A	Ronnie 6B
Vadim R2	Halimat 3A	Fayeq 4A	Stefania 6B
Zoe R2	Harper 3A	Maya 4A	Alex O 6B
Dhyan R2	Henry 3B	Fraser 4A	Lily May 6B
Sara 1A	Jamie 3B	Levi 4B	Nitza 6B
Franky 1A	Harvey 3B	Hareem 4B	Gurkeerat 6B
Kevin 1A	Nathan 3B	Henry 4B	Sotonte 6B
Leandro 1A	Regi 3B	Thomas 4B	Tymofii 6B
Deivid 1A	Dima 3B	Keira 4B	Pavel 6B
	Roger 3B	James 5A	

Achiever badges

Well done to...

Chloe R1	Maxwell 3C
Nectarie R1	Ali 4A
Vadim R2	Fraser 4A
Kai 1B	Marta 5B
Kaiyaan 1B	Daisy 5B
Vivaan 1B	Amelia 5B
Jessica 3A	Stefania 6A
Khaleelah 3A	Nitza 6A
Rhea 3A	Tymofii 6A
Kimberley 3C	Pavel 6A

for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achievers badge.



Summer Term Dates

- **Monday 6th May – Bank holiday**
- **Friday 10th May – 5B Basildon farm trip**
- **Monday 13th May – Year 6 SATs week**
- **Friday 17th May – 3B trip to the Tate Modern**
- **Monday 20th May – 3A & 3C 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**
- **Wednesday 26th June – Year 2 trip to Walton on the Naze**
- **Thursday 27th June – EYFS trip to BarleyLands Farm**
- **Tuesday 9th July – Open evening**
- **Friday 12th July – Sports Day**
- **Tuesday 16th July – Performing Arts Showcase**
- **Wednesday 17th July – House winner water fight**
- **Friday 19th July – Year 6 Presentation assembly**
- **Friday 19th July – Break up for summer at 1:30 pm**