



Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term

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Dear Parents / Carers,

If you'd asked me last week what I thought the worst week of my life would look like, I imagine the response would have included some reference to Ofsted and the word 'negative' in some form or other. And yet, here I am at the end of the worst week of my life with no hint of Ofsted and the word that fills me with the greatest dread is 'positive'!

We started Monday, full of expectation and hope – we were intending to sort out last week's disastrous attempt at a zoom assembly and to announce our prefects and vote our student councillors into office. And Monday went well until 3:00pm came along and we heard the devastating news of our first **positive** case of Covid-19. Since then, as you know, it's been one nightmare after another. From all the prior planning, we knew that we would have great support from the DFE, our Local Health Protection Team and, if necessary, the London Coronavirus Response Centre (although we hoped never to need this last one since they should only get involved if there are more than 2 cases in a setting and if the cases prove to be complicated!) but, as it turned out, none of these bodies were of any help at all and we didn't get the support promised. That being said, the Local Authority proved to be fantastic and they tried to clear up all the mess left by the other bodies who had failed us miserably.

As the week progressed, I found myself more and more embroiled in emails and telephone calls trying to get answers or trying to calm people's fears. So I have to give the biggest shout out to our teachers who stepped up immediately and had work online for all year groups within hours of the bubbles closing. There has been some amazing work on SeeSaw – teachers have been using SeeSaw and Zoom to liaise with their classes and children have been sending work back enjoying this new-fangled way of working.

But the week hasn't been without its stresses and strains for teachers. At one point in the week, I popped into Miss Howard's room to see how she was getting on and, without even looking up from her work, she shouted at me, "GO AWAY!" Well!! I lowered my head and retreated in silence and told myself that teachers are scared and worried and I must be understanding about everyone's different ways of reacting to stress. I returned to my office, a little crest-fallen it has to be said, and I continued with the mountain of emails I had to answer when up popped an email from Miss Howard sent to all the staff apologising for her outburst at whoever it

was who'd entered her classroom. Apparently, she'd been right in the middle of filming herself reading 'Mr Rude' for her children and when she shouted "GO AWAY!" she was being 'Mr Rude' and couldn't look up from her book! Well, she should take up acting is all I can say – she frightened the living daylights out of me!

In other news, we've had the school deep cleaned despite the advice from Public Health that a deep clean is pointless at this point but it makes us all feel a little safer so, from that point of view, it's worth it.

Thank you for all the compliments regarding the flower boxes we placed in our entrance drive and thank you to those of you who continuously picked the flowers up as they flew out of the boxes on windy days!!! I've given up placing them all back in – I'll have to find some kind of super glue to keep them stuck in.

I'd like to end with a big thank you to those of you who emailed us with your support. I lay awake half the night worrying about the effect our school closure would have, particularly on our working parents. And, although I would have liked to have kept the school open, if at all possible, I came to the realisation that our children's health and safety is far more important.

Our staff members who have been struck down by this deadly virus are very ill and suffering greatly – those of you who've had the misfortune to have experienced the virus themselves, will know how awful it can be for some people so our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

It's been quite a week and one that I never want to live through again so the weekend can't come soon enough for me and I'm sure all of *you* feel exactly the same.

I wish you all a peaceful weekend filled with love, good health and a whole lot of cuddles and I leave you with this:

‘ Spend time with those you love. One of these days, you will say either, “I wish I had” or “I’m glad I did.” ’

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Star Of The Week

1A: Evie
1B: Daria
6A: Iriana
6B: Chloe



Writer of the Week

1A: Ben
1B: Harrison
6A: Jesiah
6B: Erin B

House Points

1 st	Griffins	80 points
2 nd	Phoenixes	56 points
3 rd	Dragons	39 points
4 th	Centaurs	35 points



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Your Child's School

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To our pupils who have birthdays
this week and next.....



Freya (R1)
Lemaine (2B)
Jack (6A)
Megan (6A)
Lauren (5B)
Hannah (3A)
Teddy (6B)
Kieron (6B)
Bobby (3A)

Ema (5A)
Kristian (5A)
Mikail (2B)
Oliver (R2)
Baris (2B)
Isla (3A)
Scarlett (4A)
Eshan (6A)
Logan (3B)



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Archie (5A)

on receiving his first
achiever badge for gaining
3 gold certificates.

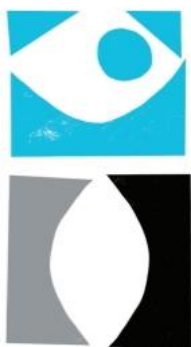


Our golden achievers this week are...

Ali (1A)
Daniel (1A)
Evie (1A)
Feryal (1A)
Frankie (1A)
Fraser (1A)
Liam (1A)
Lily (1A)
Logan (1A)
Lola (1A)
Malik (1A)
Michaela (1A)

Cody (1B)
Daria (1B)
Mia (1B)
Amelia (3A)
Ava (3A)
Bobby (3A)
Dolcie (3A)
Holly (3A)
Katie (3A)
Lyla (3A)
Sofia (3A)
Yafeya (3A)

Brody (3B)
Frank (3B)
Gracie (3B)
Logan (3B)
Preston (3B)
Sotonte (3B)
Alfie (5A)
Archie (5A)
Beau (5A)
Lewis D (5A)
Lexie (5A)
Jessie (6A)



**NATIONAL
POETRY
DAY 2020**

See It Like a Poet

HAVERING LIBRARIES

NATIONAL POETRY DAY COMPETITION

Write a poem for National
Poetry Day on the theme of
VISION

Put your name, age and library card
number on the entry and drop it into
a library or email it to

Haveringlibrariescompetitions@haverling.gov.uk

Closing date 14th November 2020

Winners will receive book prizes
and their poems will be displayed in
libraries.

1st OCTOBER 2020

#nationalpoetryday

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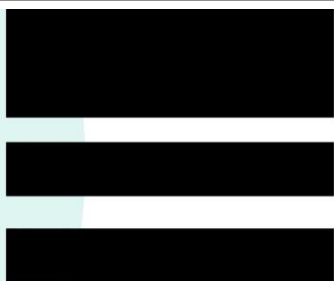


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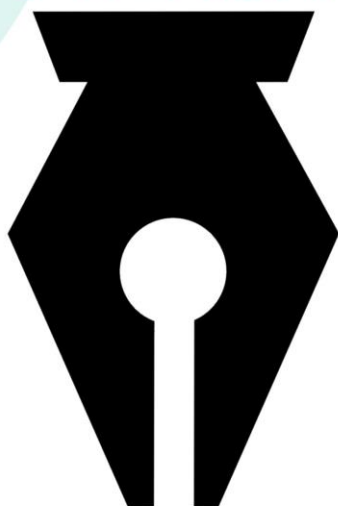
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ONLINE POETRY RECITAL



In celebration of National Poetry Day we invite you to be part of our online collection of poems

To take part please submit a video/recording of your original poem

Open to all ages

Deadline: 20 October 2020

If possible, please film in HD, Landscape

Submissions/further information: arts@havering.gov.uk



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