

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A cold and frosty week but look at the beautiful sunrise that greets us in the morning and reminds us that life is not as bleak as the weather would have us believe! Here are this week's highlights:

- The cold snap caused havoc at the start of the week with staff unable to get to work on time because of accidents on the roads and goodness knows why but every road in Havering seems to have roadworks on it at the moment creating further chaos and disruption - but I'm sure most of you have experienced that for yourselves by now!
- The big event this week has been the Performing Arts group singing at the O2. The children left at 12:30pm buzzing with excitement, waving the huge Harrow Lodge banner Ms K had kindly made for us - thank you Ms K - what a star you are! However, at 2:00 pm, I received an exasperated text from Ms Clarke saying that the traffic was hideous and they were still at least half an hour away from the venue.

- All was not lost, though, and they managed to get there on time by the skin of their teeth! They rehearsed all afternoon before having a 2-hour break for tea....2 hours? They ate their packed teas in 10 minutes and, after another 5 minutes, they began to get bored! Oh dear! An hour and three quarters of agony ensued as teachers attempted to entertain 18 children confined to their chairs and beginning to get tired!! The show was amazing and an incredible experience for our children. They got to sing with Heather Small which excited the adults no end but led the children to say, "Who's Heather Small?" A big thank-you to Ms Harrison and all the staff who took the children on the trip of a life-time.
- Henry (R2) was very excited because he's going to Disneyland Paris for his birthday so the children looked on a map to see exactly where he would be travelling to and they realised that he couldn't get there by car as there's a great big sea in the way. So, a discussion followed about how he might travel there. Options ranged from swimming, kayaking and helicopter to submarine and parachuting from a plane. Ms Harding decided that next week's topic would be 'Trains and Tunnels'!!!!
- This term, we started a KS2 Cookery Club and I had the honour of becoming Head Chef at the club this week. I began, of course, by teaching all the Sous chefs how to reply to my orders with a sharp, "Yes Chef" and Karina (6A) muttered under her breath that it was like being in the army! Clearly I had pitched my teaching at the right level! We made chocolate bread which came out of the oven ~~burnt~~ chocolatey - brown! And we planned recipes for white breads next week. Some wanted to make cheese bread, others tomato bread; someone even wanted to make mango bread but olive and strawberry breads were also popular choices. Once we had planned all the ingredients to buy, Amelia P (5A) told us that she's allergic to cheese, tomatoes and mango.....Back to the drawing board! This is a very popular club so, if your child is interested in joining next half term, do put their names on the waiting list now!



This week, I also had the great pleasure of hearing the fruits of the Recorder Club as Mason (2A) entertained me with the dulcet tones of 'London's Burning' on the recorder. It was a concert - level performance and I can't wait to see what he's going to wow us with in our summer concert. A big thank you to Miss Batt who has been running the club and to Mason's family who will have patiently, and with love, listened to many hours of practice!!!!

- This week our top Doodlers look like this:

1st - 6A & 6B, 2nd - R1, 3rd - 2A, 4th - 4B, 5th - 1A and 6th - 4A.

- Well done to all the children who have been logging on and completing their homework tasks.
- Y4 have been learning about states of matter this week in science and they've carried out a variety of investigations to learn about freezing, melting, condensation and evaporation. On asking some of the children what the most interesting investigation they carried out was, I was somewhat surprised to be told that it was their research on 'melting' - turns out they held a chocolate button in their warm hands and observed the process of melting close up. But the best part was the clean-up procedure - yep, you've guessed it - carried out with their tongues!!!!
- As mentioned in my parent mail, we've been exploring a new system for lunchtimes in order to create a calmer and more sociable lunch time and it's having its ups and downs. We cut the lunch-break to 45 minutes this year in order to cut out that last 15 minutes when children have had enough and arguments start to break out. However, with the new system that we're trialling, we think we need a bit longer for it to work properly so, next week, we'll be extending the lunchtime for 10 minutes to see if it helps the new system to run more smoothly. Watch this space and thank you for giving us the time to try out new arrangements. The dining hall is set out like a Bistro with Table numbers and it looks very inviting but the classy idea of playing French music in the background fell flat on its face as gentle, orchestral music was never going to cut through the chatter of excited and hungry children!!!
- Finally, we invited the Police into school this week to talk to our Year 5 and Year 6 children about the misuse of mobile phones and malicious communications. Every year, our older children start to take part in group chats on their phones and they're not aware of the serious nature of sending texts that are unkind so PC Edwards very kindly came in to talk to Yrs 5 & 6 about the criminal nature of some kinds of messages. I must say, I was shocked myself at what constitutes a criminal offence when it comes to messaging so it was a really useful talk to have. I think I'll be inviting PC Edwards into school a lot in the future - he was a big hit with our children
- And that brings the week to a close. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend and, as we head towards difficult times with teacher strikes on the horizon, I leave you with this thought:

***"A good teacher is like a candle -
it consumes itself to light the way for others."***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Star of the week:

R1: Sofia
R2: Maria
1A: Kal-El
1B: Ellie
2A: Aadam
2B: Joel
3A: Daniel A
3B: Savelly
4A: Doahika
4B: Isabella
5A: Hayden
5B: Brody
6A: Lexi P
6B: Maksym

Please see our star of the week newsletter on our website and on facebook for photos of their work.
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Writer of the week:

R1: Franky
R2: Dion
1A: Serena
1B: Amelie
2A: Teddy
2B: Jacob
3A: Daniel CJ
3B: Wendell
4A: Muhammad
4B: Joshua
5A: Isabella
5B: Reuben
6A: Almeer
6B: Amelia



House Points

1st **Phoenixes** 337 points

2nd **Griffins** 296 points

3rd **Dragons** 286 points

4th **Centaur**s 270 points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

Zahran R2

Shannon 1B

Kevin 1A

Mabel 3B

Shakira 3B

Darcie 4A

Daisy-Bella 5A

Ronnie 5A

Alex 5A

Tawheed 6A

Spencer 6B

who had a birthday
in the last week.

We hope you had a great day!

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

**5B who achieved
99%**

Whole school
attendance...

96.4%



OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

Diyan 1B

Aarshy 1B

Alicia 2B

David 3A

Penelope 3A

Ben 3A

Albert 3B

Lucas 4B

Oscar 5A

Tymofii 5A

Kaeden 5A

Tonte 5A

Nathan 5A

Stefania 5A

Freddie 5A

Maksym 6B

Alyssa 6B

Afridi 6B

Prakhar 6B






Congratulations!

to.....

Kayla 6B

**on receiving an achiever
badge for gaining 3 gold
certificates!**



**Congratulations
to.....**

Nate 1A

Louis 4B

Gurkeerat 5A

Hayley 6A

Akshee 6B

**for achieving your
reading token this
week!**

Dates for spring term:

- **Friday 27th January – Spanish Day**
- **Tuesday 31st January – Class photos**
- **Friday 3rd February – NSPCC Number Day**
- **Friday 10th February – Break up for half term**
- **Monday 20th February – Return after half term**
- **Monday 27th February – Stay and Learn Week**
- **Tuesday 7th March – Year 5 Theatre Group – Air Quality and Sustainable Travel**
- **Friday 10th March – 5A visit to Parklands Farm Galleywood**
- **Monday 13th March – 5B visit to Parklands Farm Galleywood**
- **Friday 17th March – Year 5&6 Road Safety show.**
- **Friday 24th March – Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World**
- **Monday 27th March – Parent's Evening**
- **Wednesday 29th March – Parent's Evening**
- **Friday 31st March – Break up for Easter**
- **Tuesday 17th April – Children return to school**