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# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY  
NEWS

31ST JANUARY  
ISSUE 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week! Here are the highlights:

- We started the week by receiving the responses to the SEND Unit Consultation that we sent out on the 10th January and the Local Authority were thrilled because it was the biggest response they'd ever had to a SEND Unit Consultation. There were 142 responses, 129 of which were in favour and 13 that had concerns. The concerns were all very valid, mostly concerning increase in noise and traffic and whether the places available would be given to children within the borough or outside the borough. We knew we could answer those concerns and hoped to do so at the face to face follow-up meeting. 4 consultants came from the Local Authority for that 6:00 pm meeting and, by 6:15 pm, it was clear that no one was turning up! So, we all had a cup of tea and a biscuit and went home!! We assumed that everyone was happy with the proposal or they would have turned up to raise their concerns in person so we were very satisfied at the turn-out!!!! On the note of responses, I'd really like to thank you for your support - the Local Authority said that we must have a really vibrant and supportive community to which I agreed whole-heartedly!
- We love to encourage great citizenship and, this week, we had several children wishing to raise money for good causes. Dexter (1B) and Alice (2B) are siblings who reached out to me with a request to sell second-hand books to raise money for GOSH (Great Ormond Street Hospital). They had done their research and decided that this was a charity close to their hearts and one they'd like to support. They approached Miss B asking for some staff support (and Miss B volunteered her dad!) 😊 and then they set about collecting merchandise. They also made bookmarks to accompany the books and sold those as well. They pitched their business idea to the whole school on Monday and set up their fund-raising business on Wednesday after school. They made a fantastic £63.50 at the book sale after taking out the float! They had a wonderful time and learnt a great deal about fund-raising in the process! I'm so proud of them and look forward to seeing how much they raise in total.
- Still on the fund-raising theme but at the other end of the school, Olivia (6A) is taking part in The Big Winter Wander 2025. She is raising money for WWF (World Wildlife Fund), a global conservation organization that works to protect the environment and endangered species. If you are able to donate any amount, big or small, then it would be



- greatly received by both Olivia and the WWF. Olivia believes that, together, we can build a future where people and nature thrive. Please use the link below if you'd like to support Olivia in her endeavours.

[www.justgiving.com/page/susan-bale-4](http://www.justgiving.com/page/susan-bale-4)

- I hope you all read the saga of the bike-shed intruder from the weekend where a young boy snuck through the gap at the bottom of the shed and played with the scooters. When he came out, we could see on the CCTV that his mother spoke to him and we assumed she was telling him off but, on Thursday, a gentleman turned up on our doorstep with a scooter and told us that he was returning the scooter that his step-son took from our bike-shed last weekend!! Well!! That was a shock!! All the more reason to take your bikes and scooters home with you at night and especially at the weekend when we know outsiders are visiting. It's a sad, sad sign of the times! 😞
- We had a fun visit from Kai's (2B) mum on Wednesday who brought in two snakes for the children to hold and feel in celebration of this year's Chinese New Year being the year of the snake! The children were so excited and they were so fascinated by the orange snake with the red eyes. Timothy (2B) shared an interesting fact that snakes use their tongues to smell - fact of the day for a lot of us! The snake visited EYFS as well and they were open-mouthed at the slithery visitor as I'm sure you can imagine but it was a fantastic addition to our Chinese New Year celebrations!! Not only that but we all sat around on the floor eating Chinese vegetable noodles and prawn crackers - some of us were even able to show off our chop-sticks skills (nooooo! Not me!!)
- Meanwhile, on the other side of the school, I could hear a rhythmic thumping and loud angry shouting. Now, one of our ground rules at HLPS is no yelling but what I heard was definitely in the category of 'yelling' and *angry* yelling at that!! So, I stepped up the pace and flew into the hall from where the thunderous drumming was emanating and saw, to my distress, 60 sweaty, teary-eyed and exhausted Year 3 children sitting in pairs along the length of the hall rowing an imaginary galley - those who mistimed their strokes (and there were many!) were rebuked and caned by the tyrannical overseer (aka Mrs Bracken) and I was suddenly aware that I was standing amid 60 method actors learning what it was like to be a galley slave in Ancient Rome! Amazing lesson!!
- 1A has decided that Sehaj's mum is an absolute genius! A member of the class needed a little bit of help getting dressed for an after-school club—because let's face it, buttons and zips can be tricky when you're 5 or 6! Sehaj then shared with the class a helpful trick that not all of them knew about. She explained that some buttons might *look* like buttons, but they have hidden Velcro behind them, so you don't even have to fasten them—you can simply pull them apart! Sehaj thinks her mum bought them at Boots and she's promised to keep us updated on where we can all find these magical school shirts! Genius idea!
- This week has been Spanish Week so your children will have had a variety of challenges to complete (of the español kind!). On my walk around the school, I happened to hear some foreign singing from EYFS. Of course, I simply had to peek in to see what was going on and I was treated to a wonderful song about favourite colours - all in Spanish!

- I applauded the wonderful singing and walked out of the classroom but, as I made my way back to my office, I heard clapping and stamping along with what can only be described as 'music from the Latin Quarter'! I turned on my heel, (of course), to return to the class and was met with 60 little bodies Flamenco dancing and 1 larger body modelling a flamenco dress made by the 60 little dancers! (see below for the wonderful dress!) The week culminated in a Spanish song being sung in assembly on Friday which was a very interesting take on the usual school song!
- Thank you to Kyle at Etag Fixings UK for arranging the donation of the materials for the mud kitchen that Mr & Mrs King built. We're so grateful to receive such wonderful help with things like this. Likewise, Wickes have supplied us with £100 worth of stones for our digger area in the Quad - we're so grateful but, unbelievably, £100 worth of stones barely touched the edges of what we needed! I guess we'll have to get our name down on the list of another DIY store to get some more!!! The need is endless. On a positive note, though, the digging area was a massive hit and a great addition to our OPAL resources!
- Finally, our new councillors were appointed today. See below for the full list and congratulations to all those who were elected. The hard work starts now and, believe me, Miss B drives a hard-working team so expect to see some great actions coming up. I await their manifesto with eager curiosity!!!
- And that, my friends, is that! A busy and eventful week and it just remains for me to wish you a restful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***"If you get tired, learn to rest not to quit"***

With kind regards and best wishes, Mrs Searle



Flamenco Dancing at its best!

# School Councillors 2025



R1 - Kiaan and Amayah

R2 - Josh and Mabel

1A - Harley and Layla

1B - James and Aarish

2A - Ruby and Charlie

2B - Aaron and Nate

3A - Elliot and Aarshy

3B - Ifeh and Sidney

4A - Emma and Harry

4B - Aleeha and Reggie

4C - Ashlyn and Promesse

5A - Hope and Omari

5B - Nicole and Wendell

6A - Darcie and Zlata

6B - Temi and Lucas







# OPAL news

Things we are still collecting:

- Wheeled items (scooters, ride ons, buggies, prams)
- Cable reels
- Piping
- Guttering
- Planks/decking boards
- Tarpaulin
- Dolls

This week we introduced our construction toy area in the quad playground. We were lucky enough to get the January bid of £100 from Wickes stores so we used this to get 10 bags of pebbles. A big thanks to Tina Denham for putting our school forward for this! The children can now use this small area to play with all the construction vehicles that have been kindly donated by parents.



Thank you for your continued support,  
Ms M Clarke

## House Points



1st **Centaur**s 468 points  
2nd **Phoenix**es 439 points  
3rd **Griffin**s 423 points  
4th **Dragon**s 395 points

## Kindness Award

Well done to the following children on achieving this week's class kindness award.

**R1 Soumia**

**R2 Mylo**

**1A Harper**

**1B Dexter**

**2A Hugo**

**2B Nate**

**3A Shannon**

**3B Idris**

**4A Vanessa**

**4B Grace**

**4C Sofiia**

**5A Hope**

**5B Keira**

**6A Ariana**

**6B Alex**

**\*CHOOSE\*  
KINDNESS**

# Stars of the week

**R1 Alice**

**R2 Tommy**

**1A Wilayate**

**1B Nectarie**

**2A Darcy**

**2B Paula**

**3A Mia**

**3B Serena**

**4A Kara**

**4B Adam**

**4C Murtuza**

**5A Maya**

**5B Shayan**

**6A Aya**

**6B Marnie**

## Birthdays

**Samraj R2**

**Musa 1A**

**Callum 1A**

**Layla-Mae 1A**

**Tasnim 1B**

**Dima 4A**

**Kyla 6A**

*We hope you had  
a great day!*

## ATTENDANCE

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**4C**

who achieved  
**99%**

Whole school  
attendance was  
**94.8%**

## Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

*Amelia-Rose R1*

*Yeva R1*

*Mylo R2*

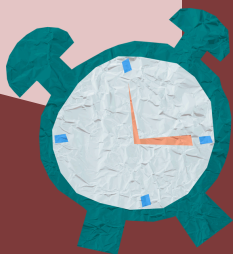
*Idrees 1A*

*James 1B*

*Dalia 3A*

*Navaira 4A*

on reaching gold 5 times!



# BOOK TOKENS

Congratulations to

**Amelia 6A**

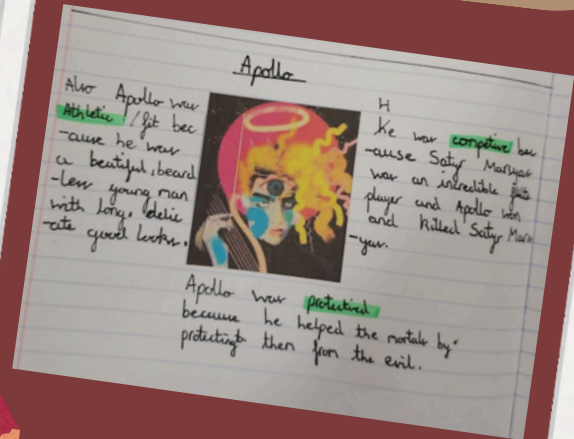
**Olivia 6A**

for earning their book  
token this week.



Reaching Gold  
this week!

Presentation Award



Logan in 5A

Harrison R1  
Amelia-Rose R1  
Eliza R1  
Lenny R1  
Lennox R1  
Max R1  
Yeva R1  
Mia R1  
Mylo R2  
Gururaj R2  
Nila R2  
Alexandra R2  
Arthur R2  
Muhammad R2  
N'Myah R2  
Samraj R2  
Tommy R2  
Zac R2  
Sonny 1A  
Meltem 1A

Cleo 1A  
Idress 1A  
Hallie 1A  
Vinnie 1B  
Matei 1B  
Bella 1B  
Chloe 1B  
Danielius 1B  
James 1B  
Lola 1B  
Siraat 1B  
Denzel 1B  
Emily 1B  
Aidan 1B  
Ella 2B  
Vivaan 2B  
Abid 2B  
Shayne 2B  
Affan 2B  
Oliver G 2B

Laura 3A  
Summer 3A  
Dalia 3A  
Ifraah 3A  
George 3A  
James 3B  
Joseph 3B  
Haakil 3B  
Rebecca 3B  
Kal-El 3B  
Kasey 3B  
Dima 4A  
Navaira 4A  
Isla 4A  
Harvey 4A  
Emma 4A  
Roger 4A  
Ahmad 4B  
Sinachi 4C  
Amena 4C

Kira 4C  
Oyintade 4C  
Shriyah 4C  
Fraser 5A  
Fayeq 5A  
Michaela 5A  
Jude 5A  
Hope 5A  
Mia 5B  
Daria 5B  
Taha 5B  
Zlata 6A  
Aya 6A  
Alexander 6B  
Marnie 6B  
Leni 6B  
Nicola 6B  
Sade 6B

Well done! We are very  
proud of you.



# SPRING TERM DATES



- Thursday 6th February - Book Fair here for a week after school
- Monday 10th February & Wednesday 12th February - Parent's Evening
- Wednesday 12th February - Two Johns Parent Zoom on Online safety @ 8:00 pm
- Thursday 13th February - PTA sponsored bounce
- Friday 14th February - Break up for half term
- Monday 24th February - Return to school
- Monday 24th February - Year 1 Conductive Music workshop
- Wednesday 26th February - Year 2 Conductive Music Workshop
- Thursday 27th February - Year 6 Harry Potter Trip
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
- Monday 10th March - Class Photos
- Wednesday 12th March - Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle
- Friday 14th March - Year 5 trip to the British Museum
- Friday 21st March - 4A & 4B trip to the British Museum
- Tuesday 25th March - 4C trip to the British Museum
- Wednesday 26th March - Performing Arts Trip to Oliver at the West End
- Thursday 27th March - Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Show
- Friday 28th March - Mother's Day Stalls
- Monday 31st March - PTA Easter Egg hunt
- Wednesday 2nd March - Year 4 Easter Play
- Friday 4th April - Easter Bonnet Parade

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