



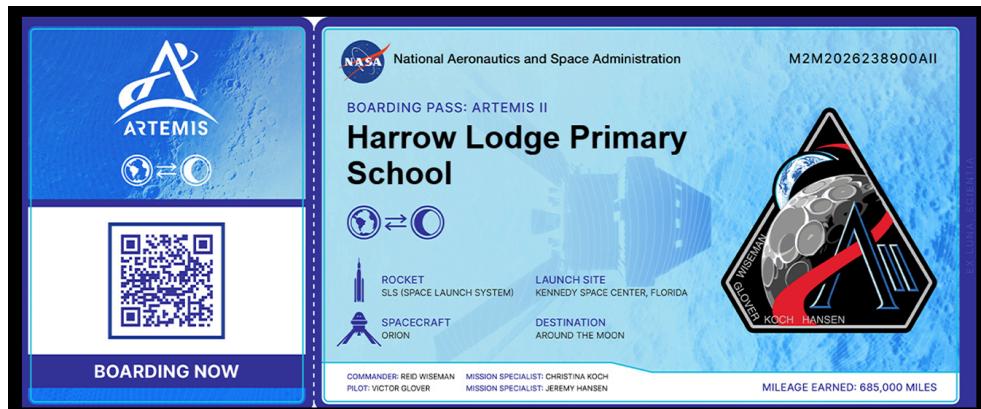
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the highlights of this week in school:

- The big news this week is that we're off to the moon in February!!! We've been issued our boarding pass for Artemis II and our school name is included in the digital list of names joining the flight that will include the first woman to travel to the moon! We launch on the 6th February on the first crewed lunar mission in over 50 years! Artemis II is not scheduled to land on the Moon, but will instead lay the groundwork for a future lunar landing led by the Artemis III mission. Our school name will be stored on a physical memory device carried inside the capsule, making it a permanent record of public participation in the mission.



- Spanish Challenge week has found children greeting me with 'Buenos dias' or 'Buenas tardes' and 'Rojo, Azul, Verde or Morado' being aimed at me with deep meaning this week - the colours were fired out at me totally randomly but at least they're demonstrating their knowledge of colours!!! And what a great way to end the week with the whole school singing in Spanish - awesome!
- On Thursday and Friday, we had a visit from the HSBC Financial Literacy Department who visited each year group to teach the children about how to manage their money. The sessions were extremely interesting and very valuable in terms of educating children about the importance of budgets and savings.

- Class 1A have been exploring the Victorian era and snooping into what rich and poor people ate and, while they were thrilled to discover that rich Victorians stuffed themselves with fancy cheeses, fish and piles of meat drinking tea like it was going out of fashion, they were horrified to learn that poor people survived on barely anything at all!. To bring history to life, two Victorian breakfasts were prepared on Wednesday morning: a rich breakfast bursting with eggs, bacon, freshly baked bread, homemade jam, sausages and fresh mackerel, and a poor breakfast featuring a tiny portion of watery gruel, a suspicious milk-and-water drink and a lard sandwich on stale bread. Two pieces of paper were placed in a hat, one saying Rich Breakfast and the other Poor Breakfast, and Ms Clarke and Mrs Searle bravely volunteered to pick their fate—unfortunately Ms Clarke pulled out the Poor Breakfast while Mrs Searle was rewarded with the Rich Breakfast, proving once and for all that Victorian life was unfair and that hats cannot be trusted!



1A saw this photo and felt so sorry for Ms Clarke that they decided to make her feel better by giving her a delicious Victoria Sponge cake! That was extremely kind and very well-received by Ms Clarke who had had her fill of gruel for the year!

- And we ended the week with another coffee morning - this time we invited our School SEND Support team from the Local Authority who offer a wealth of information and advice on many issues that may affect all children (not just those with a Special Educational Need) so it was great to see so many of you there enjoying an informal chat and getting a better insight into how to deal with school avoidance or anxiety, ADHD or Social and Emotional issues. A big thank you to the School Support Team who made for a very informative coffee morning.
- And that's it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“Children learn how to orbit the world by watching how we move through it.”

“Kindness, respect, and honesty—still the most reliable navigation tools.””

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle

Stars of the Week

R1 Greyd	4A Arlo
R2 Haniya	4B Kasey
1A Teddy	5A Henry
1B Yahya	5B Murtuza
2A Lexi	5C Grace
2B Tasnim	6A Neve
3A Kaiyaan	6B Riaadh
3B Binuli	Willow Muhammad

Congratulations to

Thomas RI	Irhaa 5B
Greyd RI	Vera 5B
Kai RI	Aiza 5B
	Kira 5B

on earning your 50 points to choose a book from our vending machine. Well done!

Kindness Award

R1 Thomas	4A Mia
R2 Alexander	4B James
1A Mia	5A Jamie
1B Samraj	5B Shriyah
2A Sienna	5C Adam
2B Vinnie	6A Logan
3A Ella	6B Leah
3B Leandro	



Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Lottie RI	Binuli 3B
Zahra RI	Arlo 4A
Juwon R2	Idris 4B
Haniya R2	Sidney 4B
Madalin 1A	Ashlyn 5B
Harrison 1A	Zoey 5C
Franco 1A	Harper 5C
	Raahim 3B



for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!



Presentation Award



After that morning, Iliana decided to the local market to meet her lovely friend father. As Iliana arrived at the edge of the market, she could see many people, as they were wandering around the colorful, tiled stalls. Iliana tasted a lovely apple and she liked it and bought one. She smelt lovely bananas and she liked them. She smelt lovely lemon with mint and eggs. Iliana and Iliana bought some grapes, patatoes with pumpkin and some grapes.

Shayne in 3A



Spring Term Dates

- Thursday 5th February - School Council trip to the Mayor's Parlour
- Monday 9th February - Parent's Evening
- Wednesday 11th February - Parent's Evening
- Friday 13th February - Break up for half term
- Monday 23rd February - Return back to school
- Monday 23rd February - Choir singing at the O2
- Tuesday 24th February - EYFS Travelling Arts workshops
- Thursday 26th February - Year 6 Harry Potter World Trip
- Monday 2nd March - Year 5 trip to the British Museum
- Wednesday 4th March - Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle
- Thursday 5th March - World Book day
- Wednesday 11th March - Year 1 Victorian trip to Braintree Museum
- Friday 13th March - PTA Mother's Day stalls
- Monday 16th March - Stay and Learn week - (not year 3)
- Monday 23rd March - EYFS Cycle Awareness day
- Tuesday 24th March - Year 1 Victorian Assemblies to parents
- Wednesday 25th March - Year 4 Easter Play to parents
- Thursday 26th March - Year 2 trip to Ingrebourne Country Park
- Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade and break up at 1:30 for Easter

