



# Harrow Lodge Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't tell you how wonderful it is to be back! Tons of work piled up to do but such a happy place to be doing it! I've loved seeing the children again - I hadn't had a chance to have any assemblies or pop into any classes before I was 'struck down' so this week has been like the first week back for me. Here are the highlights:



- Our musical instrument lessons have restarted - the strains of melodies floating through the air makes for a very pleasant work environment (except when it's the violin and then we all race to close our doors!) By next summer, I'm sure we'll be opening them again!
- We've started to show prospective parents for EYFS next year around the school and I can't help but burst with pride as I take them into our brand new setting.
- I loitered outside Year 6 having a music lesson with Mr Charlee and every child was playing a glockenspiel accompanying Charanga's version of Pharrell's 'Happy' song and, boy, did that make me feel happy!
- I had a special visit from some EYFS 'Super-blenders' yesterday to show me how well they could read after only 2 weeks in school. Well now, the *intention* was that Toby, Ellie (R2), Amelie and Thea (R1) would read to me but, once in my office and faced with a very cute and furry creature begging to be played with (nope, I know what you're thinking but it wasn't Ms Browne), I didn't actually get a look-in! Nala was simply thrilled to have super-blender companions to tickle and stroke her. I did eventually hear them read (and, goodness, they were *incredible* for just 2 weeks in school!) but I clearly wasn't the main attraction for this mini band of blenders!!
- During my super-blender visit (where there was more talk of dogs than reading!), Amelie (R1) was keen to point out that she had been to Heaven once and she'd met a dog there. Following careful questioning, it was ascertained that Amelie went to Heaven because she hadn't seen her aunty and uncle for so long and she wanted to see them! Now, I'm assuming, indeed *hoping*,

that Amelie went to **Devon** and had a lovely time with Alice the puppy and her aunty and uncle, all of whom are very much alive and well!!

- EYFS have risen to the challenge of finding 10 different ways of saying 'Hello' and Summer (R1) was especially proud to be able to say hello in Greek!
- Performing Arts club have started learning their dance routines in earnest but Miss Harrison was taken aback when, on asking her group what kind of dance moves Mary Poppins might use, she was met with a chorus of 'Twerking'! I think this is going to be a performance like no other and I eagerly await the sale of tickets!!!
- Year 2 have been learning about significant figures in history and Miss B was keen to discover which famous explorers her class had already heard of. She was setting the children the challenge of recalling last year's work on Neil Armstrong and she wasn't to be disappointed as Fraser (2B) proudly showed off his knowledge, confidently calling out, "Dora the Explorer"! Well, you can't fault him for accuracy!!
- Individual and sibling photographs were taken today and I had a sneaky peak at some of the sittings. It was a real privilege to see your children grinning from ear to ear as the photographer placed a stuffed monkey on his head. Year 6 weren't quite so impressed with the monkey for some reason! Unlike Nala who wanted to **eat** the monkey! It was Nala's first professional photo shoot and I'm afraid she was slightly less than cooperative and insisted on *chewing* her favourite book rather than holding it for the photo. Your children, on the other hand, were exceptionally well-behaved and the photographic company said that we were the best school they had ever visited - well organised and beautifully behaved!!
- Finally, we had an explosive Macmillan coffee afternoon. Thank you for all your contributions, both financial and baked. As always, you have been so generous and it was lovely being able to actually have a relaxed natter with parents over a cup of tea and a slice of cake. A huge thank you to Miss B and her dad who organised and set up the whole fund-raiser. I'll let you know the final total raised once it's all been counted but every little helps towards caring for people going through the roughest time of their lives.

And that brings us to the end of another fun-filled week when life has felt pretty much back to normal - hallelujah! So it just remains for me to wish you the very best of weekends and I leave you with this thought:



**"It's not how much we give,  
but how much love we put into giving."**

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

## Star of the week:

RI: Nadia  
R2: Dottie  
IA: Harvey  
IB: Dioni  
2A: Joshua  
2B: Ben  
3A: Mason  
3B: James  
4A: Nitza  
4B: Sotonte  
5A: Mahum  
5B: Aahil  
6A: Kitty  
6B: Grace

## Writer of the week:

RI: Kasey  
R2: Elliot  
IA: Henry  
IB: Taha  
2A: Adelaide  
2B: Feryal  
3A: Jack  
3B: Lemaine  
4A: Sofia  
4B: Amelia  
5A: Amelia  
5B: Kayla  
6A: Shaun  
6B: Molly



## House Points

1st Centaurs 266 points

2nd Phoenixes 263 points

3rd Dragons 201 points

4th Griffins 200 points





*Happy  
Birthday*

to.....

**Brody 4B**

**Lewis 6A**

**Louis 3B**

**Sade 3B**

**Charlie 6B**

**Liam 5A**



who have a birthday coming  
up in the next week.

We hope you have a great day!

PRESENTATION

AWARD

goes to

Luke in 5A

OUR GOLDEN ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK ARE.....



Adelaide 2A

Daria 2A

Leah 2A

Isabella 3B

James 3B

Louis 3B

Alex 4B

Lily May 4B

Sotonte 4B

Harvey 6A

Juana 6A

Kristian 6A

Isabelle 6B

Josias 6B





## Dates this half term:

- Wednesday 29th September EYFS Maths workshop for parents 3:10 pm
- Thursday 30th September EYFS Maths workshop for parents 3:10 pm
- Thursday 30th September Year 6 residential meeting for parents 6:00 pm
- Monday 4th October EYFS Phonics workshop for parents 3:10 pm
- Thursday 7th October EYFS Phonics workshop for parents 3:10 pm
- Wednesday 13th October EYFS Harvest Festival assembly 2:30 pm
- Thursday 14th October Year 5 Harvest Festival assembly 2:30 pm
- Week beginning Monday 18th October Parents' Evenings

## Reminders

**Please can we remind parents that the children are not permitted to use the play equipment before and after school for health and safety reasons.**

**If you need to enter the school between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm then you must do so via the Rainsford Way gates as the Barton Road gates are not open.**

**The office is not open to parents unless you have made an appointment. All forms are located in the parent foyer and any messages can be left at the gates in the morning.**

*Thank you!*