



# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another amazing week in our lovely school. Here are the highlights:

- We began the week with our first Christmas fundraising event with a 'Bring-a-bottle' day in exchange for wearing non-uniform. Everyone looked very smart or very comfortable or both! And we now have a stack of bottles ready for our Tombola.
- We welcomed another visit from our Reading Dog this week and several children were lucky enough to read to her and have a little cuddle. We kept Nala away from her so as not to spark off any work-related jealousy - you know how ambitious these dogs can get!!
- Royal Liberty secondary school paid us a visit this week to work with our Y6 students. The theme was 'chemistry' and children were thrilled to see bunsen burners blazing, magnetic fields appearing using iron filings and CO<sub>2</sub>-filled balloons exploding across the hall. To be honest, Year 6 are more than ready for this level of scientific enquiry but, of course, at primary school, we don't have the facilities to carry out such investigations. So, it was a successful morning and has given our Year 6 children a taste for secondary level science.
- I'm sure you're all aware that building a wider vocabulary is a whole-school priority focus and children are constantly sharing with me the new words they've learnt but what I *really* love is when children actually *use* these new words in their conversations. This week, Freddie (R2) did just that as he surveyed a rather untidy classroom and exclaimed, "It's really messy in here! It's just carnage!" I believe the whole of EYFS stopped what they were doing and celebrated the use of the word 'carnage'.....and then proceeded to tidy up!
- It's been a busy week of meeting new children who are joining us, many of whom are from the Ukraine and speak very little English but your children have been so welcoming. It makes me really proud to know that our children find imaginative ways to communicate and I see many of them walking around with the new children, showing them where everything is and helping them settle in. You can be



immensely proud of your children who embody our British Values of Respect and Tolerance. I think our reputation is beginning to pay dividends - we've had 27 new children start since the beginning of September!!

- As you know, we have moved from Mathletics to Doodle Maths and children are being rather slow at getting going with 'Doodling'. However, the top Doodling Class this week is 6A with 90% of pupils (that's 27 out of the class of 30) getting into the green zone (the standard amount of time spent on Doodle Maths). Well done 6A - let's see who can beat them next week.
- As promised, the update from Fireworks Night last week is that we made a profit of £5288.45! That's the biggest profit we've ever made as far as I'm aware! And why don't you pick up a Romford Recorder and see us featured under the Fireworks Special article? Here's a link to the article:

<https://edition.pagesuite.com/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&pubid=76a56899-ad61-4543-a0a4-bb1b806b5164>

- A lot of snivelling children were passing my door today and, when the 9th or 10th snivelling child went by, my worry sensors lit up - who was upsetting our lovely children and why? Turns out, it was a couple of school nurses administering a nasal flu vaccination! 133 children in total will now be safe from flu over the winter months - and very brave they were too - especially those who opted for the injection! No tears or tantrums to be seen anywhere!! The nurses will be returning on 13th December to administer more vaccines so, if you missed the boat this time, you can catch the next one on the 13th. You simply need to visit the link you were sent out via Parent Mail and book for the 13th December. Don't worry if you've lost the Parent Mail with the link (see? I know, don't I?) as we'll be sending it out again on Monday.
- We finished this week with a very emotional Remembrance Ceremony. I was blown away by the calibre of our readers this year who delivered their parts both articulately and with emotional depth. Well done Mahum, Parker, Noah, Violet, Matthew, Kevin, Luke, Scarlett, Jenson, Spencer and Tyler (Year 6) - you led the service beautifully. A big thank you also to our wreath-bearers who did a wonderful job taking up the wreaths to the cenotaph. The wreaths were beautiful as usual and you can see them in the Parent Foyer next week if you were unable to attend the ceremony today. A big thank you to all the parents who were able to join us - it was lovely to make the service a truly community event.
- And so it just remains for me to wish you a peaceful weekend full of Christmas shopping (well, the John Lewis Christmas advert dropped last night so that's Christmas officially started isn't it????) and other festive preparations and I leave you with this thought:

***"If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy.  
Then they become your partner."***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



This week we have no Star of the Week Celebration Assembly as we have our Armistice Assembly instead.



## Writer of the week:

R1: Oliver M

R2: Ismael

1A: Sidney

1B: Aarshy

2A: Aadam

2B: Fikayomi

3A: Feryal

3B: Adelaide

4A: Mason

4B: James

5A: Amelia P

5B: David

6A: Harry

6B: Akshee



## House Points

1st **Centaurs** 313 points

2nd **Phoenixes** 302 points

3rd **Dragons** 280 points

4th **Griffins** 279 points



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to.....

**Francesca R2**

**Haakil 1B**

**Riley-Joe 3A**

**Lillie-Mae 5B**

**Aliyssa 6A**

**Luke 6A**

**Freddie 6A**

who have had a birthday  
in the last week.  
We hope you had a great day!

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**R1 who achieved**

**98.8%**

Whole school  
attendance...

**95.8%**



## OUR GOLDEN AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE.....

George R1

Lauren R2

Harper 2B

Nicola 4B

Kevin R1

Jamie R2

Evie 3A

Marta 4B

Leandro R1

Kasey 1A

Yatniel 3A

Katie 6B

Maia R1

Mia 1A

Eshaal 4B

Delia 6B



**Congratulations!**

to....

Lauren R2

on receiving an achiever badge  
for gaining 3 gold certificates!



Remember to  
keep working  
on your  
reading  
challenges to  
earn your  
gold book  
token!



## Dates for autumn term:

- **Tuesday 15th November - Year 4 Viking Workshop**
- **Tuesday 15th November - Prospective parent tour @1:45pm**
- **Friday 18th November - Children in Need**
- **Tuesday 22nd November - Individual school photos**
- **Friday 25th November - Prospective parent tour @1:45pm**
- **Wednesday 30th November - Year 3 visits to Elm Park Library**
- **Thursday 1st December - Reindeer Run**
- **Friday 2nd December - PTA Whole Schhol Panto trip**
- **Monday 5th December - Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 9:15 am**
- **Monday 5th December - Year 1 Nativity @2:30 pm**
- **Tuesday 6th December - EYFS Nativity @ 9:15 am**
- **Tuesday 6th December - Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 2:30 pm**
- **Wednesday 7th December - Year 1 Nativity @ 9:15 am**
- **Wednesday 7th December - EYFS Nativity @ 2:30 pm**
- **Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner day**
- **Friday 9th December - PTA Christmas Bazaar @ 4:00 pm**
- **Tuesday 13th December - Breakfast with Santa**
- **Wednesday 14th December - Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum**
- **Thursday 15th December - Performing Arts trip to Frozen the Musical**
- **Friday 16th December - Visit to Holy Cross Church @ 10:00 am**
- **Friday 16th December - Break Up at 1:30 pm**