

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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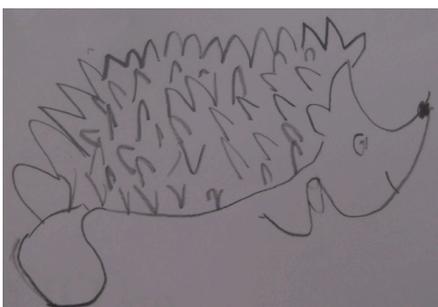
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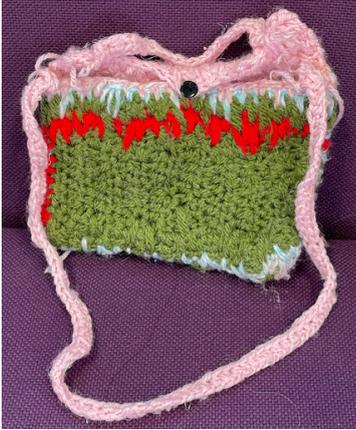
Dear Parents and Carers,

Another 4 day week has really spoilt us. How will we ever cope with 5 days next week? Here are this short week's highlights:

- The weather has finally turned and given us a little warmth and sunshine which means, of course, that water bottles are making an abundant presence in the Parent Foyer. Do please have a look in there if your child is missing their bottle. While we're on the subject of water bottles, may I remind you that water bottles must be clear and only contain water. We do now have water bottle stations in the playground so children can fill up their bottles when needed. May I also remind you, with the utmost urgency, to ensure all water bottles are clearly named - many bottles look the same and you don't want someone else drinking out of *your* child's bottle.
- As you know, this week is Hedgehog Awareness Week and, although we have many hedgehogs living in our shrubbery, we never see them because they're nocturnal. However, we know they're endangered and we know they eat slugs so, for all of us with gardens, we salute the hedgehog and want to actively promote its safety. R2 have taken this mission very seriously and have been constructing 'houses for hedgehogs' (good name for a charity, that!) and researching all about them and Ms Swayne brought her own pet hedgehog, Tiffany, in to visit the children. Tiffany is a South African pigmy hedgehog unable to be reinstated into the wild safely so she is protected by Ms Swayne and her family whose garden flowers beautifully because it's free of slugs (yes, I have an unhealthy obsession with slugs and the damage they do to *my* I mean *people's* gardens!). Hollie and Parker drew some great pictures to place on the hedgehog house made by the class.



- R1 have been delving into the ancient art of Tangrams, a Chinese puzzle made up of 7 pieces. They had a blast enhancing their early geometry skills, learning to rotate the shapes to create everything from houses to dinosaurs.



As you know, Ms Howard celebrated her birthday last week and I thought I'd share this lovely bag that was knitted for her by Temi (5A). The art of knitting is rarely seen executed by children these days so I was mightily impressed by such skill and creativity. Well done Temi. And Vijaya (5A) wrote a beautiful poem for Ms Howard celebrating all teachers!

Teachers are the keys that unlock students' minds

You are guides who mould our minds and shepherds who guide their sheep to the right path.

You, teachers, turn the pages of the great books and train us well to reach great heights.

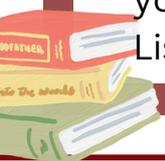
Thank you Ms Howard for all you have done.

In a group of many, you are one!

What lovely words! Well done Vijaya!

- It was 5B's turn to visit the farm this week and the weather couldn't have been more different to last week for 5A's visit. The sun was shining and the children had a wonderful time especially burying the big pair of knickers in the ground to see if the worms would eat through them!

- OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) has been going really well - we have so much going on and the atmosphere is fantastic. Some of the new items out for play include toy cars, dressing up items, chalks, toy dinosaurs and building bricks. Now, as you will be acutely aware, some of these items will be like glitter to magpies as far as children are concerned and may find their way into pockets or bags which is an understandable risk which we are well aware may occur. So, may I respectfully ask that you return any such items if you find that your child has 'borrowed' them for the evening! Here, you can see Arthur (6B) enjoying the dressing up and cheer-leading aspect of OPAL! It really is proving to be a big hit and children can't wait to get out to play and feed their inner creativity and imagination. See pictures below of how our lunchtimes look now.
- OPAL requires a great deal of supplies and you have been most generous with your donations but a few of you have asked to donate through an Amazon 'Wish List' so we've set one up. Here's the link: <https://amzn.eu/bpsk3Bs>



- And that brings us to the end of the this week's newsletter. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful, sunny, weekend and I leave you with this thought:

**“Necessity may be the mother of invention,
but *play* is certainly the father.”**



With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Thank you for all of your donations so far, the extra resources are really having a positive impact on the children's play at lunchtimes.

We are still looking for toy cars and we would really like to set up a lego table for the children so any donations for these would be greatly appreciated. Also, we are collecting together wheeled items for our Wheely Wednesdays so if you have any unwanted scooters, bikes, trikes, skateboards, pushchairs, walkers etc we will gladly take them off your hands.

Please put any donations in the drop box in the parent foyer.

Thank you for your continued support,
Ms M Clarke



Opal lunchtime at Harrow Lodge!
Friday 10th May



Visit www.harrowlodgeprimary.com to view it online

Stars of the Week

- R1: Chloe
- R2: Idrees
- 1A: Evani
- 1B: Jessica
- 2A: Summer
- 2B: Kasey
- 3A: Jessica
- 3B: Isla
- 3C: Promesse
- 4A: Fareedah
- 4B: Hareem
- 5A: Marta
- 6A: Logan G
- 6B: Demi

Birthdays



- Nectarie R1
- Sehaj R2
- Oliver G 1B
- Ifeh 2B
- Cindy 3B
- Leah 4B
- Inara 5B
- Amelia-Rose 6A

We hope you had a great day!

House Points

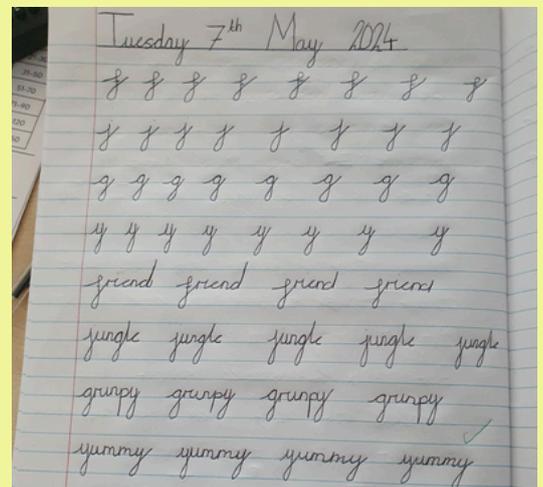


- 1st Phoenixes 476 points**
- 2nd Griffins 446 points**
- 3rd Centaurs 445 points**
- 4th Dragons 425 points**

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Keira in 4B



Attendance

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

3A who achieved
99.6%

Whole school
attendance was
95.1%



REACHING GOLD!



Well done to the following children
for reaching gold this week:

Sofia R1
Ameer R1
Denzel R1
Dhyan R2
Folu R2
Harley R2
Hurmat R2
Layla R2
Mannat R2
Michael R2
Musa R2
Rocko R2
Sienna R2
Wilayate R2
Zoe R2
Raahim 1A
Majus 1A
Maia 1A
George 1A

Ruby 1A
Freddy 1A
Henry 1B
Alicia 1B
Alice 1B
Kaiyaan 1B
Ismael 1B
Nellie 1B
Oliver M 1B
Evangeline 1B
Shayne 1B
Vivaan 1B
Sophia 2B
Toby 2B
Joseph 2B
Shiloh 2B
Aibinu 3A
Mason 3A

Fikayo 3A
Toby 3A
Roger 3B
Mahilan 3B
Nathan 3B
Dima 3B
Henry 3B
Kimberley 3C
Gold 3C
Zahra 3C
Elsie 3C
Promesse 3C
Vivien 3C
Shriyah 3C
Ashlyn 3C
Daniel A 4A
David C 4A
Ollie 4A

Fayeq 4A
Fareedah 4A
Feryal 4A
Fraser 4A
Keira 4B
Harrison 4B
Joshua 4B
Tiyé 5B
Zlata 5B
Charlie 5B
Darcie 5B
Tia 5B
Ela 5B
Inara 5B
Stefania 6A
Opey 6A
David 6B

BOOK TOKENS

Congratulation to

Ela 5B

for earning your
reading token this
week!

Congratulations!



Achiever badges

Well done to...

Hurmat R2
Layla R2
Mannat R2
Rocko R2
Zoe R2
Maia 1A
Freddy 1A

Nellie 1B
Aibinu 3A
Elsie 3C
Fayeq 4A
Inara 5B
Opey 6A

for reaching gold 5 times
and earning an
achievers badge.



Summer Term Dates

- **Monday 13th May - Year 6 SATs week**
- **Friday 17th May - 3B trip to the Tate Modern**
- **Monday 20th May - 3A & 3C trip to the Tate Modern**
- **Wednesday 22nd May - National Numeracy Day**
- **Friday 24th May - Music showcase**
- **Monday 3rd June - Year 4 Multiplication Check week**
- **Wednesday 5th June - Year 1 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo**
- **Thursday 6th June - 6A trip to Hornchurch Aerodrome Museum**
- **Friday 7th June - 6B trip to Hornchurch Aerodrome Museum**
- **Monday 10th June - Stay and Learn week**
- **Monday 10th June - Year 1 Phonic screening week**
- **Friday 14th June - Father's Day stalls**
- **Wednesday 26th June - Year 2 trip to Walton on the Naze**
- **Thursday 27th June - EYFS trip to BarleyLands Farm**
- **Tuesday 9th July - Open evening**
- **Friday 12th July - Sports Day**
- **Tuesday 16th July - Performing Arts Showcase**
- **Wednesday 17th July - House winner water fight**
- **Friday 19th July - Year 6 Presentation assembly**
- **Friday 19th July - Break up for summer at 1:30 pm**