

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the dreaded testing season begins, we've had an interesting week. Here are the highlights:

- KS2 SATs have been the focus of the week as our Y6 children finally faced the much anticipated tests. We thought the grammar test was particularly hard but that was followed by a pretty fair reading test. The maths tests, on the other hand, were fair tests of maths but so wordy that you had to have a high reading level to access the questions which I think is pretty unfair. But, as we say every year, all schools are in the same boat so we'll just have to wait and see how things work out. Well done to all our Y6 children - it's always a tough and stressful week.
- 3B spent today in London at the Tate Modern Art Gallery. The art in our school is second to none. Mrs Bracken leads the art curriculum with flair and expertise and she trains the teachers to deliver expert and imaginative lessons that bring out the inner artist of every child. As part of our Personal Development enrichment program, we're very keen for our children to experience a visit to an Art Gallery so Mrs Bracken planned a trip to the Tate Modern for Year 3. At the time of writing, they still haven't returned but the excitement was barely contained before they left - I wonder if they realise that you should only whisper in an Art Gallery????
- As you know OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) is taking off at school and your donations have been pouring in for which we are so grateful. Some of the most important pieces of play equipment for OPAL are tyres and we've had a steady influx of them over the last few days. Of course, we need to wash them before we can let your children loose on them so, on Thursday, we had some volunteers to help us clean them all. A massive thank you to Mr & Mrs Smith and Mr Healey for all your help - the children will adore playing with these next week.
- Still on the theme of sourcing resources for the school, we discovered that Dunelm in Romford were launching a summer campaign in which they would support the most popular nominated local schools with any resources they might need for the summer. They introduced a voting system to find the 3 most popular schools.



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- Well, Facebook nearly exploded with the number of schools that were nominated by parents or staff and the number of votes that were made which came to over 15,000 I believe. This was a competition like no other with the votes clearly on display and we were minor players being one of the smaller schools taking part. However, you rallied round as usual and we did seem to be in with a chance of coming in at third place with the big Ardleigh Green and Parklands well out of our reach. But Crowlands was clearly in fighting mode and they came up pretty fast on our heels until we there were just 9 votes between us in the high 300s. That's when we sent out the first request for votes and you didn't disappoint but there was a steady increase in every school's votes until it was an absolute frenzy to the finish line. Once the end date was announced, we found ourselves fighting for survival - that's when we sent out the second plea for votes and that's when I became aware that a posse of parents and myself were simply not ready to raise the white flag and we were all chasing every single person we knew, knew through a friend or had just met on the street and asking them to vote for us. Your children fed and bathed themselves that night, doodling in bed before lights off because you (and me!) were glued to your phone drumming up votes from as far away as Australia, America and the Cayman Isles. Tuesday night was a sleepless one as we watched our votes soar but so did Crowlands and there was some very dubious goings on by Clockhouse!! Finally, on Wednesday we were announced as the winners with over 1000 votes with Crowlands and Clockhouse coming in second and third. I might be on my own here but I was more excited watching these campaign votes play out than I was watching the Eurovision song contest voting!!!! A huge thank you to all of you who voted and got your friends, acquaintances and bin-men to vote for us - it was a lovely moment to feel us all pull together as one! We are a force to be reckoned with and we are firmly on the map now courtesy of Dunelm 😂
- This week, we've also been putting our Music Showcase together which has been quite a challenge amidst SATs testing, lunchtime hall use and visits out so next week will be full on trying to pull all the performers together in some semblance of order!!
- Meanwhile, our Willow class have continued to make us smile as they made animal hats and animal pictures as they learned all about animals!



- EYFS have been demonstrating their empathy and compassion this week when one of their class injured themselves and it was relayed to the teacher as this, “Oh no! Miss Goodwin, you must come quickly! One of our school family is hurt! She needs you - she’s hurt and crying!” Let’s hope they never lose that caring attitude.
- A shout out to Alex (5A) who has used his own pocket money to donate a box of chucks and a box of toy cars from our wish list for use at playtime. I’m so proud of our children. They are proving to be such good, upstanding citizens.
- And that brings us to the end of the this week’s newsletter. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful, restful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“The best teamwork comes from people who are working independently toward one goal in unison.”

(Dunelm campaign?????)

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle

Thank you to the parents who have already ordered items from our Amazon wishlist. It really is like Christmas when we get a parcel arriving with goodies!

If you would still like to get something from our wish list please use the link below:

<https://amzn.eu/bpsk3Bs>

The next area we would like to develop is a doll area so we are collecting baby dolls, baby doll accessories, Barbies or any other dolls or accessories that children can play with.

We are still 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



Stars of the Week

R1: Sofia
R2: Harley & Folu
1A: Riley
1B: Zaryab
2A: Mia
2B: Milana
3A: Musa
3C: Elsie
4A: Yatniel
4B: Savelly
5A: Alex C
5B: Eliza
6A: Mitchell
6B: Hannah

Birthdays



Hudson R1
Lauren 1A
Mia 1A
Lorin 2B
Jacob 3A

Sofia 4B
Marta 5A
Sotonte 6A
Stefania 6A

We hope you had a great day!

House Points



1st **Phoenixes** 519 points
2nd **Dragons** 484 points
3rd **Griffins** 414 points
4th **Centaur**s 388 points

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Idris in 2B

The next day, Garygoles thought of an ingenious
way to solve his problem. He decided to seek some ^{more} ^{of} ^{the} ^{same} ^{kind} of
smoothie but of strong, sooty mustard and
pepper. It was ^{not} ^{long} ^{before} ^{he} ^{was} ^{feeling} ^{rather} ^{unwell} and
sweating. He ^{was} ^{convinced} that he should
stop. All this driving on apples will make that terrorist
and driving apples and I can't wait to see what
happens. Later that day, Tom went to the back
and left his smoothie unattended. I immediately
the terrorist was swallowed it and felt sick and
disappointed. I was ^{very} ^{happy} ^{to} ^{see} ^{him} ^{put} ^{on} ^a ^{coat} ^{and} ^{prick} ^{the} ^{smoothie} ^{and} ^{cover} ^{the} ^{terrorist} ^{and} ^{was} ^{gone} ^{again}.
I really enjoyed reading your story Idris
Will do 😊



Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to...
6B who achieved **100%** Whole school attendance was **96.8%**



REACHING GOLD!



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

Ameer R1	Mia 1A	Sidney 2B	Sinachi 3C
Aarish R1	Francesca 1A	Joseph 2B	Vera 3C
Hudson R1	Jayden 1A	Lorin 2B	Ashlyn 3C
Arisha R1	Nyla 1A	Shiloh 2B	Keira 4B
Olivia R1	Lauren 1A	Sophia 2B	Leah 4B
Fletcher R1	Rohan 1B	Meshach 2B	Riley 5A
Emily R1	Nate 1B	Adam 3A	Vijaya 5A
Dexter R1	Maria 1B	Aleeha 3A	Zariana 5A
James R1	Zayna 1B	Halimat 3A	Amanda 5A
Luna R1	Ella 1B	Harper 3A	Oscar 5A
Tasnim R1	Ismael 1B	Jessica 3A	Temi 5A
Sage R1	Abid 1B	Joel 3A	Marta 5A
Charles R1	Alicia 1B	Rhea 3A	Zlata 5B
Layla R2	Aaron 1B	Khaleelah 3A	Gedis 5B
Mannat R2	Vivaan 1B	Mujtaba 3A	Olobo 5B
Michael R2	Kevin 2A	Rhea 3A	Amin 5B
Musa R2	Maddison 2A	Polly 3A	Lily-May 6A
Sienna R2	Nate 2A	Henry 3B	Lyla 6A
Billie R2	Dalia 2A	Navaira 3B	Oscar 6A
Dhyan R2	Aisha 2A	Harry 3B	Sotonte 6A
Zoe R2	Woody 2A	Regi 3B	Amelia P 6A
Meltem R2	Summer 2A	Adaam 3B	Nathan 6A
	Mia 2A	Dima 3B	Feroz 6B
	Aarshy 2A	Sonia 3C	Logan G 6B
	Elizabeth 2A	Ayanah 3C	Kotryna 6B
			Jessie 6B

BOOK TOKENS

Congratulation to

Mia 4B

for earning your reading token this week!

Congratulations!



Achiever badges

Well done to...

Aarish R1	Rohan 1B
Ameer R1	Summer 2A
Tasnim R1	Sophia 2B
Dhyan R2	Harper 3A
Michael R2	Aadam 3B
Sienna R2	Navaira 3B
Lauren 1A	Regi 3B
Alicia 1B	Ashlyn 3C
Ella 1B	Ayanah 3C
Nate 1B	Marta 5A

for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achievers badge.



Summer Term Dates

- **Monday 20th May - 3A & 3C trip to the Tate Modern**
- **Wednesday 22nd May - National Numeracy Day**
- **Friday 24th May - Music showcase @ 2:15 pm (Invite only)**
- **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**