

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a 'scorchingly' busy week this week. Here are the highlights:

- Monday was an exciting day as all our new parents whose children are starting with us in September brought their children in for a 'Stay & Play' session. There were a few tears but, once their parents disappeared from view, they all started smiling!!! Yep - it's always the parents' fault! 🙄 Ms Swain and Ms Lawson reported that the children were delightful and there was only *one* child this year who decided that Barnabus, the bearded dragon, would be happier out of his tank cooling off in the water tray! To be honest, that child probably called it correctly as it was meltingly hot on Monday and I expect Barnabus was glad of the change of scenery and the cool oasis!!
- While their children were having a wonderful time playing, our new parents were treated to a talk from David Leech (who used to be the Head Teacher of St Mary's Primary School just round the corner to us). David is now a partner in a company who specialise in well-being and mental health training and he came along to talk to our parents about their own and their children's mental health and how to look after it in the same way we look after our physical health. He was entertaining as well as informative and gave parents a myriad of strategies to use to deal with anxiety and generally keeping our mental health on as even a keel as possible. It was a really positive talk and I had some extremely good feedback from parents about how helpful it was for them.
- David Leech also visited us on Thursday to talk to our Year 6 children about well-being and to give them some insight into their own mental health and strategies to help them cope with the stresses and anxieties that they may meet as they move forward in their educational journey. The children found the session interesting and enlightening and, of course, children always love studying about *themselves*!!!! It's their most interesting subject!
- We had 3 Head Teachers from schools in Harlow come to visit us on Monday. They were part of a small Trust and were looking at schools in a variety of Multi-Academy Trusts



- to see whether they would like to merge with any particular Trust. Showing visitors around (especially Head Teachers) is one of my favourite things to do because I'm so proud of the school and the children and I love to see the visitors' faces as they look around in awe!! And these Head Teachers were duly impressed, particularly with our SEND provision and the amount of space we have! It does remind us how lucky we are when other teachers tell us what their provision is like and that we are truly blessed with this school.
- Our own Ms Goodwin has been asked to be an advisor for EYFS in one of the other Trust schools and we're very proud of her. Again, when she returned from visiting the school she would be advising, she reiterated how wonderful our provision was. When we don't venture out, we have nothing to compare ourselves with and, more often than not, we'll judge ourselves as lacking so it's really good to keep visiting other schools, both to get ideas to improve and to reaffirm how good we actually are!
- This week was a week of outings. Y2 visited Walton-on-the-Naze as part of their 'Coastline' Topic. It was a blisteringly hot day but sun cream and sunhats were the order of the day!

As you can see, there was a lot of studying of coastal features that went on but also a bit of paddling and sand-play was carried out and a sleep on the coach was very much needed at the end of the day (and that was just the teachers!!)



- On Thursday, our EYFS children had an adventure at Barleylands! I received a text half way through the day from Ms Swain asking if she could come back with a a goat, a chicken and a pig - of course, she wants to start her own farm in EYFS. Well, she's just going to have to make do with the guinea pigs, the bearded dragon, the gold fish and the quail for now. I do have to manage Ms Swain's expectations when she goes out on these kind of trips!!
- We took some pictures of our Year 6 'soon to be leavers' this week and sent them to the Romford Recorder for their Leavers Special spread. I'll let you know when it's supposed to be printed - we haven't been told yet! I have to say, it's starting to feel very close now!
- OPAL continues to be entertaining and imaginative and this week was even more so as we introduced 'den-building' to the activities on offer. This has been a huge hit and allows the children to use all sorts of materials to build creative dens to hide in! Today, the wind blew some crates on top of the den and Maxwell (3C) quickly pulled up the covering and shouted, "Is everyone alright in there?" There was a resounding "Yes" in response but, for me, the act of caring and kindness from Maxwell towards children of all different age groups was the real moment of celebration!
- I go out most lunchtimes and watch the children enjoying their new activities and yesterday saw a beautiful moment that never would have happened without OPAL. Maia (1A) was so excited as she called Ms Clarke to watch her riding on a two-wheeler bike, "I've never ridden a bike without stabilisers before!" Now, *that's* the kind of thing that makes it all worthwhile - Maia taught herself to ride that bike - just by practising day after day!!
- Now to Football - 'What *more* football?' I hear you cry. Well, this was a 'friendly' match against Towers for Y6 Girls and Y6 Boys - I think it's a fair assessment to say the boys gave them a run for their money (2-2) but our girls were outplayed on this occasion. Never mind - next year,



we'll redress the balance. Everyone played well and everyone played fair and *that's* a win in my opinion!

- Today was yet another non-uniform day as we collected sweets and chocolate for our summer fete Tombola stall. Thank you for all your contributions - I tried to get first pick of the donations as a Head-Teacher perk but, for some strange reason, Ms Lawson removed my trolley of chocolate and told me, in no uncertain terms, that there are NO such perks for Head Teachers at *this* school! I'm now actively looking for vacancies in other schools!! 🙄
- And that brings us to the end of this week's newsletter. It just remains for me to wish you a warm and restful weekend and I leave you with this thought :

***“Mental Health... is not a destination, but a process.
It's about how you drive, not where you're going!”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle





OPAL NEWS



This week we have introduced a den building area on the KS1 field. After an assembly where the rules were discussed and agreed on, the children were let loose with the equipment. I think you can agree from the photos that they had a great time and built some amazing dens and shelters!!

We have been lucky enough to have a couple of our parents (Mr & Mrs King) offer to build some play equipment for us over the summer holidays. We would love to have a mud kitchen for all children to access and some seated planters. In order to do this we need some donations of wood/pallets so if anyone knows of where we can get some, or has some that we can have, can you please get in touch on
mclarke@harrowlodgeprimary.com



We are still collecting large loose parts for the children to build and play with and hope to have this area ready to open in September. For this we need bottle crates, planks, plastic pipes, guttering, tubing, cable rolls, tarpoulin etc. If you have anything, it can be dropped off during the day, just let us know.



Amazon wish list:
<https://amzn.eu/bpsk3Bs>

Thank you for your continued support,
Ms M Clarke

Stars of the Week

R1: Amelia
R2: Dhyan
1A: Raahim
1B: Rohan
2A: Shannon
2B: Serena
3A: Toby
3B: Seth
3C: Sinachi
4A: Marharyta
4B: Leah
5A: Marnie
5B: Olivia
6A: Alex O
6B: Stanley & Simeon

Birthdays



Fletcher R1
Rohan 1B
Emily-Rose 3B
Maya 4A
Marta 5B
Chanan 6B
Alex O 6A
Kaeden 6A

We hope you had a great day!

House Points



1st **Griffins** 556 points
2nd **Phoenixes** 479 points
3rd **Dragons** 477 points
4th **Centaur**s 445 points

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Camilla in R2

K The fox (I)
was lost and
it had a party
because
it was with
Mud it got
washed and it
had a birthday.



Attendance

This week's
attendance award
goes to...
4A who achieved
99%
Whole school
attendance was
94.3%



REACHING GOLD!

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

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Nectarie R1 | Joseph 2B | Ola 3C | Tymofii 6B |
| Tasnim R1 | James 2B | Vera 3C | Lily-May 6B |
| James R1 | Idris 2B | Leni-Rae 5A | Sotonte 6B |
| Kendall R1 | Aibinu 3A | Olivia 5B | Lyla 6B |
| Archie R1 | Judah 3A | Sahar 5B | Oscar 6B |
| Lola R1 | Khaleelah 3A | Doahika 5B | Gurkeerat 6B |
| Charlie R1 | Hlalamat 3A | Arthur 6A | Luca 6B |
| Parker R2 | Harper 3A | Feroz 6A | Amelia P 6B |
| Harper R2 | Oliver 3A | Maaz 6A | Amelia Rose 6B |
| Dhyan R2 | Rhea 3A | Dorian 6A | Amelia Rose 6B |
| Wilayate R2 | Grace 3A | Leo 6A | Alex O 6B |
| Hurmat R2 | Joel 3A | Hannah 6A | Stefania 6B |
| Isa R2 | Jake 3B | Isla 6A | Nitza 6B |
| Camilla R2 | Kara 3B | Bobby 6A | Pavel 6B |
| Jude R2 | Regi 3B | Holly 6A | Opey 6B |
| Kaylan R2 | Cindy 3B | Stanley 6A | Kaeden 6B |
| Cleo R2 | Henry 3B | Logan J 6A | |
| Henry 1B | Laura 3B | Zara 6A | |
| Vivaan 1B | Maxwell 3C | Fatjona 6A | |
| Alicia 1B | Promesse 3C | Frank 6A | |
| | | Kotryna 6A | |

BOOK TOKENS

Congratulation
to

Jessica 1B
Aaron 1B
Aleeha 3A
Mujtaba 3A
Kara 3B
Henry 3B
Mason 5B
Charlie 5B

for earning your
reading token this week!



Achiever badges

Well done to...

Camilla R2
Henry 1B
Halimat 3A
Rhea 3A
Vera 3C
Sotonte 6A
Amelia P 6A
Kaeden 6A
Fatjona 6B

for reaching gold 5 times and
earning an achievers badge.



HARROW LODGE PRIMARY PTA

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 6th July
12pm to 3pm
FREE ENTRY

Wellgate Community Farm

Wheel2Wheel Display Team
Bike trial displays showing jaw dropping performances!

Jo's Castles unlimited inflatable fun
£7 a wristband

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- RAFFLES •
- BBQ •
- COLOURED HAMPERS •
- TOMBOLAS •
- LOTS OF FUN GAMES •
- FAT PIZZA •
- REFRESHMENTS •
- OUTSIDE STALLS •
- and much more!

For more information contact
harrowlodgeprimarypta@gmail.com

Rascals

Miss Swain & Miss Noe Present Summer Festival

Open to all: Reception – Year 6
Ages 4 – 12 years old.

This festival will include a different variety of sports and activities such as Tennis, Archery, Basketball, Football, Dodgeball, Cricket, Arts and Crafts, Dance, Movies, Lego, Table Top Games, Slime, Play-doh, and so much more! We will be finishing each week with a party, serving either Pizza or Hot Dogs and Chips, plus prizes and certificates.

Dates:

Week 1: Mon 12th, Tues 13th, Wed 14th, Thurs 15th, Fri 16th August
Week 2: Mon 19th, Tues 20th, Wed 21st, Thurs 22nd, Fri 23rd August

8.30AM - 3PM

Full Course of 1 Week: £90
Full Course of 2 Weeks: £160
Any Three Day Week: £50
Single Days: £20.00

Venue: Harrow Lodge Primary School RM12 4BP
YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND HARROW LODGE TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL.

Summer Term Dates

- **Thursday 4th July - Polling Day - School closed**
- **Friday 5th July - Rescheduled Year 4 River Trip**
- **Tuesday 9th July - Open evening 3:30 - 5:30**
- **Friday 12th July - Sports Day**
- **Tuesday 16th July - Performing Arts Showcase @ 2:15 pm**
- **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**