

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Another busy week. Here are the highlights:

- Well, I have to begin *this* week's newsletter by returning to *last* week's news first. I was severely reprimanded last weekend because I had forgotten to include a very important visit in the newsletter - Year 1's visit to the Hertfordshire Zoo! It was amazing according to the children, volunteer supporters and teachers! Ms Lawson returned looking like a drained battery but with a smile on her face like the Cheshire cat she'd visited at the zoo! Because the weather wasn't too hot, every animal was out and about and able to be seen so it was one of the most successful zoo visits our Year 1s have ever had.
- Back to this week, it's been a week of formal testing with Year 4 completing the Maths Times table Tests and Year 1 completing the Phonics Tests. Our children were stars as usual but we have to wait for the official pass marks to be shared by the DfE to be sure of our results but it's been a very busy week for formal tests. Next week, the testing continues with end of year assessment tests and that should be it until next academic year!!!
- We had a visit from the school nurse this week as our Year 5 and Year 6 children had that exciting lesson on puberty!! Once the giggles were all out of the way (and that was just the teachers!!), the lesson was very grown up and mature. We always worry about these lessons thinking that the children (well, let's be honest, the boys!!) are going to be silly and childish but, every year, they surprise us and are sensible and ask responsible questions. And it was no different this year! I joined the Year 6 boys' lesson this year and was really impressed with both their knowledge and their mature attitude and, in a very few cases, the ability to hold those giggles in check!!!
- Teachers from Frances Bardsley Academy came to visit some of our Year 6 girls this week to start preparing them for their transition to Secondary School. It's an exciting time for the children but we often forget that it can be a very worrying time as well and these visits do help to ease some of their fears and concerns.



- This week, it was lovely to see you all joining us for 'Stay & Learn'. Thank you for all the positive feedback and for your questions as well since that shows us that certain areas need to be clearer or it gives us an opportunity to explain our decisions to you. I love this week - it always proves to be so useful.
- Aidan in R1 was so intrigued by the algae problem in the EYFS fish pond that he went home and asked Alexa how to solve it. Apparently, according to Alexa, placing a bag of straw into the water should help alleviate the issue. This has been duly carried out and Aiden is keeping a very close eye on the situation - he'll update us shortly on the algae situation.
- Wednesday was a truly colourful day as the PTA ran a 'Colour Fun Run' for the first time. I have to say, I was extremely nervous about this fund-raiser. Ms Lawson has been hounding me for a few years to let her run this activity and I've always pulled back from it as the horror of children covered in powder paint is the stuff my nightmares are made of!! However, she wore me down this year with her clear itinerary and instructions on how it would work with no mess spilling over into the school (or onto **me**!! 😱). And, I have to say, it was one of the best activities the PTA have run - the children were 'hyper' but soooo happy with bubbles, water and colour-powder - the ingredients that made a thrilling afternoon and a fifteen hundred pound profit to boot!! I watched the festivities from a safe distance and the stand-out parent for me was Ms Swain who was more energised than the children and, boy, did she make the most of her power to douse the children in dye! Not a single child escaped her manic chasing and, my goodness, that lady can move - now I know where Kaeden (6A) and Dottie (??) get their sporting prowess from!! My safe position wasn't safe enough I'm sad to say because on finishing her run, and totally covered in dye, Francesca (1A) ran up to me and, before I knew what was happening, she gave me a huge hug! So, yes, I ended up joining in with the colour-fest after all!! Thank you to all our PTA parents who turned up to ~~attack~~ spray your children with infusions of colour - personally, I think they enjoyed it just a little too much - just an observation!!! 😂
- Wednesday, we also played host to 75 delegates from across the Trust schools who came to take part in subject leadership training. We provided tea, coffee, biscuits and sweets and I went rather overboard with the number of biscuits and sweets but I thought I'd rather provide too much than not enough. So, you can imagine my shock when I discovered every last biscuit and every last sweet had been devoured! Teachers are a very hungry breed - or were they just very bored? 😏
- The choir were out and about this week, back in Romford singing ~~for their supper~~ for the enjoyment of the elderly. Thank you to Mrs Millard for escorting the children and enabling them to do something positive for the community.
- The PTA were extremely busy this week because they also set up Fathers' Day Stalls for your children to buy something for the significant male in their lives to celebrate with them on Fathers' Day on Sunday. Thank you again to the wonderful parents and Miss Lawson who spent hours setting up the stalls and selling the



- products for your children.
- Our school councillors have been busy thinking of ways to improve the school and they've come up with a great idea that they'd like us to implement. They would like us to start awarding a kindness certificate to one child from each class every week during our Monday PSHE assemblies. They'd also like me to appoint a 'kindness' prefect next year as part of our set of prefects. Both ideas were agreed and so our first kindness certificates will be given out on Monday.
- Talking about Councillors (and now I'm talking about the grown up ones), some of you may have noticed Andrew Rosindell's flyers posted on his Twitter feed shown in front of our school gates - I'd like to make it perfectly clear that we did not agree to any such photo being taken and shared nor do we affiliate with any particular party as a school.
- And today, we ended the week with our Poetry Slam! This year's theme was kindness and all children were asked to write and perform their own poems either individually or in groups. The newly appointed Mayor came along to help me judge the entries and prizes were awarded to each year group. Well done to all the children for finding the confidence to perform, building resilience if they weren't picked to perform and having the determination to keep trying even when you get a knock-back. These are great life skills to develop and will serve them well in their life-journeys. Here are the winners:



Year 1: 'A kind Friend' by Shayne, Jessica and Oliver  
 Year 2: 'Team Kindness' by Heidi, Sidney and Lorin  
 Year 3: 'Our Loving World' by Henry, Harry and Seth  
 Year 4: 'Kindness' Feryal, Michaela and Lily  
 Year 5: 'Kindness is Endless' by Sarah and Leni  
 Year 6: 'It's Good to be Kind' by Jessie and Dolcie



- And that brings us to the end of another week. Please could you perform a 'sundance' over the weekend? We're all losing the will to live with this continuous wet and windy weather - I find myself thinking that we might have been better off shelving the air-conditioning and investing in wellies and waterproofs for the children instead!!
- I'd like to wish all the fathers (and significant male role-models) a Happy Father's Day on Sunday. May you be treated like kings and may you treat your children like princes and princesses!! And I leave you with this thought:

**“Happy Father’s Day to all the dads, the not yet dads, the stepdads, the mums who are dads, the adoptive dads, the granddads, and the dads who are no longer with us.”**

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle





# OPAL NEWS



Thank you to the parents who have already ordered items from our Amazon Wish list. We have once again been amazed by the generosity of our families as the amount of items purchased continues to grow. We still have lots of great ideas for lunchtime activities so if you would still like to get something from our wish list please use the link below:

<https://amzn.eu/bpsk3Bs>

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](mailto:mclarke@harrowlodgeprimary.com)



We are also 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.



Thank you for your continued support,  
Ms M Clarke

## Stars of the Week

Due to the Poetry Slam on Friday our stars of the week will be carried over to next week.



## Birthdays



Lola R1	Grace 3A
Denzel R1	Sinachi 3C
Sienna R2	Sonia 3C
Matas 2A	Amelia 5B
Luke 2A	Mitchell 6A

*We hope you had a great day!*

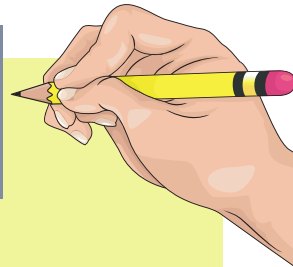
## House Points



**1st Centaurs 411 points**  
**2nd Griffins 404 points**  
**3rd Phoenixes 395 points**  
**4th Dragons 355 points**



## Presentation Award



Our presentation winner will be carried over to next week's assembly.



# Attendance

This week's  
attendance award  
goes to...

**1B** who achieved  
**99%**

Whole school  
attendance was  
**93.3%**



## BOOK TOKENS

Congratulation  
to .....

**Riley 1A**  
**Darcy 1B**  
**Nate 1B**  
**Fikayo 3A**  
**Tia 5B**  
**Darcie 5B**  
**Olivia 5B**

for earning your  
reading token this  
week!

**Congratulations!**

# REACHING GOLD!



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

Henry R1  
Hudson R1  
Matei R1  
Nectarie R1  
Denzel R1  
Archie R1  
Parker R2  
Rocko R2  
Vadim R2  
Meltem R2  
Darius R2  
Harley R2  
Camilla R2  
Jude R2  
Billie R2  
Wilayate R2  
Isa R2  
Idrees R2

Sara 1A  
Lauren 1A  
Isobel 1A  
George 1A  
Zayna 1B  
Paula 1B  
Ismael 1B  
Harley 2B  
Haakil 2B  
Idris 2B  
Chloe 2B  
Sophia 2B  
Thea 2B  
Amelie 2B  
James 2B  
Kasey 2B  
Ifeh 2B  
Aibinu 3A  
Judah 3A  
Harper 3A

Fikayo 3A  
Rhea 3A  
Jessica 3A  
Jacob 3A  
Zoey 3A  
Henry 3B  
Harry 3B  
Seth 3B  
Emma 3B  
Naylaa 3B  
Harvey 3B  
Teddy 3B  
Emily-Rose 3B  
Roan 3B  
Jake 3B  
Jamie 3B  
Dima 3B  
Roger 3B  
Kristapas 3B  
Marco 3C

Oyintade 3C  
Olamide 3C  
Zirwah 3C  
Oscar 3C  
Manaal 3C  
Jibreel 3C  
Leah 4B  
Thoma 4B  
Taha 4B  
Keira 4B  
Zarian 5A  
Marta 5A  
James 5A  
Eliza 5B  
Tia 5B  
Darcie 5B  
Ariana 5B  
Dolcie 6B  
Manraj 6B  
Jessie 6B  
Logan J 6B

## Achiever badges

Well done to...

**Henry R1**  
**Parker R2**  
**Wilayate R2**  
**Zayna 1B**  
**Paula 1B**  
**Ismael 1B**  
**Idris 2B**  
**Thea 2B**  
**Kasey 2B**  
**Roger 3B**  
**Dima 3B**  
**Marco 3C**  
**Oyintade 3C**  
**Manaal 3C**  
**Thomas 4B**  
**Keira 4B**  
**James 5A**

for reaching gold 5 times  
and earning an  
achievers badge.



# Summer Term Dates

- **Wednesday 19th June - Year 1 trip to Raphael's Park**
- **Wednesday 19th June - Year 3&4 Quad Kids**
- **Friday 21st June - Junior Music Festival @ Queen's Theatre**
- **Wednesday 26th June - Year 2 trip to Walton on the Naze**
- **Wednesday 26th June - Year 1 & 2 Quad Kids**
- **Thursday 27th June - EYFS trip to BarleyLands Farm**
- **Thursday 27th June - Year 6 wellbeing workshops**
- **Thursday 4th July - Polling Day - School closed**
- **Friday 5th July - Rescheduled Year 4 River Trip**
- **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**