

# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It's been a busy week and here are the highlights:

- So, let's start with last Saturday, the day of our summer fete, the day we usually have masses of fun on bouncy inflatables and tombola stalls, the day the PTA make their biggest profit of the year - the day, *this* year, the heavens rained on our parade and washed away all hope of seasonal success on the fund-raising front! All the hard work that was put into the setting up and organisation of the event felt futile and unrecognised as we all stood in the pouring rain watching the chance of air-conditioning in the upstairs classrooms sink away like the rain down the drains!! However, our British spirit shone through and we didn't give up unlike other schools on the same day who cancelled their fetes and we ended up turning a profit of about £800 which is not to be sneezed at despite the fact that we all ended up with colds!! I'd like to thank all of you who braved that weather and supported us on the day - I'm so grateful for that support at *every* event but it means such a lot more when I know you've had to battle your innermost desire to stay indoors away from the cold and wet snuggled up in the warm and dry with a cup of hot chocolate and a good book! And thank you to everyone that helped set up, run, and tidy up afterwards! Actually, the sun shone beautifully for the tidying up which was quite the bonus!
- Back to *this* week and we began the week with a mental health afternoon in which we prepared the children for transitioning to their next class. It's a big step for many children who find the move to a new teacher and a new classroom quite daunting so an afternoon to talk about it and gain reassurance is helpful for so many (even those that appear to be so confident because they are often masking a hidden anxiety that even *they* may not be aware of!).
- Hannah (6B) and Gemma (6A) ran their last badge sale this week. They were selling the winning badge design 'Kindness spreads here at HLPS' as well as a variety of other designs including House Team badges which were fantastic designs. They made a grand total of £434.24 which will be split equally between 'The Cats Protection' and 'The Salvation Army.'



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- Well done to both girls for such an outstanding enterprise.
- Y5, this week, were invited to Hornchurch High School for a taster secondary school lesson in Trampolining and a tour around the school. The children had a wonderful time experiencing a lesson that they would never get in Primary School and a peak at life in a secondary school. It's ostensibly provided for our Year 5 children in order to try and drum up support for the school and all the secondary schools carry out some form advertising like this for the Year 5's but, actually, we like it because it begins to prepare the children for what lies ahead for them in secondary school. As HHS is right on our doorstep, we do get extra-special treatment for which I'm very grateful.
- Tuesday was a very exciting day. We began in the morning, at 7:30 am, signing in to the DfE standards board waiting in a queue for 20 minutes for our Year 6 SATs results. That little blue circle just revolved and revolved until, finally, a message flashed up saying that the site was closed for 'planned maintenance'!! You can imagine our frustration! Finally, though, the results were through and we could see how our Year 6 children had fared. And, my goodness, they smashed it! Here are our school results compared to National results - Well done Year 6 and all the staff and parents that have supported these children on their academic journey so far:

SUBJECT	Our Year 6	National
Reading	91%	74%
Maths	77%	73%
Writing	75%	72%
Grammar & Spelling	77%	72%
Science	93%	81%
Combined (Passing all 3 subjects)	65%	61%

These % show how many children passed each subject.

- Tuesday was also the day when each class discovered who their new teacher would be next year. This is always an exciting moment. We all meet in the dining hall and each class stands up in turn as I reveal their new teacher and then a cheer usually erupts, the new teacher takes a bow and they all walk out to spend an hour getting to know one another. It's lovely when there are big changes like this year with Ms Goodwin moving out of EYFS for the first time in about 20 years and Ms Howard moving to Year 6 for the first time because the children are shocked and you hear all the gasps as the announcements are made. It's one of the really lovely moments of the school year. Almost all the children were happy with a very few exceptions (because they were hoping for a particular teacher that they didn't get) but most were ecstatic, some even crying with happiness!
- After school, on Tuesday, was our Open Evening - the time when the year's work is displayed for you to come and look at in every class in every year group and you turned up in your droves this year! I was so pleased because the children had worked really hard on their projects and the staff had worked really hard putting it



- all on display. There were many moments of note but I was mostly moved by the obvious pride with which your children were showing you their work. I saw little hands dragging big arms over to this wall and that table excitedly pointing at the work they had on display! Moments like that are priceless and they are the snapshots in my memory album that I will never forget. Thank you for visiting and showing your children the value of school! Not only that, but teachers were so grateful to receive your votes of thanks for the year coming to a close and your votes of confidence for the year about to begin. Those words mean a lot to them.
- Pre-loved uniform was being sold for a donation in the Infant Library on Open Evening and I was really glad to see so many parents buying it - making good use of perfectly good uniform which will only have to be thrown away if it's not recycled.
- Wednesday was another jam-packed day as many of our staff took part in First-Aid Training so they are now fully functioning First-Aiders - it's a whole day's training which can be quite draining when you're concentrating so hard for that length of time!
- And there was a palpable buzz around the Year 6 classes on Wednesday with whispers in corners and giggles on benches; it could only mean *one* thing - the Year 6 Leavers' Party was afoot! And what a magnificent shindig it turned out to be with 'Magic Mirrors', '**No**secco drinks' and 'Balloon Arches' adorning the venue. Children dressed up in their finery, were papped like stars and danced till dawn (slight exaggeration alert but you get my drift!). Year 6 parents did a grand job and everyone had a wonderful time!
- Thursday was 'Report Day'!! The day of results for many; the day of reckoning for some!! I hope you were all happy with the rounding up of your child's achievement and progress from over the year and that the report supports what you know your child to be.
- Finally Friday was Sports Day - it's been such an unsettled week weather-wise that we changed our minds on a daily basis about cancelling it or running it. Luckily, the weather held out and we were able to hold the annual event without too much slipping and sliding! It was just a bit windy at times. The winning Team from Sports Day and the medals will be announced next week along with our Best Attenders and our overall House winners in a special assembly. Thank you to Mr Charlee who organised the day.
- And that brings us to the end of this week's newsletter. It's been an eventful week, that's for sure! It just remains for me to wish you a warm and sunny weekend (and, hopefully, a winning Sunday evening!!) and, in light of all things sporting, of treating triumph and disaster just the same when meeting them, I leave you with this

***"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling,  
but in rising every time we fall!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle





# OPAL

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, tarpaulin 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

## New Classes for 2024-2025

- R1 - Miss Lawson
- R2 - Mrs Swain
- 1A - Ms Goodwin(R2)
- 1B - Mrs Harding (R1)
- 2A - Mrs LeMay & Mrs Seed (1A)
- 2B - Miss Bednarczuk (1B)
- 3A - Mrs Millard (2A)
- 3B - Mrs Bracken (2B)
- 4A - Miss Batt (3B)
- 4B - Miss Harrison (3A)
- 4C - Mrs O'Connor (3C)
- 5A - Miss Cormenzana (4A)
- 5B - Mrs Byrne (4B)
- 6A - Ms Howard (5B)
- 6B - Mrs Matharu (5A)

# Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to...

**2A & 2B** who both achieved **98.6%**

Whole school attendance was **94.9%**



# Birthdays



**Reggie 3A**

**Teddy 3B**

**Oscar 3C**

**Yatniel 4A**

**Jacob 4B**

**Daisy-Leigh 5A**

**Alex C 5A**

**Joshua 5A**

**Ariana 5B**

**Riley 5A**

**Ilinca 5B**

**Isabella 6A**

**Pavel 6A**



*We hope you had a great day!*

# House Points



**1st Dragons 325 points**  
**2nd Centaurs 317 points**  
**3rd Griffins 268 points**  
**4th Phoenixes 257 points**



# Achiever badges

Well done to...

**Fola R2**  
**Harper R2**  
**Sonny R2**  
**Sidney 2B**  
**Adam 3A**  
**Henry 3B**  
**Kara 3B**

**Naylaa 3B**  
**Sofiia 3C**  
**Sofiya 6A**  
**Mitchell 6A**  
**BJ 6B**  
**Mollie-Mae 6B**

for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achievers badge.



# REACHING GOLD!

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

Sofia R1  
Danielius R1  
Dexter R1  
Tasnim R1  
Ada R1  
Meltem R2  
Folu R2  
Billie R2  
Hurmat R2  
Sienna R2  
Rocko R2  
Harper R2  
Sonny R2  
Harley R2  
Dhyan R2  
Darius R2  
Lexi R2  
Zoe R2  
Cleo R2

Sidney 2B  
Paisley 2B  
Aibinu 3A  
Rhea 3A  
Joshua 3A  
Polly 3A  
Zoey 3A  
Halimat 3A  
Khaleelah 3A  
Adam 3A  
Jenson 3A  
Grace 3A  
Jessica 3A  
Henry 3B  
Regi 3B  
Isla 3B  
Harry 3B  
Jamie 3B  
Roger 3B

Mahilan 3B  
Naylaa 3B  
Kara 3B  
Adam 3B  
Laura 3B  
Jibreel 3C  
Kira 3C  
Vivien 3C  
David 3C  
Irhaa 3C  
Sonia 3C  
Shriyah 3C  
Sofiiia 3C  
Aqeelah 3C  
Logan 4A  
Hope 4A  
David C 4A  
Penelope 4A  
Daria 4B

Issy 5A  
Marnie 5A  
Alexander 5A  
Nicola 5A  
Sade 5A  
Al-Ihsan 5A  
Darcie 5B  
Iyaz 6A  
Bonnie 6A  
Brody 6A  
Alex A 6A  
Opey 6A  
Kaeden 6A  
Yafeya 6A  
Sofiya 6A  
Sotonte 6A  
Freddie 6A  
Mitchell 6A  
Larisa 6A  
Isabella 6A

Ava 6B  
Maria 6B  
Kotryna 6B  
BJ 6B  
Simeon 6B  
Fatjona 6B  
Manraj 6B  
Mollie 6B  
Romaissa  
6B  
Dolcie 6B  
Reuben 6B  
Isla 6B



## BOOK TOKENS

Congratulation  
to .....

**Jack 5B**  
**Aya 5B**

for earning your  
reading token this week!

**Congratulations!**

## Summer Term Dates

- **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**