

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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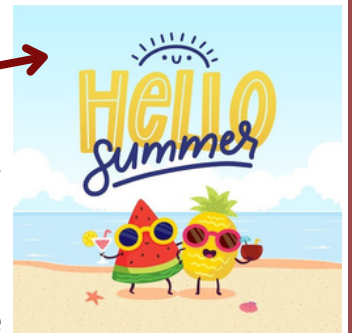
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Weekly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope I'm not too premature with my summer welcome this week but I'm hoping if I welcome it in, it'll be here for good! Not many weeks left for us to actually benefit from summery weather! Here are this week's highlights:

- This is the second week that our After School Club (Harrow Lodge Hangout) has been running and it seems to be going well. Food is great, activities are superb and children are having a ball!
- This term's fire drill was the best yet with all persons evacuated in 2 minutes 37 seconds and all class roll calls completed in 3 minutes 30 seconds!! That's a record but, when I tell you that the evacuation was like a finely-tuned, choreographed dance, you'll be even more impressed. Children had to criss-cross each other to reach their stations and it really was like one of those marches where the soldiers don't miss a beat but don't bump into each other!! Might video it next time for Tik Tok! (Don't panic - just kidding!)
- The badge-link girls are continuing to make a killing with their badge sales with a current total of £343.74. There will be a last sale of badges on Open Evening on July 9th and it would be great if the competition winner could have their badge on sale that day. However, we're very short on entries for the competition. Remember that it's just £1 to enter with a prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The deadline for entries should have been today but the girls have extended it to try and get a few more entries! If your child has lost their entry form, do please get them to ask their teacher for another one or pick one up in the Parent Foyer.
- A team of Y6 children have been baking and selling cakes after school every day this week as I'm sure many of you have noticed. Such entrepreneurs we have in our school. Now this particular team have been very mysterious about where the money raised is going so I'm very excited to see what they have up their sleeves.
- Y1 have been studying Percy the Park Keeper this term and, this week, they took a trip to Raphael Park in Romford to see exactly where Percy the Park Keeper came from. I don't know if you know but the author of the Percy books, Nick Butterworth, grew up



- in Romford and based the Percy character on a park keeper he knew in Raphael Park so this visit was particularly significant and the Y1 children were treated to a lovely trip to find a commemorative statue of Percy in the Park. There *was* actually a man in the park who the children spotted in the distance who looked just like Percy and, as you can imagine, they all got very excited and began pointing and shouting, “There’s Percy Miss Lawson!” When Ms Lawson turned to look, she realised that the Percy look alike was, indeed, a park ranger but he was supervising a group of adults carrying out Community Service!! There was a very swift veering off into the opposite direction with an explanation that the ranger was actually Percy’s assistant and he was extremely busy so they shouldn’t disturb him! Crisis averted - quick thinking, Ms Lawson!
- It was the turn of Years 3 & 4 this week to take part in the athletics Quad Kids Competition. They had beautiful weather for it and the children had a wonderful time. Of course, we have to wait for the collective results but some of the highlights were
- Y5 children had a visit from Sanders Secondary School this week to tell them what life would be like if they chose to go to Sanders for Y7. It sounded very exciting - I wanted to sign up myself!!
- On Wednesday, it was ‘Thank a Teacher Day’ and I’d like to thank all of you for the kind thank-you messages you sent to myself and all our teachers. It really brought a smile to everyone’s faces and the day was so much happier because of it!
- Tonight, our choir are singing at the Queen’s Theatre as part of the Havering Junior Music Festival - I’ll let you know how that goes in next week’s news letter.
- Year 2 have been learning about the RNLI for their coastlines topic. They re-enacted the SS Rohilla disaster in Whitby. Their drama and performing skills were very impressive with lots of wounded WW1 soldiers in various positions moaning and groaning, whilst others pretended to be Saltwick Nab (the rocky platform the boat crashed into!) and a very energetic lifeboat crew to the rescue dragging people to safety! A great way to get children learning outside the classroom!
- I am so proud of all the children in our school - not a day goes by without *some* interaction with a child that brings a smile to my face and, on Thursday, I witnessed one of the the most amusing, emotive, heart-breaking and heart-warming moments of my time here as Head Teacher. Ashton (R1) is a frequent visitor to my office regaling me with fun facts and amazing feats of physical strength or academic prowess, all with the most cheerful smile on his face but, on this particular day, that smile had vanished. Ashton had befallen an accident that had left his top covered in blood and his nose rather squashed (emotional). Miss Pocket brought him to the front office to be taken home and Ashton was upset about people seeing his messy top and knowing that he’d had a silly accident (Heart-breaking). Miss Pocket said to him, “Oh Ashton, you don’t tell people *that*; you tell them you had a fight with a big, powerful, grizzly bear and your bravery won out and the bear ended up looking worse than you!” (amusing). Ashton looked horrified and replied, “Miss Pocket, this is Harrow Lodge Primary - the best school in Havering! We don’t tell lies here!” (heart-warming) I heard Miss Pocket murmur under her breath,



“Well, *that* put *me* in my place!!”

- Year 6 had their lesson about conception and birth this week. The lesson involved the discussion about a baby taking 9 months to grow inside the womb and the various effects of pregnancy on the female body and mind. At the end of that particular section of the lesson, the reflection question posed was, ‘What are your thoughts and feelings about the process by which a new life is formed?’ One young girl’s voice shot out with sincere distress, “Thank God *that’s* out! Those would be **my** thoughts!!” I can confirm that young lady has fully met the learning objective of the lesson!!!! 😂
- We are beginning to see the corridors fill with colour as the donations for the coloured hampers pour in. Thank you, as ever, for your incredible generosity. Today, we had even more donations as bottles of all sorts of things from perfume to drain cleaner made the tables groan (although for some strange reason, alcohol seemed to take centre stage!!). It looks like it’s going to be another bumper year for the Tombola Stall!
- Let’s hope the sun continues to shine till the end of term but do remember to apply sun cream to your children before they come to school and, remember, that school uniform hats are the only hats permissible - please do not send your child to school with baseball caps of all varieties.
- And that brings us to the end of this week’s newsletter. I hope you have a wonderful weekend full of sunshine and smiles and I leave you with this thought:

“Appreciation is a gift which everyone can afford to give!”

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



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

- R1: Bella
- R2: Isa
- 1A: Ruby-Rose
- 1B: Nate
- 2A: Kevin
- 2B: Seb
- 3A: Zoey
- 3B: Harvey
- 3C: Gold
- 4A: Fraser
- 4B: Nicole
- 5A: Lucas
- 5B: Muhammad
- 6A: Alex A
- 6B: Daisy & Lilli-Mae

Birthdays



- Leandro 1A
- Henry 4B
- Grace 2B
- Penelope 4A
- Aadam 3B
- Olobo 5B
- Laura 3B
- Sofiya 6A

We hope you had a great day!

House Points

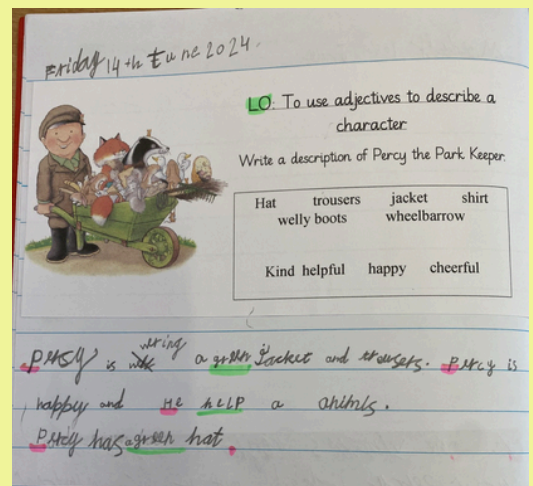


- 1st Centaurs 440 points
- 2nd Griffins 415 points
- 3rd Phoenixes 400 points
- 4th Dragons 390 points

Presentation Award



This weeks presentation award goes to Evangeline in 1B



Attendance

This week's
attendance award
goes to...

1A who achieved
97.1%

Whole school
attendance was
92.4%



REACHING GOLD!



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

Amelia R1	Lauren 1A	Polly 3A	Isabella 6A
Nectarie R1	Isobel 1A	Rhea 3A	Gurkeerat 6A
Kendall R1	Layla 1A	Khaleelah 3A	Stefania 6A
Luna R1	Alice 1A	Judah 3A	Bonnie 6A
Matei R1	Leandro 1A	Henry 3B	Lyla 6A
Aidan R1	Ruby-Rose 1A	Jamie 3B	Ronnie 6A
Dexter R1	Rohan 1B	Teddy 3B	Lyla 6A
James R1	Dion 1B	Nathan 3B	Brody 6A
Emily R1	Vivaan 1B	Seth 3B	Alex O 6A
Archie R1	Mussab 1B	Promesse 3C	Alex A 6A
Darius R2	Jessica 1B	Vera 3C	Nathan 6A
Dhyan R2	Zayna 1B	Shriyah 3C	Hayden 6A
Billie R2	Oliver G 1B	Sinachi 3C	Nitza 6A
Hurmat R2	Idris 2B	Penelope 4A	Sofiya 6A
Ariana R2	Shiloh 2B	Shayan 4B	Bobby 6B
Hallie R2	Harry 3B	Cody 4B	Frank 6B
Lexi R2	Emily 3B	Henry 4B	BJ 6B
Annie R2	Albie 3B	Leah 4B	Logan G 6B
Jude R2	Dima 3B	Zlata 5B	Feroz 6B
	Grace 3A	Darcie 5B	Mollie 6B
	Halimat 3A	Liam 5B	Samuel 6B
	Fikayo 3A	Jacob 5B	David 6B

BOOK TOKENS

Congratulation
to

Aisha 2A
Lucas 5A
Doahika 5B
Darcie 5B
Reuben 6B
Mollie 6B
Feroz 6B

for earning your
reading token this week!



Achiever badges

Well done to...

Amelia R1
Archie R1
Billie R2
Ruby-Rose 1A
Grace 3A
Fikayo 3A
Polly 3A
Shriyah 3C
Sinachi 3C
Jacob 5B

for reaching gold 5 times and
earning an achievers badge.



Summer Term Dates

- **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 3:30 - 5:30**
- **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**