

Weekly Newsletter

HARROW LODGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



18th September 2026



Here's what has happened over the last week!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, of course, the big news is that we had the big 'O' this week! What a week to get the call - Reception children barely wet between the ears, teachers still adjusting to early alarm calls and some of us still relying heavily on name labels and educated guesses! However, despite looking every inch the stereotypical Ofsted team - suits, ties, clipboards and suitably serious expressions - they were soon put at ease. They were warm, friendly and reassuring, and clearly understood that we were only a few weeks into the new school year, when routines are still settling, names are still being learned and everyone is only just getting fully back into the swing of things. They were fair and sensible in taking all of that into account. We await our report which can take up to 18 days to arrive and it will be some time after that that we can share the report with *you*. What I *can* say about the inspection is that they saw us at our most natural - they saw the real **us** because we were totally caught off guard! We *were* expecting them this term but we never imagined it would be right at the start of the year, so you can be sure that the outcome, the report, will reflect exactly who we are and what we're like!

I want to say a *massive* thank you to all of you who completed the Ofsted survey and those who encouraged others to do so. The Lead Inspector commented that an incredible 124 parents had mobilised to rally behind the school by responding to the survey and, of those, 123 were positive with 2 of those having minor grumbles - 1, We don't currently serve Halal food (an absolutely fair comment when you look at how many of our families would appreciate that) but, unfortunately,

our caterers don't currently offer a Halal option and 2, We're always asking for money! Absolutely true but that **is** the only way we're able to offer children the great environment they have and teach children the value of helping others but please, please don't feel obliged to donate! The final gripe was looked into by inspectors who found no evidence to support the claim. The Lead Inspector commented that the response from parents was particularly impressive and demonstrated the strength of support for the school. I am so, so grateful to you all and so proud of our whole community. And, of course, your children didn't let you down either - they were their usually well-behaved selves and spoke willingly and confidently to inspectors.

In other news (yes, believe it or not, there was some other news!), we held our first Prospective Parent Tour on Wednesday (right in the middle of the inspection) and it was lovely to show off our new, refurbished classrooms full of shiny, new-uniform wearing children - what a great combination!

EYFS started full days this week and, goodness, they settled well. The inspectors actually commented that, if they hadn't known it was only their second and third full days at school, they'd have thought that they were in the second term already - that's a real accolade. For me, that indicates good parental preparation - so further thanks extended to our EYFS parents.

We welcomed Mr Grainger onto our staff this week. He is our new PE coordinator and he faced Ofsted on his first day of teaching - ouch! But he took it all in his stride and I saw no signs of panic so I think he'll fit in well here coping with all the dramas and crises that form part of daily life!!

Now, as you know, we aim to mould our children into upstanding citizens and part of that moulding involves encouraging children to support good causes. Well, Jude (2B) has taken this to heart and gone for the big one - on the 10th of October, he's going to be running a 5K Fun Run (what's fun about running 5K I wonder!) to raise money to help build the new Children's Cancer Centre at Great Ormond Street Hospital! That's an incredible feat for a 6 year old (and ~~almost impossible~~ a wonderful challenge for his parents who have ~~been roped into accompanying~~ willingly agreed to accompany him!!!) Many of his Year 2 peers have made kind donations to his fund and if you'd like to support him as well, you can do so at

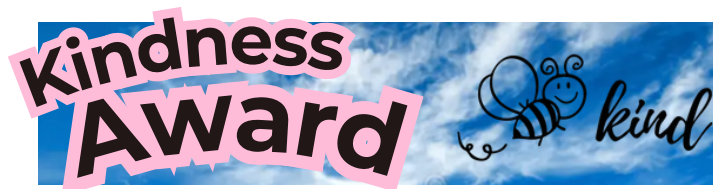
<https://race.gosh.org/fundraisers/katetungatt/rbc-race-for-the-kids-2026>

And that's it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend (*I'll* be sleeping!) and I leave you with this thought:

"Great schools aren't built by one person; they're built by everyone doing their bit, every single day."

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



R1 Ayaan	4A Binuli
R2 Heidi	4B Henry
1A Isaiah	5A Mia
1B Mariam	5B Nala
2A Ronnie	6A Jimmy
2B Zac	6B Navaira
3A Lexi	6C Oscar
3B Ameer	

R1 Alp	4A Binuli
R2 Raylan	4B Albie
1A Max	5A Evie
1B Oren	5B Amelie
2A Aleena	6A Reggie
2B Arthur	6B Eshaal
3A Harper	6C Vera
3B Hudson	

Reaching gold this week:

Juwon 1A	Gracie 2B	Ariana 3A	Sofia 3B	Woody 5A	Klimberly 6C
Imaani 1A	Joshua 2B	Dhyan 3A	Ashton 3B	Zaydon 5A	Mark 6C
Chloe 2A	Mabel 2B	Vadim 3A	James 3B	Finn 5B	
Amaira 2A	Nila 2B	Lexi 3A	Ella 4B	Mithran 5B	
Mia 2A	Nimi 2B	Zoe 3A	Arlo 5A	Judah 6A	
Alfie 2A	N'Myah 2B	Michael 3A	Dottie 5A	Navaira 6B	
Eleanor 2A	Dawud 2B	Fola 3A	Elliot 5A	Kara 6B	
Yeva 2A	Yahya 2B	Parker 3A	George 5A	Mahilan 6B	
Aleena 2A	Rocko 3A	Ayat 3B	Laura 5A	Isla 6B	
Arthur 2B	Isa 3A	Hudson 3B	Nate 5A	Jibreel 6C	

Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Miko De Luca in 1A
Harry Walsh in 6B

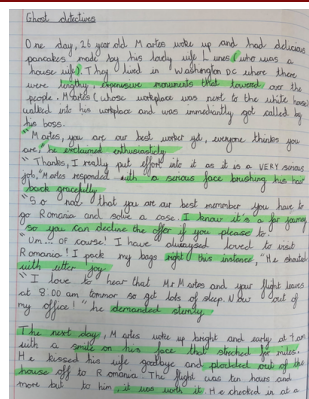
Well done!



Presentation Award

This week's presentation award goes to:

Halimat in 6A



AUTUMN TERM

Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 23rd September - EYFS & KS1 Cycle Awareness
- Thursday 24th September - EYFS & KS1 Cycle Awareness
- Friday 25th September - McMillan Coffee Afternoon
- Wednesday 7th October - Performing Arts trip to see The Lion King
- Tuesday 13th October - Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 19th October - Parent's Evening
- Tuesday 20th October - EYFS Harvest assembly (am)
- Tuesday 20th October - Year 5 Harvest assembly (pm)
- Thursday 22nd October - Parent's Evening
- Friday 23rd October - break up for half term
- Monday 2nd November - Return to school
- Thursday 5th November - PTA Firework night
- Monday 9th November - Year 5 Bikability Week
- Monday 16th November - Learn to ride for years 2-6
- Tuesday 17th November - Learn to ride for years 2-6
- Thursday 19th November - Individual school photos
- Friday 20th November - Children in Need day
- Monday 23rd November - Stay and Learn week

Thank you for reading!

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