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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are the highlights of the week:

- This week, we are celebrating the amazing talent we have in our school. We are truly blessed with individuals who, yes, have been gifted with talent, but more importantly, who take that seed of talent and nurture it through sheer hard work. So there are a whole host of shout outs to make in this week's newsletter starting with Freddy (3B) who smashed his long run in Quad Kids and received the Bronze award coming 10th out of 379 children who competed in the same race - that is *some* feat! Well done Freddy. Ruby-Rose (3B) is part of a



Cheerleading company who took part in the Future Cheer Internationals competition at the and they achieved a 'Hit Zero' score! I have been reliably informed by those in the know that this means their routine was performed with no point deductions! They couldn't have performed it any better! What an accolade! We are also incredibly proud to celebrate the amazing achievements of some of our pupils who attend Miss Harrison's Elimination Dance Company (EDC). Last weekend, they took part in their very first

competition, and what a fantastic debut it was! Look at these incredible achievements:

- Sidney (4B) – 1st Place in his Solo Song and 1st Place in his Drama Solo.
- Finn (4B) – 2nd Place in his Drama Solo.
- Halimat (5C) – 3rd Place in her Solo performance.
- Nicole, our Deputy Head Girl (6B) – 1st Place in her Drama Solo.
- Feyal, an EDC Scholarship Winner (6A) – 2nd Place in her Solo performance.
- Milana (4B) – 2nd Place in her Commercial Solo and 1st Place in her Drama Solo.
- To round off an incredible weekend, the team achieved even more success by winning 1st Place in the Open Song category with their rendition of Annie Medley and 3rd Place in the Commercial Group category with their routine, Bad Apple. What an outstanding way to begin their performing arts journey! We're incredibly proud of every child for their dedication, courage and hard work. They represented both EDC and Harrow Lodge Primary School brilliantly, and we can't wait to see what they achieve next. Congratulations to you all! For your information, Ellmination Dance Company train on Wednesday at Harrow Lodge Primary School and on Saturday at their Chadwell Heath branch. Should you be interested in signing up your child please email eliminationdancecompany@gmail.com

- Monday saw us celebrating the wonderful diversity of our school community with our annual Culture Day. Throughout the day, the children learnt about one another's heritage by exploring traditions, tasting foods from around the world and discovering a fabulous array of traditional clothing. The day ended in spectacular fashion with our cultural parade, where children proudly showcased their outfits as they danced around the playground to music from across the globe. It was a colourful, joyful celebration of the many cultures that make Harrow Lodge such a vibrant and welcoming place to learn—and a wonderful reminder that our differences are something to be celebrated.
- Year 5 were back at Hornchurch High School this week, this time for a taster day ahead of their move to secondary school at the end of next year. They enjoyed a PE lesson, tried their hand at cookery and threw themselves into a drama lesson with great enthusiasm. Now, I have to confess that I couldn't help noticing that there was a distinct absence of algebra, lengthy essays and science tests. Perhaps Hornchurch High knows that the best way to win over ten-year-olds is with sport, cookery and drama first, leaving the quadratic equations until they've joined up! Whatever their thinking, our Year 5s came back thoroughly enthused, full of smiles, enthusiasm and plenty of stories about their day.
- This week, we welcomed our new little ones (who will be joining us in September) for their first Stay and Play session. There were a few terrified faces and tearful partings but that was just the parents! The children themselves were absolutely fine! Once tears were wiped, our new parents enjoyed a talk from David Leech on recognising and understanding anxiety in young children. The session gave them practical strategies to help them better understand their children's behaviour and respond to their needs with confidence and reassurance.
- I had the pleasure of visiting our Gardening Club on Wednesday and was thrilled to see the new shed (donated by Trident Maintenance Services) was installed and ready to use! A huge thank you to our donors and to Mrs Ellison who is a very skilled negotiator when it comes to fundraising!! The Gardening Club have ideas sprouting faster than weeds when it comes to making improvements to their gardening area so there is always more fundraising to be done - which is why we all wore green today in exchange for a donation of anything garden focussed.
- And the biggest event of the year took place this week with our Performing Arts Club performance of 'Wicked'. There were multiple showings of the musical because we could only fit a few classes in the hall at one time but they all served as rehearsals for the main event today to which parents were invited. I have no superlatives strong enough to describe the standard of this year's show. Miss Harrison is renowned for her exceptionally high standards but, this year, she raised the bar even further by investing in an incredible high-tech sound and lighting system. And wow... what a difference it made! The production didn't just feel like a school show—it felt like a West End performance. Every year I wonder how the children (and Miss Harrison!) can possibly top the previous production, and every year they somehow manage to do exactly that. A huge thank you to Miss Harrison, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Roberts, Ms Marks and Mrs Hayward, who made up the dream team behind this incredible production! And, of course, an exceptional 'Well done' to all the performers.
- And that's it for news this week. It just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

"Talent is a seed; hard work is the sunshine and rain that help it grow."

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle

Stars of the Week

R1 Harrison	4A Elizabeth
R2 Oliver	4B James
1A Adam	5A Ismail
1B Tommy	5B Mark
2A Jude	5C Khaleelah
2B Siraat	6A Omari
3A Eesa	6B Wendell
3B Franky	

Kindness Award

R1 Dev	4A Isa
R2 Freddie	4B Kasey
1A Eliza	5A Kristopus
1B Gracie	5B Mustafa
2A Camilla	5C Jimmy
2B Olivia	6A Alex
3A Mussab	6B Adelaide
3B Charlie	

Congratulations to

Paige R2	Aaron 3A
Aaliyah R2	Jessica 3A
Harper R2	Kai 3A
Alex 1B	Oliver M 3A
Amelia 1B	Vlad 5A
Ebube 1B	Jibreel 5B
Mabel 1b	Elsie 5B

on earning your 50 points to choose a book from our vending machine. Well done!

Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Oliver G 3A
Albie 3A
Kal-El 4B
Mileshe 4B
Ismail 5A
Omari 6A

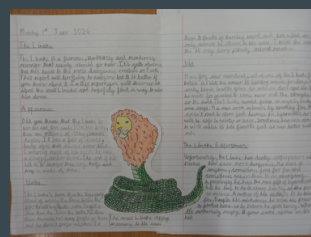
for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!



Reaching gold this week

Harrison R1	Annie 2A	Alice 3B	Harry 5A
Shahveer R1	Ayat 2B	Raahim 3B	Harvey 5A
Yunus R1	Aidan 2B	Yaqub 3B	Emma 5A
Nevaeh R1	Danielius 2B	Ameer 3B	Reyan 5A
Aadan R1	Dexter 2B	Lauren 3B	Vanessa 5A
Vasyl R1	Fletcher 2B	Darcy 3B	Isla 5A
Zaina R1	James 2B	Aisha 4A	Ismail 5A
Max R2	Matei 2B	Amelie 4B	Roger 5A
Danyil R2	Ashton 2B	James 4B	Eshaal 5A
Greyson R2	Lola 2B	Sidney 4B	Vlad 5A
Aaliyah R2	Aariish A 2B	Lorin 4B	Navaira 5A
Nova R2	Sofia 2B	Shiloh 4B	Emily 5A
Harper R2	Vinnie 2B	Milana 4B	Mark 5B
Ollie R2	Ameer 2B	Harley 4B	Vera 5B
Haniya R2	Alicia 3A	Nala 4B	Kira 5B
Ruby 1A	Kaiyaan 3A	Kal-el 4B	Ashlyn 5B
Yeva 1A	Raihan 3A	Joseph 4B	Vivien 5B
Amayah 1A	Oliver G 3A	Ifeh 4B	Gabriel 5B
Adrian 1A	Maria 3A	Sophia 4B	Sonia 5B
Ishmael 1B	Albie 3A	Thea 4B	Aleeha 5C
Arthur 1B	Zaryab 3A	Paisley 4B	Judah 5C
Alice 1B	Binuli 3B	Finn 4B	Alex 6A
Cleo 2A	Isobel 3B	Sia 4B	Omari 6A
Levi 2A	Evans 3B	Mileshe 4B	Hareem 6B

Presentation Award



Ella in 3A



Summer Term Dates

- Monday 29th June - Culture Day
- Tuesday 30th June - Year 5 taster day at Hornchurch High
- Friday 3rd July - Wear green for gardening club and bring a donation
- Friday 3rd July - Performing Arts Wicked showcase 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
- Saturday 4th July - PTA Summer fair
- Wednesday 8th July - Meet your new teacher
- Thursday 9th July - Transition day in new class
- Thursday 9th July - New Intake Lunch and Learn
- Friday 10th July - Rock Steady Concert to parents 9:00 am
- Friday 10th July - Year 6 Leavers party
- Monday 13th July - House winners water fight
- Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 Transition meetings with David Leech
- Wednesday 15th July - PTA Sponsered bounce
- Thursday 16th July - EYFS end of year assembly @ 2:15 pm
- Friday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers presentation assembly
- Friday 17th July - Break up at 1:30 pm
- Monday 20th July - INSET Day

Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:



Jude in 2A
Emily in 5A

Well done!

