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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are the highlights of the week:

- This week, we opened our doors to parents and visitors for our Open Evening during which everyone had a good look around the school, peeking into classrooms and looking at the fantastic work on display.
- Tuesday saw the first of our Sports Days - the Infant Sports Day which, after a morning of rain, turned out to be hot enough to warrant sun cream! As usual, Mr Charlee and Mr Joe planned an extraordinary set of competitive events that saw the children running, jumping, balancing, throwing and cheering their hearts out. Our Year 6 children were commandeered as stewards and linesmen and they did a sterling job which meant that our teachers were a little less occupied with organisation and could enjoy the events along with everyone else. The children were amazing but the outstanding event of the day was most certainly the Parents' Race which brought with it enough competitive spirit to power the National Grid! Mothers and fathers alike approached the starting line with a level of focus and determination that suggested far more than a friendly race was at stake. Thankfully, once the dust had settled, everyone was still smiling, laughing and enjoying the opportunity to come together as a school community for a thoroughly entertaining spectacle. And a special mention must go to Paige's (R2) parents who both won their respective races - genetically speaking, Paige seems to have won the speediness lottery!!
- Wednesday was Fire Drill Day and we broke our own record for speed with a 2 minute 41 second whole school evacuation! Unfortunately, we chose the one slot of rainy weather in the day to run the drill so *that* added fuel to the frenzy as 450 children and staff attempted to stay dry while demonstrating their excellent emergency procedures. The award for *loudest* evacuation goes to Year 2 who appeared determined to ensure that everybody within a five-mile radius was aware that the fire alarm had sounded!
- Mr Charlee took a selection of our Year 3 & 4 children to the athletics Quad Kids competition this week and, as usual, our children did us proud with their behaviour, sportsmanship and fighting spirit.



- It was 5B's turn to bounce over to HHS this week for their trampolining session. Judging by the smiles on their faces as they returned, it's safe to say that an afternoon spent soaring through the air is still one of the highlights of Year 5!
- HEST ran some 20-minute sessions for parents this week where parents could discuss their concerns, difficulties or challenges in a safe and confidential space. Parents have fed back to me that they found the meetings to be supportive, reassuring and genuinely helpful. Do look out for the next sessions if you feel this could be something that might benefit *you*.
- On Thursday, Mr Charlee and Mr Joe ran the Junior Sports Day. The decision to run this in the morning was an excellent one since the afternoon of blazing sun would have absolutely ruined the proceedings. As it was, the weather behaved itself, the children gave every event their absolute all and the spectators were treated to a morning of impressive performances, fierce competition and just the occasional disagreement with the laws of physics!
- And the week culminated in the most wonderful celebration of children's musical talent, orchestrated and directed by the equally talented Miss Batt, who has spent weeks working with the children to perfect their performances. This year, we saw the addition of drummers who were, for want of a greater superlative, simply spectacular and a vibrant, energetic addition to the Music Showcase. A huge well done to all the participants and an equally massive thank you to Miss Batt for an award-winning showcase.
- 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:

***"The arts give young people a voice, a purpose, and a place to belong. They build confidence, inspire creativity, and remind every child that they have something unique to offer the world."***

With kind regards and best wishes,

*Mrs. Searle*

***"Wow! This week, I have truly felt like I have been working in my dream job.***

***To be part of a school where we can teach both academics and musical theatre is something very special. Walking through the corridors hearing music, singing, and excited conversations about performances has been incredible. Watching our children shine, seeing their confidence grow, and witnessing their faces light up as they perform has been nothing short of magical. This week has reminded me just how proud I am to be part of the Harrow Lodge family. The talent, passion, and teamwork shown by both staff and pupils have been inspiring."***

***Miss Harrison***



# Summer Term Dates

- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Residential**
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 2 trip to Clacton**
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 trip to the Saatchi Gallery**
- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Culture Day**
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Wear green for gardening club and bring a donation**
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Performing Arts Wicked showcase**
- **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July - PTA Summer fair**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Transition meetings with David Leech**
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Meet your new teacher**
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Transition day in new class**
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - New Intake Lunch and Learn**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Rock Steady Concert to parents**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers party**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - House winners water fight**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - PTA Sponsered bounce**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers presentation assembly**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Break up at 1:30 pm**
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day**

