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Weekly Newsletter

HARROW LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Here's what has happened over the last week!

Dear Parents and Carers,
Well it's been a long and eventful week - not to mention incredibly cold! 😬 Here are the highlights:
We started the week with some really good news that we had made a profit of £514 on our Christmas Card Drive. That money will be used for OPAL improvements which I suspect will begin and end with the fixing of the welly-boot storage centre (aka the old bike shed!) We originally replaced the broken panels with tarpaulin but, every time we had a bit of a windy day, the tarp split and we had to repair it (which has occurred about 3 or 4 times). So Mr Welch, in his infinite care-taking wisdom, has suggested that we splurge out and fix the shed with proper perspex in order to prevent the recurring 'rip & repair' cycle! Thank you for all your orders - I hope you were suitably impressed with your children's artwork creations!
This week, we appointed our new Y5 OPAL Leaders who are now sporting, not only blue, hi-viz jackets whilst on duty but also these very fetching OPAL badges made especially so that they can be worn on uniform when children aren't actually on duty - that way, we always know who those very responsible leaders are! Congratulations to all our OPAL Leaders - I know you'll do a great job!



This week, EYFS children decided to make flour and sand soup. Here are Gabrielius and Kaiden, two of our top performing chefs who really got stuck into the job! No chef's whites needed for these two!

Thursday evening was a spectacular celebration of colour, light and community spirit as Harrow Lodge Primary School hosted its much-loved Fireworks Night! Families gathered on the school grounds to enjoy a dazzling display that lit up the night sky, accompanied by delicious pizza, warming hot chocolate and a wonderful atmosphere. It was lovely to see so many families coming together to share in the excitement and create special memories. This year, we tried the ***'quiet'*** fireworks after several residents had requested this in light of the noise disturbance. Unfortunately, although definitely quieter, the fireworks were also rather lack-lustre in comparison to previous years which was a bit of a disappointment! So, we'll be returning with a bang next year and a sky full of truly spectacular fizz, whizz and popping, crackling, dazzling bursts of colour! After all, Bonfire Night isn't the same without a little sparkle, excitement and a few enormous 'oohs' and 'aahs' from the crowd! A huge thank you to Mrs Lawson, the PTA and everyone who helped organise and run the event and to all those who came along to support us. What a fantastic evening!
And finally, huge congratulations must go to our first cohort of Year 6 Prefects. It was a much harder job than usual to select prefects because a) the children are *all* worthy of the roles this year and b) there are **90** children to choose from compared to the usual 60!! So, great congrats to those selected but also an acknowledgement that this year there were 90 worthy candidates! See the prefect names below. I will set them to work immediately!!

So, a wonderful week of celebration but, as in all communities, there are highs and there are lows, and, this week, we encountered one of the deepest and darkest lows since I joined the school over 10 years ago.

Our school community has been deeply saddened by the tragic loss of a former pupil, a young life taken far too soon. The heartbreak of such a loss is difficult to put into words, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends and all those whose lives she touched (which are many).

As a school, we are now caring for children who are trying to make sense of something that is almost impossible to understand, whilst also supporting families who knew and loved her and who are experiencing their own grief. It's at times like these that the true strength of a school community shines through.

We are a community that comes together to celebrate the happiest of moments, but, perhaps more importantly, one that stands shoulder to shoulder through the darkest. We look after one another, we listen, we offer comfort and we make sure that no one feels they have to face their sadness alone.

I've always felt, and always said, that Harrow Lodge is much more than a school; it's a family. And families are there for one another, not just when the skies are filled with fireworks and laughter, but when the world feels a little darker and the light is harder to find.

We can't take away the pain of such a devastating loss, but we can surround those who are hurting with kindness, compassion and love. And that's exactly what our Harrow Lodge family will continue to do because the true measure of a caring community isn't simply how we celebrate together but how we hold one another up when life is at its hardest.

And that brings us to the end of a very long week. It just remains for me to wish you a beautiful autumnal weekend. Spend time hugging your loved ones and I leave you with this thought:

"A community is built through the happy moments we share, but its heart is revealed in the darkest moments, when kindness becomes comfort, compassion becomes strength, and no family is left to face its sorrow alone."

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Congratulations to:

Head Girl: Khaleelah

Deputy Head Girl: Jessica M

Kindness Prefects: Promesse & Regi

House Captains

Centaurs: Halimat & Judah

Griffins: Ashlyn & Jibreel

Dragons: Aibinu & Joel

Phoenixes: Shriyah & Joshua

Head Boy: Harry

Deputy Head Boy: Oscar

Digital Leaders: Jake & Jenson

Prefects

Jimmy and Seth

Albie and Elsie

Adam and Henry

Naylaa and Zoey

Eadie and Sinachi

Stars of the week

R1 Aaron
R2 Leo L
1A Lottie
1B Dior
2A Chloe
2B Amelia
3A Isa
3B Olivia
4A Freddy
4B Paula
5A Zaydon
5B Milesha
6A Joshua
6B Vanessa
6C Mark

Kindness Award

R1 Nina
R2 Heidi
1A Oliver
1B Vasyl
2A Alfie
2B Eva
3A Jude
3B Matei
4A Mia
4B Zaryab
5A Rayan
5B Nala
6A Ahmad
6B Seth
6C Sonia

Achiever Badges

Congratulations to following children for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge:

Michael 3A
Meltem 3A
Mithran 5B



Book Tokens

Well done to the following children for earning their book token this week:

Luna 3B
Olivia 3B
Zirwah 6C
Vera 6C



Reaching gold this week:

Nakaya R1
Jian R1
Alp R1
Rois R1
Beau R2
Isaiah R2
Ollie 1A
Yaqub 1A
Juwan 1A
Max 1A
Mariam 1B
Oonagh 1B
Yeva 2A
Amaira 2A
Eliza 2A
Franco 2A
Isaiah 2B
Eva 2B
Mylo 2B
Zac 2B
Niyanshi 2B
N'Myah 2B
Joshua 2B
Ebube 2B
Dawud 2B
Kian 2B
Cleo 3A
Michael 3A
Parker 3A
Nectarie 3B
Kendall 3B
Ashton 3B
Matei 3B
Amelia G 3B
Denzel 3B
Ameer 3B
Danielius 3B
Harley 3A
Meltem 3A
Callum 3A
Hallie 3A
Jude 3A
Camilla 3A
Layla 4A
Alicia 4B
Alayna 4B
Vivaan 4B
Kai 4B
Olivia 3B
James 3B
Jessica 4B
Nellie 4B
Diyan 5A
Rayan 5A
Laura 5A
Layla 5A
Elliot 5A
Ifraah 5A
Shannon 5A
Dottie 5A
Ali 5A
Jareer 5A
Elizabeth 5A
Zaheen 5A
Summer 5A
Lenny 5A
George 5A
Woody 5A
Aisha 5A
James 5B
Joseph 5B
Mithran 5B
Milana 5B
Sidney 5B
Heidi 5B
Ardion 5B
Kal-El 5B
Thea 5B
Finn 5B
Aleeha 6A
Seth 6B
Jamie 6B
Roan 6B
Regi 6B
Roger 6B
Gabriel 6C
Ayanah 6C

Golden Welly Award

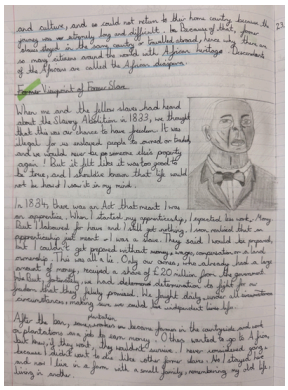
The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Kian in 2B
Darcy in 4A

Well done!



Presentation Award



This week's presentation award goes to:

Navaira in 6B

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Upcoming dates:

- Monday 9th November - Year 5 Bikability Week
- Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance service 10:25 am
- Wednesday 11th November - 4A visiting Elm Park library @ 1:30 pm
- Thursday 12th November - Year 2 trip to Holy Cross Church
- Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th November - Learn to ride for year 2-6
- Wednesday 18th November - 4B visiting Elm Park Library @ 11:15 am and 2A visiting @ 2:00pm
- Thursday 19th November - Individual school photos
- Friday 20th November - Children in Need day
- Monday 23rd November - Stay and Learn week
- Wednesday 25th November - 3B visting Elm Park Libarary @ 11:15 am
- Wednesday 2nd December - 5A visit to Elm Park Library
- Thursday 3rd December - sponsered reindeer run
- Friday 4th December - Whole school panto trip
- Monday 7th December - am Year 2 Christmas concert, pm Year 1 Christmas Concert (times tbc)
- Tuesday 8th December - am EYFS Christmas concert, pm Year 2 Christmas concert (times tbc)
- Wednesday 9th December - am Year 1 Christmas concert, pm EYFS Christmas concert (times tbc)
- Wednesday 9th December - 5B visit to Elm Park Library @ 11:10 am
- Thursday 10th December - Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
- Thursday 10th December - 3:30 - 5:00 -PTA Christmas Fair
- Friday 11th December - 9:15 - Rock Steady Concert to parents
- Tuesday 15th December - Choir singing in Romford Market @ 1:00pm
- Wednesday 16th December - Breakfast with Santa
- Wednesday 16th December - Choir singing at Park Rise Retirement Village pm

Thank you for reading!

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