



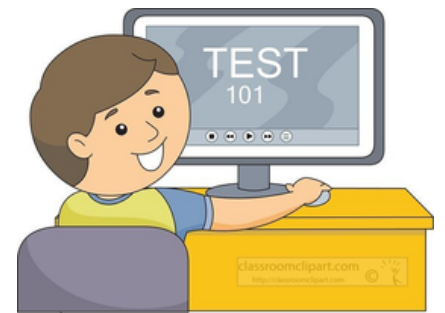
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are the highlights of the week:

- It was all about times tables this week as Year 4 were put through their paces by Miss Batt. It was the annual MTC (Multiplication Timestable Check) and each year 4 child is tested individually. As with all great communities, the children cheered each other on as each name was called to take their turn. Although the MTC can be a nerve-racking experience, the children's kindness, encouragement and team spirit created a wonderfully supportive atmosphere that reflected the very best of our school community.
- On Tuesday 5B enjoyed a visit to Hornchurch High School, where they spent time in the library taking part in paired reading activities with older students. The children loved sharing books and stories together while getting a taste of secondary school life. Visits like these help build confidence and familiarity, making the eventual transition to secondary school feel much less daunting.
- 5C enjoyed an energetic trampolining session at HHS this week. The children showed great enthusiasm, confidence and determination as they practised their bouncing skills and tackled a range of activities. There was certainly plenty of bouncing off the walls—and that was just the teachers!
- This week, the PTA held its AGM and took the opportunity to reflect on another fantastic year of fundraising. From discos and raffles to seasonal events and community activities, their hard work has helped raise valuable funds that directly benefit our children. We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents, carers and volunteers who give so generously of their time and energy to support the PTA—our school community is stronger because of you. And, of course, a massive thank you to Mrs Lawson who chairs the PTA alongside all her other duties as a teacher and a mum of 5 - I honestly don't know how she does it but we are so blessed to have her.
- On the subject of PTA fund-raising, we had to cancel the Colour-Run this week as the weather would most certainly have made those colours run - and not in a good way!! Never fear, though, it's just postponed to next week when the sun should return from its unauthorised absence.
- Year 6 enjoyed a fascinating visit to the RAF Hornchurch Heritage Centre this week, where they learned about the area's rich aviation history and its important role



- during both World Wars. The children explored exhibits filled with artefacts, photographs and personal stories, bringing local history to life in a memorable way. It was a fantastic opportunity to deepen their understanding of the past while discovering the remarkable contribution Hornchurch made to the nation's history.
- A group of Year 6 pupils also took part in transition workshops led by HEST (Havering Emotional Support Team). These sessions are designed to help children prepare for the move to secondary school by building confidence, exploring any worries they may have and developing strategies to manage change positively. The children engaged thoughtfully in the activities and gained valuable skills to support them on the next stage of their educational journey.
- The Dentist visited EYFS & Year 1 again this week to add the finishing touches to their teeth-coating. I believe that's it now and they're set for life!! Just need to keep up the brushing and the 6 monthly check-ups and it's a 'filling-free' future for those children! If only that had been around when I was young!!
- The War of the Hampers took place this week as Year 1's Purple Hamper was replaced by a Ransom note demanding 2 blue items for the return of the basket. Year 1 launched a full-scale detective investigation, using their Oracy skills to interview suspects and carefully observe their eye contact. Suspicion soon fell on EYFS as cagy behaviour was witnessed in interviews. It was almost unanimously decided that the ransom should not be paid but negotiations took a very cheesy turn when Finlay (1A) suggested that they place Blue cheese in the EYFS hamper to stink them out and teach them a lesson! A ruthless tactic from such a young detective!
- This week, we were delighted to welcome the families of our September starters to their first Welcome Meeting. Parents received a wealth of information about life at Harrow Lodge and, judging by some of the expressions as they left, they departed with heads spinning and minds buzzing with everything they had learned! Meanwhile, the children who came along enjoyed spending time in EYFS, exploring the environment, making new friends and, in the case of the older children, kindly helping to look after the younger ones. It was a lovely first step in welcoming our newest families to the Harrow Lodge community.
- I was delighted to hear that Miss Maria and Mrs Lawson's first Sensory Respite Club, which ran during the half-term holiday, was such a success. The children enjoyed a range of activities tailored to their individual needs, including sensory exploration, creative arts, structured play, physical activities and opportunities to develop important life skills. As well as providing a fun, safe and nurturing environment for the children, the club also gave families of children with SEND a valuable period of respite during the school holiday. Following the success of this first club, Miss Maria and Mrs Lawson are already looking forward to running another during the summer holidays. If you know of a family who may benefit from future sessions, please feel free to share their contact details: sensoryrespite2026@icloud.com.
- And that's it for news this week. It's been a full week of pulling together to support one another, helping one another gain what we need to thrive and succeed. -It just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“A community is built when everyone contributes what they can and receives what they need.”

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle

Stars of the Week

R1 Dior	4A Aisha
R2 Eleora	4B Mithran
1A Franco	5A Teddy
1B Dawud	5B Sonia
2A Musa	5C Jacob
2B Ayat	6A Maya
3A Shayne	6B Nicole
3B Majus	

Kindness Award

R1 Nevaeh	4A Summer
R2 Harper	4B Sia
1A Mabel	5A Vanessa
1B Lucas	5B David
2A Wilayate	5C Loris
2B James	6A Riley
3A Jessica	6B Aiden
3B Jayden	

Congratulations to

Stanley R2	Sophia 4B	Irhaa 5B
Yaqub R2	Regi 5A	Sanuka 6A
Ardion 4B	Isla 5A	Diana 6B
Thea 4B	Ashlyn 5B	Leah 6B
Idris 4B	Vera 5B	Shayan 6B
James 4B		

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

Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Jax R1	Oliver M 3A
Eleara R2	Dollie 3B
Amelia 1B	Alice 3B
Ishmael 1B	Jordan 5C
Parker 2A	

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

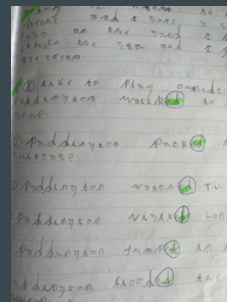


Reaching gold this week

Hurain R1	Gracie 1B	Ashton 2B	Ismail 5A
Kai R1	Dawud 1B	Amelia G 2B	Roan 5A
Dev R1	Alexandra 1B	Aidan 2B	Kira 5B
Jax R1	Nimi 1B	Elliot 4A	Ashlyn 5B
Dior R1	Amelia 1B	Nate 4A	Promesse 5B
Mason R1	Ishmael 1B	Kaiyaan 3A	Oscar 5B
Idris R1	Camilla 2A	Oliver M 3A	Aqeelah 5B
Danyil R2	Sienna 2A	Nellie 3A	Sofia 5B
Eleora R2	Zoe 2A	Zaryab 3A	Ibrahim 5C
Isaiah R2	Hallie 2A	Nate 3A	Jordan 5C
Max R2	Meltem 2A	Zayna 3A	Aleeha 5C
Micah R2	Isa 2A	Isobel 3B	Harper 5C
Tallulah R2	Darius 2A	Dollie 3B	
Paige R2	Parker 2A	Kamilija 3B	
Yaqub R2	Jude 2A	Binuli 3B	
Tilly 1A	Vadim 2A	Alice 3B	
Franco 1A	Rocko 2A	George 3B	
Eliza 1A	Michael 2A	Freddy 3B	
Chloe 1A	Sofia 2B	Kevin 3B	
Amelia 1A	Vinnie 2B		
Ana-Maria 1A	Ayat 2B		
Adrian 1A	Siraat 2B		
Aleena 1A	Emily 2B		

Presentation Award

Amelia-Rose
in 1A



Summer Term Dates

- Week beginning 8th June - Year 1 Phonic screening week
- Thursday 11th June - Pyjama day - raising OPAL funds
- **Monday 15th June - Open Evening**
- Tuesday 16th June - KS1 sports day in the afternoon
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 5 and 6 puberty talks with the school nurse
- Thursday 18th June - KS2 sports day in the morning
- Friday 19th June - Father's Day stalls
- Friday 19th June - Music Showcase pm
- Tuesday 23rd June - Year 2 trip to Clacton
- Thursday 25th June - Year 3 trip to the Saatchi Gallery
- Monday 29th June - Culture Day
- Friday 3rd July - Wear green for gardening club and bring a donation
- Friday 3rd July - Performing Arts Wicked showcase
- Saturday 4th July - PTA Summer fair
- Monday 6th July - Year 6 Transition meetings with David Leech
- Thursday 9th July - New Intake Lunch and Learn
- Friday 10th July - Rock Steady Concert to parents
- Friday 10th July - Year 6 Leavers party
- Tuesday 14th July - House winners water fight
- Wednesday 15th July - PTA Sponsered bounce
- 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:

Soumia in IA
Mujtaba in Willow



Well done!

