



# HARROW LODGE PRIMARY



## NEWSLETTER



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### Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are this week's highlights:

- The weather took over every conversation this week as we battled with the sun and the heat. Tuesday was manageable as so many classes were out for some reason or another that we could move children around the school easily, making use of free air-conditioned rooms. However, the rest of the week has seen us closing early for our infant children who aren't lucky enough to have air-conditioned classrooms yet (we're hoping to get some more installed in October this year so next summer shouldn't cause any disruption to learning at all!) I know it's an expensive outlay but I think it's the best investment the PTA have made for the children - their comfort and their learning! Thank you, PTA, we're all extremely grateful this week!
- Y6 took part in the Junior Citizen Scheme in Romford this week which is specifically designed to prepare Year 6 pupils for the transition to secondary school by putting them through a series of realistic, interactive scenarios rather than traditional classroom lessons. The children rotate around activity stations in small groups, spending about 10 minutes at each one and they're placed into real-life scenarios where they must decide what to do. Each group earns points for demonstrating good judgement, teamwork and safe decision-making, with an overall winning school awarded a shield at the end of the event. Needless to say, we smashed our heat and just await the final results to see where we came overall. Well done, Year 6, you did really well.
- This week has also been our Y6 residential week. As I write this newsletter, our children have already experienced a night hike and a night fire alarm with the children being awake **all** night on the first night, banging doors over and over and over and over (that's Mrs Waddington's take on the situation!). They've canoed and



- abseiled, caved and climbed and, so far, conquered every challenge put before them - not so sure the teachers have fared quite so well but they've thrown themselves into every activity with just as much enthusiasm as the children—albeit with a few more aching muscles and considerably less grace!
- 5C visited HHS for a paired reading session, while 5A took part in their trampolining session at the secondary school. Let's just say the combination of energetic bouncing and 30-degree temperatures made for a very warm and rather soggy journey back!
- Year 2 set off for Clacton in glorious sunshine, looking forward to a day studying Britain's coastal features. Unfortunately, about half an hour into the journey, events took a rather unexpected turn and the carefully planned itinerary was swiftly abandoned in favour of Operation: Clean Getaway. After an emergency shopping trip, some heroic cleaning efforts and a delayed arrival, the children still managed to enjoy their day, even if their most memorable geographical feature turned out to be Clacton's public conveniences. Our sincere thanks go to the staff and parent helpers, whose composure throughout was nothing short of extraordinary!
- Year 1 are studying the Great Fire of London so this week they took part in a Drama Workshop all about the catastrophe. The children were treated to a class run by a professional actor who had them acting out flames, water, boats and terrified Londoners fleeing the blaze. Thankfully, unlike in 1666, everyone survived, the fire was brought under control and the classes escaped without a single singed eyebrow!
- And that's it for the week. It just remains for me to wish you a wonderful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***"The best school weeks aren't always the easiest ones—  
they're the ones everyone is still talking about on Friday!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



# Summer Term Dates

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Culture Day
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 taster day at Hornchurch High
- 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 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July - PTA Summer fair
- 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 9:00 am
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers party
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - House winners water fight
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Transition meetings with David Leech
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - PTA Sponsered bounce
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - EYFS end of year assembly @ 2:15 pm
- 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

