



Harlington Weekly

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Message from the Headteacher:

As we are drawing closer to the end of this half term, the atmosphere across Harlington is one of positivity, pride and momentum.

Next week marks Rewards Week, a chance to shine a light on those students who have consistently made the right choices, shown kindness, and committed to their learning.

From coffee mornings for our highest attenders, to cinema afternoons for top achievement point earners, there's a real buzz in the building. Many students have now reached their positive point milestones and will receive their Bronze or Silver certificates; well deserved!

To those celebrating Diwali this week, we wish you joy, peace and light as you mark this special occasion with your families.

We'll also be closing Black History Month with a final message of unity and pride, led by staff and students. A special video, created by our community, will be shared in form time to remind us that representation, resilience and responsibility are values we all carry forward.

Let's continue to finish strong. The choices students make this week will set the tone for how they step into the next half term.

Quote of the week

"If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one." – Mother Teresa

Riddle of the week

What has to be broken before you can use it? (Answer revealed on Monday)

Wellbeing Corner This Week's Focus: Feeling Safe Starts Within -

Giving to others is a proven way to improve personal wellbeing. This week we're asking students to:

- Say thank you to a staff member or friend
- Reflect on what they're grateful for and write it down
- Support a community cause, no action is too small

Sometimes giving back is the best way to move forward.

Diwali Reflection – by Mr I. Neta



As we celebrate Diwali, I would like to share a personal reflection on its deeper meaning.

For me, Diwali is more than the lighting of lamps or the sharing of sweets — it is a celebration of the inner light within each of us, a reminder of the eternal victory of truth over falsehood.

From my perspective, the “lit lamps” of Diwali symbolise awakening our own inner light through meditation and self-awareness. This spiritual focus encourages us to look inward, seeking true happiness not in material things, but in inner peace and understanding. Diwali becomes a moment to nurture the light of consciousness that guides us toward truth, compassion, and service.

My celebrations often include a satsang (spiritual discourse), vegetarian feasts, and seva (selfless service), reminding us of the joy found in giving and in community.

In the spirit of Harlington School’s values — **Aspiration, Community, and Diversity** — Diwali invites us all, regardless of faith or background, to aspire towards truth, to come together in unity, and to celebrate the beautiful diversity of our inner and outer worlds.

For those that celebrate, may this Diwali bring light to our minds, warmth to our hearts, and peace to our communities.

Happy Diwali,
Mr I. Neta



Safeguarding and Attendance Matters:
Start the Day Right – **Free** Breakfast Club at Harlington

A reminder to all families that our **free Breakfast Club** is open **every weekday from 7:30am** for all students.

Students can enjoy:

- **Warm toasted bagels** with jam or honey
- **Fresh fruit** and a choice of cereals
- **Fruit squash** to drink and as the weather cools, **hot chocolate** will be added to the menu

Attending breakfast club gives students a calm, settled start to the day, helping them arrive to lessons focused and ready to learn.

We are incredibly grateful to the dedicated staff who arrive early and volunteer their time each morning to make this possible. Their commitment is just one more example of the community spirit that makes Harlington special.

Please encourage your child to drop in **no sign-up needed, just turn up.**

Ms Pinnock

Top Forms : -

- 🏆 7B2 – **98.6%**
- 🌈 7D1 – **96.1%**

6th Form Spotlight

Our Sixth formers have yet again shown their personality and spirit in their new initiative ‘Give Back Hour’, where they give back their free time volunteering to help others in their school or local community.

Students have been volunteering in classes and teachers have been thrilled to have role models for the younger year groups.

*"I just wanted to say a big **thank you to Jessica and Pietra (Year 12)** for the fabulous job they did helping me with my new display. The final result looks brilliant and has already received lots of positive comments!"*

*"**Ferdows Nori** was excellent and really supported my year 9s. **Aaron Madison, Afan Mir and Ahmed Ahmad** helped out with year 11. They supported a key student each and helped keep them focused and on track with their work. Really happy with everyone that has volunteered in my class so far."*

As a result of the positive feedback and rewarding experiences, the Sixth Formers are planning a drama production of 'Macbeth' for Key Stage 3, starting a reading club to promote literacy and a railway club where fans of historic and modern locomotive and transport can share stories and facts.

Mr. Pointer

House Points Leaderboard



- 🏆 House 1 – Da Vinci
- 🏆 House 2 – Brunel
- 🏆 House 3 – Mandela

House Competition Update – It's All to Play For!

The leaderboard has shifted again — **Da Vinci** has taken the lead, but it's still incredibly close! Every **positive TrackIt Lights point** is moving your House one step closer to victory.

Whether it's a great piece of work, excellent behaviour or helping someone out — it all counts. Keep going, keep earning, and let's see which House takes the crown this term!

Key Notices & Date: 21st October – Photo Day.

We have noticed an increase in the number of parents seeking to drop off and collect their children from the front of school. As a reminder, we politely ask all parents not to enter our front car park or stop on Pinkwell Lane but instead use the entry point at the rear of our school.

This is for logistical and safety reasons:

We have community transport who drop off and collect students and the minibuses are unable to exit the car park due to the amount of congestion. **We also feel the amount of traffic poses a significant health and safety risk to our children, staff and members of the public.**

We therefore ask all parents to drop off and collect students from the rear of the school which can be accessed via the GOALS entrance on Shepiston Lane.

Thank you for your cooperation.