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Welcome to the fifth edition of the Harbinger Primary School newspaper. Written by the children, for the school community; our newspaper is published every half term.



Results are in: Year 6 Has Smashed The SATS

by Anja

Amber class did SATS a few months ago but only now have the results come in and they are the highest SATS outcomes for Harbinger in years. Yes, we are very smart.

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Year 6 Celebrates reaching their fundraising goals at Chessington

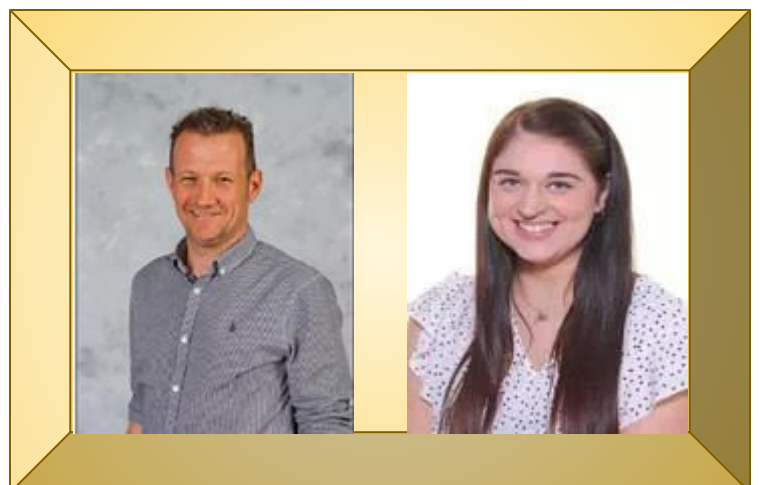
Harbinger's Got Talent The Guinness Harbinger Book of World Records

By Musa, p. 5

It's So Hard to Say Goodbye 🎵🎵 Longtime Harbinger Faculty Members Announce Departures

By Eadie, Gaia and Anja

It was announced in early July that not only one but *two* long time faculty members are leaving Harbinger Primary after this year, Opal class teacher Laura and Deputy Head Matthew.



Departures, cont'd p. 8

Editorial

My Experience at Harbinger Chronicles

By Hana R.

Some of you have been asking what it is like at newspaper club because you have been thinking of joining next year.

Let me tell you, I have loved every single week! May I just say we work hard: we sometimes work CRAZY HARDDDDDD!

Get Involved!

If you have ideas for our next word game, talk to our team.

Possible themes could include Harry Potter, the Premier League, capital cities, movie titles, and Harbinger School.

We also accept news tips, stories, photos, and story ideas as well as recipes, book recommendations and letters.

Year 6 is Moving On

By Musa and Anja

The Year 6 class is unfortunately leaving and will not come back to Harbinger in September.

We are going to go secondary school. We believe it will give us a new opportunity to become someone new and be offered things we could never have done in primary.

Of course, some people think going to secondary school is not something everyone in year 6 is looking forward to since we have to leave the friends we have known for so long.

We'll miss every one and this is our final word before us newspaper veterans leave so we can open a new door to plenty of learning fun and the next step in life.

We will miss you all, people and no we shall thank you for the journey you have gone on with us.

Now we must journey somewhere new...



Puzzles and Riddles

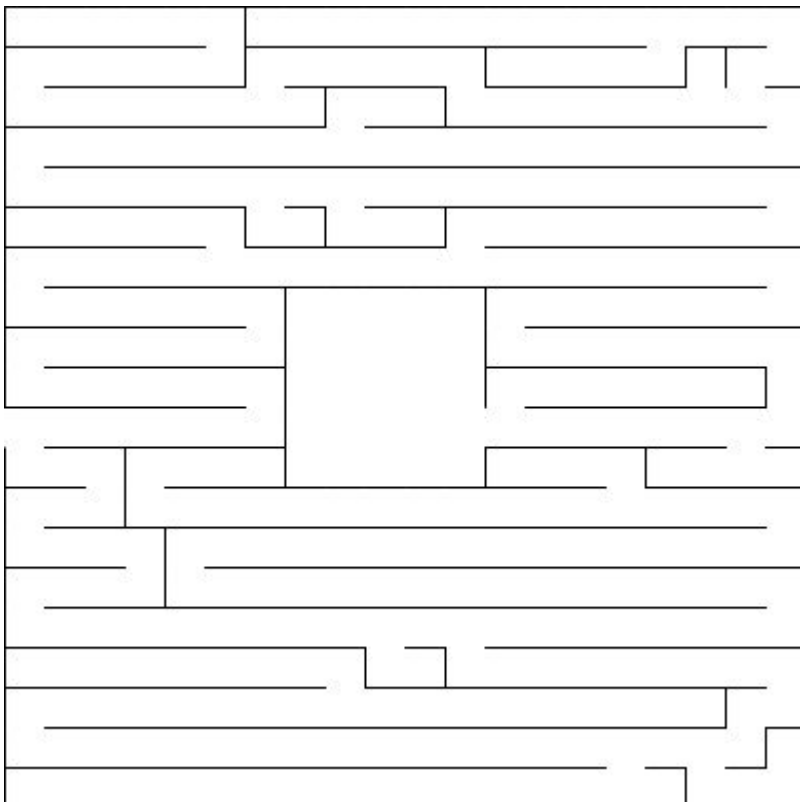
By Oma

Why not have a go at some of our fun interactive games.

Let us know if you enjoy them and we will include more in the next edition.

**I'm plump and round
And kind of small
With a stone in my chest
And a single hard strand of hair
Standing alone
What am I?**

See next issue for the correct answers.



Live Leaver's Show for the First Time since 2019

By Musa



The Amber class Leaver's show was presented to the families of Year 6 children on 14th of July 2022. There were tears, laughter, and the bittersweet excitement specific to the end of Year 6.

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Did you watch the show? What did you think?

SATS, from p. 1

In fact, in many areas, we exceeded the national average. This is great news for Harbinger. These are the first SATs since 2019, after assessments were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

Fiona's method for preparing us for the SATS was to give us tests regularly that are slightly harder than the SATS to make SATS seem easy. Some advice from us, veterans of SATS: Don't ever get stressed, just relax and get through things briskly. Even if you don't want to check your work, *still do it!* It pays off, trust me.

Anyway that's it so far... pretty short article celebrating that Amber Class ARE THE BEST **AND** SMARTEST CLASS EVER IN HARBINGER. So far



Verdict: Amber Was Ready for SATs

By Ummrah



Pie chart, by Ummrah, illustrates Year 6 pupils' feelings before SATs

68% of Amber students felt confident taking the SATs tests.

Between 9 and 12 of May, in the top hall classrooms, Year 6 completed the mandatory SATs tests, standardised assessment tests administered by primary schools in England to children in Year 6 to assess their educational progress.

These tests are used to assess the quality of the education at a school. They also are an opportunity for students to gain essential motivational and organizational skills.

The *Harbinger Chronicles* believe that Year 6 students should prepare you all for what is coming. I spent this last half term speaking with students in Year 6 to see how they felt before sitting down for the tests.

It turned out that not only were 68% confident, but a large percentage of pupils were actually excited to demonstrate their knowledge.

To Year 5: be confident, listen to your teacher and don't worry you too will smash your SATs.

Key Stage 2 Visit Genesis Cinema

By Anja

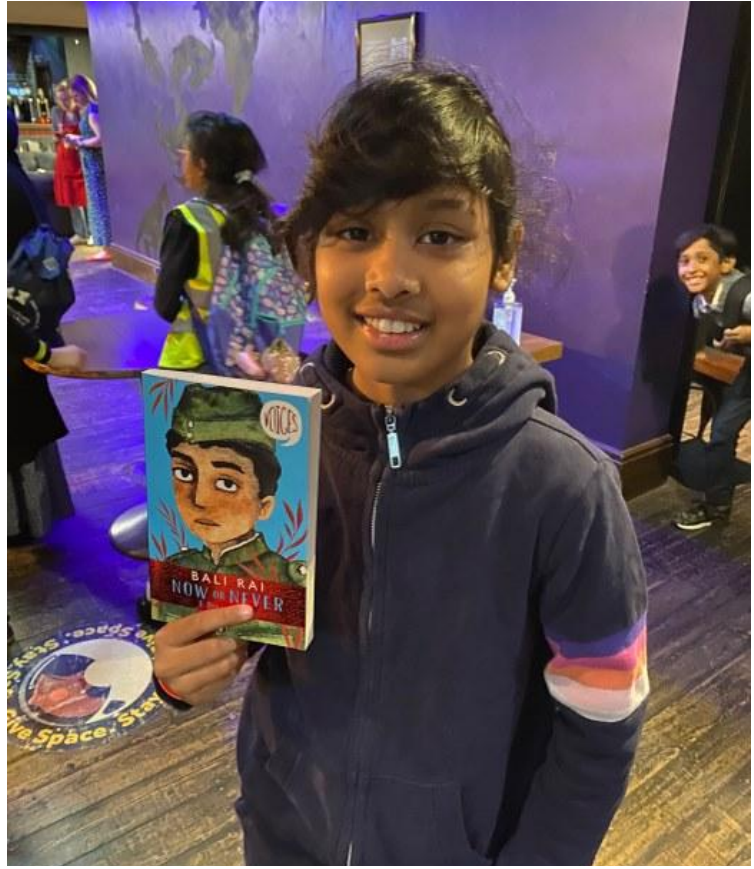
On the 10th of June, kids from Harbinger in KS2 journeyed to the Genesis Cinema in Bethnal Green for author events as part of the Barnes Children's Literature Event.

Harbinger wasn't the only school represented, many other schools in Tower Hamlets also attended.

Each one of those classes met a fantastic author who wrote one or more amazing books. Signings and book purchases took place at the end of the presentation.

Year 4's author was Joshua Seigal, author of *Welcome to My Crazy Life*. Year 5 saw Hannah Gold, who wrote *The Last Bear*. Year 6's author was Bali Rai, author of *Now or Never*.

Hopefully in the nearby future, KS1 will be able to attend this event.



Madilina from Amber class

Drama:

Year 5 School Journey to Hautbois Activity Center

By Eadie



Saira from Opal class prepares to go abblining at Hautbois Activity center

Who knows where the Year 5's were between July 11-July 15? Well, if you didn't know already, Year 5 were on their school journey to... HAUTOIS! (And if you don't know what that is ask your teachers!)

Although Opal and Turquoise classes had been counting down the days for at least a month, Year Six didn't want to hear about it!

You might be wondering why Year Six are not excited for Year 5, well it's because when they were in Year Five, they could not go to Hautbois because when they were in Year Five, Covid-19 was at its peak! It wouldn't have been safe!

(Poor guys).

Now when you read one of their stories, remember to feel bad for them.



Yusraa learns archery, one of many activities enjoyed by the year 5 children at Hautbois



Don't miss the next edition: Life at Hautbois!

The HARBINGER



by Musa

Welcome to the Harbinger World Records! As it is my last term at Harbinger, I would like to leave a legacy (since I am a legend anyway) and help the future newspaper team.

This is a competition. It is divided into categories including sports, special human features, comedy and acting, games, and languages.

If you want to win you need the greatest number of records. There will be no cheating in this competition and the record will have to surprise us, like run the furthest distance in 20 seconds.

Thank the *Harbinger Chronicles* for the help and support to attempt to make this competition happen. Let's begin!

Blues are winners and yellow's are verified.

School Sports Records

Emiloju from Sapphire- Longest Pirouette Stand

Adyan from Amber- Skilled goal

Jada from Amber- Tennis Skills

Harley from Sapphire- Interesting Balances

Anna from Sapphire- Can Do Splits

Yumi from Turquoise- One Handed Cartwheel into Splits

Toure from Amber- Breaking the Rules \of Physics in Football

Seher from Turquoise -Save a Hard Shot



Asiya from Jet -Can Touch Her Eyes with Her Feet

Anas from Jade- Can score a goal from the opposing goal

Special Skills

Susan from Jet -Knowing All Times Tables

Ishaq from Jet -Loud Whistle

Oma from Amber - Can Hold Bowl of Water on her Head

Zain from Jet -Can Draw Any Country from Memory

Special Human Features

Toure from Amber -Longest Smile

Maisha from Amber -Can Cross Eyes

Abrar from Turquoise - Can Make Sunglasses with Hands

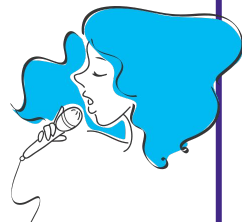
Eva from Turquoise -Impressions

Aimee from Turquoise -Twists Elbow

Ijaz from Turquoise -Twitch eyes and nose

Vicki from Turquoise -Can Sing Well

Fataha from Opal -Can Sing Well



Anas from Jade -Can Bend His Thumb Back to Touch His Wrist

Emily from Staff Team -Can Whistle from Mouth with Tongue Rolled

Karen from Staff Team -Can Whistle the Loudest

Languages

Mariya from Jade -Can Speak a Bit of Urdu

Zayd from Jade -Knows How to Say Thank You in Turkish

Shakiba from Opal -Can speak a good amount of German

Adyan from Amber- can speak 3 languages, which are English, Bangla and Arabic



Comedy & Acting

Darnell from Sapphire -Imitation of a Wolf

Sharian from Turquoise -Acting

Yaqub from Turquoise -Comedy



FOOD & RECIPES

Brownies

Recipe sourced by Ummrah



Ingredients:

- 200 grams granulated sugar
- 170 grams light brown sugar
- 160 grams natural cocoa powder (not Dutch-process)
- 70 grams all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 200 grams eggs
- 226 grams unsalted butter, melted
- 10 millilitres vanilla extract

Dolma

Recipe sourced by Oma and Romaysa



Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 onions, minced
- 1 1/2 cups uncooked white rice
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons dried currants
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon dried mint
- 1 tablespoon dried dill weed
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 (8 ounce) jar grape leaves, drained and rinsed, cut off any stems

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 150c.
2. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan. Trim a piece of parchment paper to fit just inside the pan with a 2-inch overhang on two sides and place it inside the pan. This is a sling and will allow for easy removal.
3. Sift together the sugars, cocoa powder, flour, and salt in a medium bowl.
4. Beat the eggs on medium speed in a large bowl until fluffy and light yellow, 2 to 3 minutes.
5. Reduce the mixer speed to low and slowly introduce the sugar mixture followed by the butter and vanilla.
6. Mix just until smooth and scoop into the prepared pan. (The batter will be very thick...that's okay.)



7. Bake for 15 minutes, then remove from the oven and let cool for 15 minutes. Return the pan to the oven and bake until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the brownie reads 90c, about 30 more minutes.
8. Cool in the pan for 30 minutes, then transfer to a cooling rack for 10 minutes before cutting.
9. I'd tell you how to store them by stacking them in an airtight container, separating the layers with wax paper, but we both know that won't happen!

Directions:

1. Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat.
2. Add onions and saute until tender.
3. Stir in rice and hot water to cover. Cover and simmer until rice is half cooked, about 10 minutes.
4. Remove from heat and stir in tomato paste, currants, pine nuts, cinnamon, mint leaves, dill weed, allspice and cumin. Let mixture cool.
5. Prepare a large pot by placing an inverted plate on the bottom; this protects the dolmas from direct heat when steaming.
6. Place about 1 teaspoon of the cooled rice mixture in the center of a leaf. Fold in the sides and then roll into a cigar shape. Place in prepared pot. Repeat.
7. Pour in just enough warm water to reach the bottom of the first layer of dolmas. Cover and simmer over low heat for 30 to 45 minutes, or until rice is totally cooked. Check the water level often, adding more as necessary.

Chessington: World of Adventures

by Oma and Romaysa

Chessington, World of Adventures!

If you've spent any time with Year 6, you're aware that Chessington is all the rage right now!

Even though it's been quite a while since we went, we can't forget the excitement and delight we felt on everything from the scariest rides to the most underwhelming.

The Year Sixes enjoyed a full five hours at Chessington, a theme park located in Surrey.

The class split into three groups, one for each type of ride. Fiona, their class teacher, had a great time according to our sources.

Here is a quote from her. "Chessington made all the hard work worth it. It was great seeing Amber Class relaxing, having fun and enjoying themselves," she said.

Other members of Amber class agree. One student said, "It was fun," and another one called the day out, "a wondrous adventure."



What makes it even more impressive is that Year 6 staff and pupils raised a phenomenal total of £1,245.15 in various fundraising efforts leading up to the trip and were able to pay for their tickets and coach to Chessington.

Obviously the Year 6 class didn't do it all on their own. Their parents donated time and made generous and wonderful contributions throughout our fundraising event which lasted a full week.

Donations included face painting, serving, baking, tidying up and spending! Pupils gave manicures and sold toys; there were also a raffles. Ultimately they far exceeded their goal of raising £900.

Fiona, Year 6 teacher, is extremely proud of the children and thankful for everyone who supported the fundraising. The children had a wonderful time!

A Day out in Greenwich

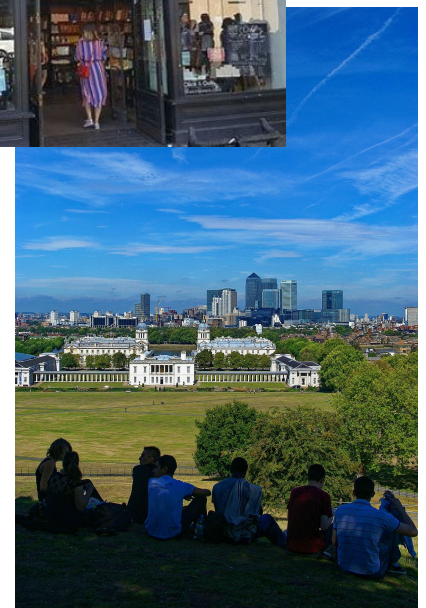
By Adyan and Romaysa

Chessington wasn't the only outing Year 6 enjoyed recently.

On a recent sunny day, Amber class walked through the tunnel to Greenwich. We spent the entire glorious day outside, bringing packed lunches and bottles of water and spending time together at Greenwich Park.

In small groups, we were invited into Waterstones bookstore and told to choose a book. I think it was an amazing reward as you were given the choice of any book in that bookshop that was appropriate for your age, which I find incredibly generous of the school. Amber class had a suitable reaction to this. As we entered the shop we saw all kinds of books from light novels/mangas fiction, manhwas and fantasy!

We will be gifted our chosen book on our final day of school.



Leavers' Show 2022!

by Year 6

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Parents perspective of the Y6 Leavers' Show

Hard to Say Goodbye, cont'd from p1

Laura and Matthew have impacted generations of Harbinger students and we all have so many fond and funny memories with them. They will both be moving out of London, Laura will be teaching in South Korea and Matthew is moving nearer to family up north.

Any-who Laura was one off the nicest teachers I have ever had! One time she gave the class chocolates whilst we were watching a movie (on the last week of school). I will definitely miss that. WE LOVE YOU LAURA!!!XXXOOO



Matthew's final football match at Harbinger. He will be missed.

Memories

Sumaya

Matthew-table tennis club and everyone hitting Matthew with table tennis balls and he liked it
Laura-Amaan and her football fights

Ummrah

Laura is the best in the world I remember when she told me to throw myself in the bin

Romaysa

Laura would always make us laugh every day and we will never forget in PSHE the time she said she'll die when we're 77.

I remember at the start of year 5 my writing was horrific but because of Laura I had an emo writing phase.

As for Matthew, he was great for stepping in for our class when our teacher wasn't here and he's super funny!

Anja

Matthew's great cringy gymnastics and dance lessons
ccriiennggee.

Musa

Matthew was the first and the best deputy headteacher and Laura was the best teacher ever, sorry Fiona.

Meltdown: It's Getting *Hot* Out There

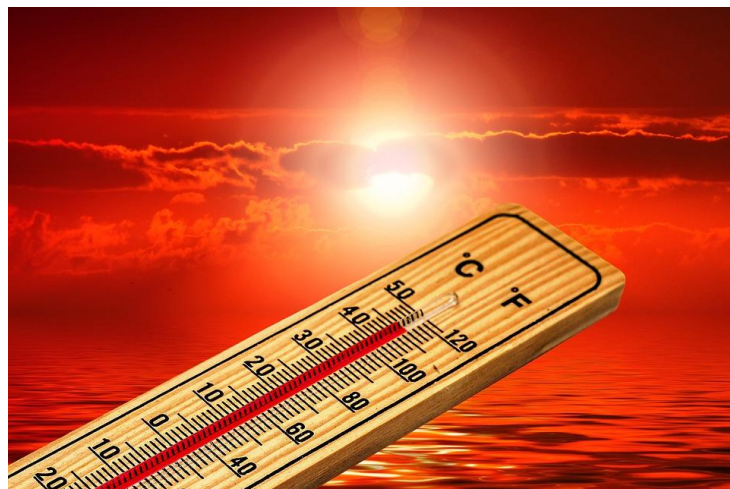
By Gaia

How have you been handling the record breaking heat we have had this term? My experience was that it and felt hot and sticky in the unpleasant blisteringly hot afternoon.

And why has this sudden heatwave happened in gloomy London, of all places?

Global warming is the cause of all this boiling weather. Global warming started because of the pollution in the world's atmosphere. Once the pollution goes into the sky, it changes into warm air that bounces off in different directions.

Sometimes, the air even goes to the north and south pole. This immense heat injures the animals and the climate; making the animals die of heat, and the icy environment melts away, affecting the animals living in the frozen depths.



Tips to handle the heat:

1. Drink a lot of water
2. Take cool or cold showers
3. Eat cold food
4. Go out with wet hair
5. Wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing
6. Wear hats and/or sunscreen
7. Remember to keep your pets hydrated

Something New: Rock Volcano Building Competition

By Sumaya

On a Friday in mid-June, most of the Year 5 and 6's were in the quiet area outside, an area normally not used by children. They had split into teams and were working together using rocks and other It was a rock-volcano challenge: whoever made it largest won. It was exciting, intense, and seriously dusty.

In the end, Nimesha inspected and chose one to win.

Yumi, Sumaya, India, Zara, Danni-Leigh, Aimee, Layla and lots more allies had helped to make that volcano win. It was a LARGE volcano! Maybe even up to some people's knees- can you believe it?

Playtimes will never be the same....



by Anja

Pencil, pencils, pencils
There really snazzy stencils
With dark tinted nibs
And yellow black coloured ribs
They make a beeline to get lost and every
day I pay the cost
Pencils, pencils on the floor
Pencils, pencils I need more
It really makes my eyes sore
And I endure such a bore
To search for pencils on the floor

When pencils, pencils, pencils I need more

Fiction

Hope

By Gaia

"Epimetheus, tall, blonde strong, and handsome..."

"But-!"

"We won't."

"All you do all day long is tend your kelp farms, lounge around on your throne, eat spaghetti with your fork-like trident, zap plankton of the statue of you and comb your beard with a shark's cartilage bone brush! You never care about any fights, any wars, or even the throne room cracking!"

"Don't speak to me like that. I am one of the oldest Olympians that you will ever talk to. Savour it while you can."



"I've talked to Aphrodite and she's the OLDEST Olympian." Athena boasted, managing to turn Poseidon's face kelp green.

"Somebody's listening..." grumbled Hephaestus. He stared right at me and I got whipped into the present.

Prometheus was gone and I was alone again in my little tent. Trudging on a wolfskin cloak that was inside the tent, I took my first Earth step onto the grass. Without any shoes, the grass stroked me like a bear rubbing against my ankle. I breathed in the fresh, minty air around me.

Get Involved!

Do you have a short story that you would like to be published in our next edition of the Harbinger Chronicles?

If so, please speak to Gaia - our resident short story writer at the Chronicles. She will proofread and decide which stories we can share with the whole school.

Have fun writing!

***This is part three (the final instalment)**
For part one, see *Harbinger Chronicles Edition 2*. For part two, see *Harbinger Chronicles Edition 3*.