

The Harbinger Chronicles

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



Year 5's Opal Class wear their pajamas and show off their reading

Pajamarama: Raising £ So All Children Get Bedtime Stories

By Eadie

On Friday the 13th of May, what happened? if you guessed the Pyjamarama, then you would be correct! But if you guessed Friday the 13th as in spooooooky day then you would also be correct.

Harbinger Looks to the Future The End of an Era

By Year 6 journalists

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The Harbinger Chronicles Needs *YOU*

By Oma and Anja (The all-powerful creators of *The Funnies*)

As you all know, Year 6 will soon leave the school to start secondary; I know, so sad – we are awesome.

So.... (drum roll) we need some newbies to carry on our legacy. We hope to find plenty of fresh meat *cough cough* ahh, yes, “candidates” as you might say formally.

Since we are leaving, we will need *a LOT* of people to replace us, because, fun fact, Newspaper Club has only four Year Fives (Abubakar, Eadie, Gaia, and Hana R.) and about a gazillion Year Sixes.



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Editorial

Harbinger Chronicles Needs *YOU*

By Oma and Anja

The right candidates will be able to give the newspaper the exact amount of fun and news you've been used to. Pro Tip: The best pieces are ones that relate to the most students, not just a small group.

Here are some examples of the kind of journalists we need.

Randomizers

Guys, we know you all like Musa's random... stuff. His Shakespearean tone, his tendency to chose unexpected and crazy topics that would even work in TV shows and films are what makes him special. He's also prolific (look it up).

Job Details: Be ridiculously random, think outside the box, observe your surroundings. Be dramatic.

Your job is to write articles that are offbeat and thoughtful. You are full of ideas all the time.

Your work companions: Literally everyone else.

Storytellers

This is another important one. Seek answers to questions everyone has about Harbinger. Tell Harbinger's stories. Be creative, be funny if you want to, and don't write 'wanna', 'gonna' or 'thing'.

Job details: Look for facts, so good reporting your article does not need to be long to be great!

Work companions: Again, everybody else.



A **very** small reminder of the current Harbinger Chronicles Team

Cartoonists

As the resident cartoonists here at *The Chronicles*, we admit that we don't expect new recruits to be as talented as us (duh), but we know there are some current year 4's and 5's who are funny and can draw well.

Job details: Be funny and draw stuff. For there to be humour in your art, you have to have humour in yourself. And don't forget, a huge ego! And, you can write articles too.

Activity People

Write stories about April Fool's or the Jubilee for example. Subjects that are celebrated outside of Harbinger School.

Job Details: Look at the calendar and then get the info by going on many, many websites to look for generators. Try to make it easy but not too easy.

Now, there are some of you out there that are not strange, crazy, or superbly informal. You guys are probably looking at this and just thinking: 'Why can't I just be a normal person?' Well, you can!!

Puzzles! Competitions! Riddles! Word searches! Book reviews! Recipes! More stuff! Whatever you think is interesting, chances are, someone else will too!!!

Now, for those who are not in Year 5 or 6, you're sadly not allowed to join. It's okay, you'll be able to come soon!



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.

Sport



Introducing Table Tennis!

By Sumaya



Alberto from Focus Table Tennis, right, works with Opal class

Table Tennis is a very recent – and, sadly – temporary club that has opened to Years 4-6.

Some lucky classes will also have the opportunity to play table tennis in PE! “It’s nice because we get to compete against each other,” explained Hana R.

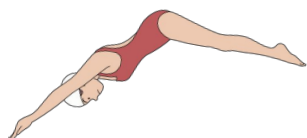
The tutor’s name is Alberto. According to Opal class’ Gaia, “It’s really fun and we learnt new skills. I found that the tutor was really nice!”

Harbinger has been gifted three new tables! They were all provided by the company Butterfly. You can find the tables in the bottom hall.

Overall, table tennis is really fun and a great addition to sport offerings at Harbinger School!

Opal Year Five Dives Right In

By Abubakr



This term it was Year 5 Opal class’ turn to start swimming at newly renovated Tiller Leisure Centre.

They had some people (coaches) who knew how to swim and people who do not.

The confident swimmers had to learn how to breathe underwater while swimming and the newer swimmers had to learn how to swim and how to move with their legs in the water.

The required outfit is a swimming cap and swimming trunks for boys. Girls wear swimming costumes swimming goggles are optional.

Inside of the leisure centre, there is a deep end pool and a small swimming pool.

The whole reason for swimming lessons is so pupils learn how to swim and do not drown. Isle of Dogs is surrounded by water and might be considered a dangerous place if you don’t know how to *Stay Safe!*



Hana, Anas, Gaia and Raya
represented Harbinger in the inter-school table tennis competition, which is part of the Laurie Laken Schools Table Tennis Project

Next Up: Girls’ Football

By Oma and Anja

This term at Harbinger there have been many sporting tournaments, including one for Table Tennis.

Upcoming tournaments include girls’ football!

Matthew Warhurst, our Deputy Headteacher, has decided that a team made up of nine or ten Amber class girls will do a ‘friendly’ exhibition match with a team from Cyril Jackson.

Known as the Jackson Cyrils, they’re a tough team, having recently won the Tower Hamlets league. We might not be able to beat them but then again... WE ARE HARBINGER!!!

2022

Year Six

SATs are not only Challenging for the Students

Interview by Adyan

Adyan: How was it preparing for SATs?

Fiona: Very, very stressful! But I must admit, I got lucky with Amber Class because they have had such a focused and hard-working attitude towards the tests. I don't know what I was worried about...



Amber teacher Fiona also serves as the faculty newspaper lead

A: Was it stressful throughout the week even though you weren't taking the test?

F: Yes it was, because I wanted the children to feel that they had been prepared thoroughly and to be calm and focused despite it being quite a different atmosphere to what they are used to. I didn't want nerves to take over their opportunity to show everything they have learnt in KS2. It was also hard to make sure everyone had the right equipment and all the adults were able to support the children appropriately.

A: What did you have to do in advance to prepare for SATs?

F: Lots and lots of retrieval practice because we have to store things in our long-term memory. I also had to make sure that children had learnt

It's Happening Secondary Transition

By Adyan

It's hard to believe but the countdown is on for those of us in Year Six. This is our last term at Harbinger Primary. Some of us have been coming here everyday since EYU.

Secondary school is a vital part of life, and the transition from primary to secondary school can be challenging.

We'll meet new students, teachers, and friends as the semester progresses.

The lucky among us will stay in the same area as before with a secondary school you've seen since primary school.

Whether it's across the street or across the borough, change is never easy.

everything they needed before the SATs, which was tricky because there have been some gaps due to Covid lockdowns and absences. Like I said before, it helped that the children in Amber Class really wanted to learn and worked super hard for it – some children even came to school in the Easter holidays!

A: What is your favourite part about being a year 6 teacher in the week of the SATs?

F: My favourite part of SATs week is when the children finish a test and tell me that they felt well-prepared. I like how excited they get discussing the questions and how they answered them. I felt a huge sense of pride and that makes all the hard work worth it.

We had
meditative
yoga
sessions
before
the SATs
each day



Next Up: Summer 2022

By Musa

It is soon going to be summer, the first one in a few years that might feel somewhat normal.

We all have been waiting for so long. This also means it will be soon be goodbye to Harbinger forever for some of us, while a new group anticipates starting primary in the fall.

I am happy to announce, we finally get to say goodbye to winter. This is very exciting for all because we have normal break-times and not as many weather disasters. That being said, we can never know the future of our world.

Anyway, we at *the Harbinger Chronicles* hope you had great last half-term before summer break.

First Person

15 Days of SATS Trauma

By Oma

Day 1: Before SATS (29th April 2022)

When Ummrah asked me how I felt about SATS, I fake smiled and said, “well.”

The thing is, I didn’t feel well. But maybe *well* was overrated. And to be clear, it wasn’t because I was concerned about how I’d score.

My issue was that I didn’t know how I could perform while surrounded by real-life versions of *Men in Black*, my term for the government people whose role it was to make sure our teachers weren’t giving us the answers.

No exaggeration, Fiona said they lock our tests in a briefcase. Like, a literal briefcase. As if our tests are some sort of national secret. Seriously.

So they ease you in with breakfast, yoga, and promises of days out, then – all of a sudden – a few James Bonds walk into the room and stalk your teacher, who – surprise, is stalking you. Yay. My teacher was going to stalk me. BIG YAY.

Day 7: Before SATS (5th May 2022)

Guess what? On polling day, a day when most Harbinger students are home relaxing and playing video games, Year Six had to go to school. Thankfully I like school, but recently it’s just revision. And more revision. AND MORE REVISION. Heh.

Day 11: During SATS (9th May 2022)

SATS wasn’t actually that stressful. Yeah, it’s an exam that lots of people’s parents have decided will heavily impact their child’s future, but it was not actually that stressful. Monday was the GPS; no, not the navigational GPS, but the

Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling test.

Basically, just answering questions like:

Tick the sentence that uses tense correctly.

- 5 years ago, Lucy will be walking her dog.
- Yesterday, Lucy is walking her dog.
- Tomorrow, Lucy will walk her dog.

I’m sorry, but am I supposed to care when Lucy walks her dog. I mean, who is Lucy and how is she walking her dog yesterday? But other than those ridiculous questions it wasn’t bad at all.

Day 13: During SATS (11th May 2022)

At this point, I’d been waiting TWO DAYS for the *Men in Black* government people to show up. I felt like I could cry.

I had three feelings about this. One, the entire reason I was freaking out was because of the government people so is it really that bad that they didn’t come?

Two, how in the world was I the only person who seemed to notice or care?

And lastly, I felt disappointed because I really wanted to see real-life Men in Black. *insert sad face*

We had Maths on Wednesday. Just Maths. I finished in 15 minutes so I was super bored after checking my work.

Tip for future Year Sixes: don’t finish your test early.

Day 15: After SATS (13th May 2022)

FREEDOM! Finally. I’d been waiting so long for this. And no, not the feeling particularly motion sick in the bus bit, but the trip to Victoria Park. It was hot, and tiring, and I went home with sand all over me. It was the best.

Pajamarama, cont’d from p. 1

The money raised by Pajamarama goes to children and teenagers that want to have something interesting to read and books to study.

So, what do pyjamas have to do with reading?

Wearing your pyjamas to school on pajamarama day helps raise awareness of the people in the world that don’t have any books to read. Imagine no books!

Thank you to all those who wore pyjamas and donated money, helping to make sure children all around the country can enjoy reading as much as we do.

Although not everyone their PJs to school many did an average of about half or more of the school including teachers It’s a day we all look forward to and love.

Jet Class wears pajamas for Pajamarama



Harbinger Celebrates Queen's Platinum Jubilee

By Abubakr

We celebrate Her Majesty, the Queen's Jubilee because it is her 70th anniversary of being Queen. A jubilee is an anniversary of an event, usually the 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and the 70th anniversary. Queen Elizabeth the 2nd is the longest reigning Queen to ever rule England; we have never celebrated a monarch's platinum jubilee before.

There will be parades, light up beacons, a national pudding competition and other sports of other activities around the country and probably the commonwealth. 16,000 street parties are planned for the bank holiday weekend! Many people will be doing parades with the union Jack flag representing the country that she rules.

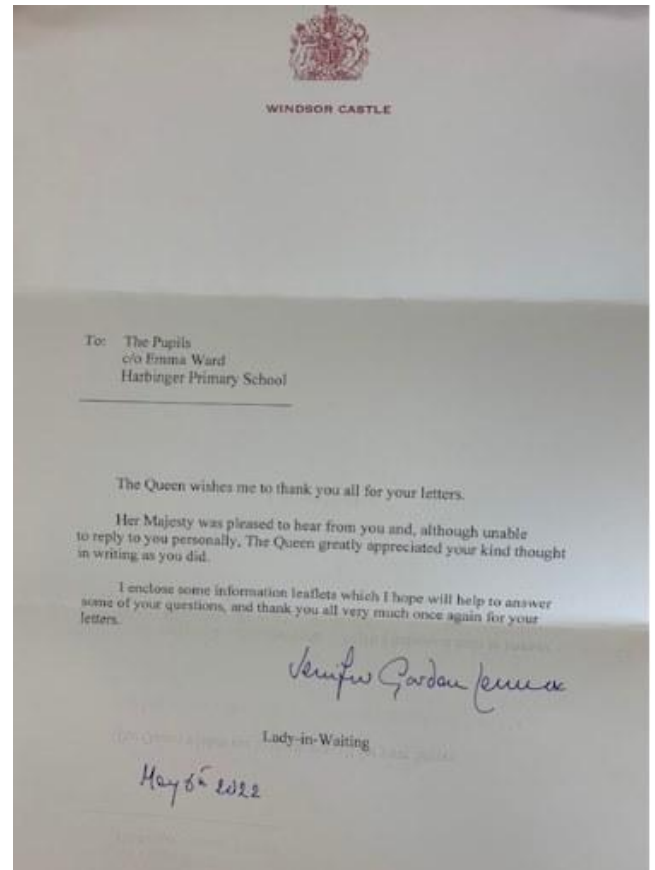


This lemon swiss roll and amaretti trifle, submitted by a woman from Merseyside beat 5,000 other applicants to win the Platinum Pudding Competition

Harbinger is doing a picnic on Friday 27th of May. Additionally, as part of their History topic, Years 1 and 2 learned about Queen Elizabeth and wrote a letter to her. All Harbinger pupils will have their lunch outside and there will be other fun activities, like crafts and music to celebrate.

Last week, the children were ecstatic to receive a letter from Windsor Castle!

The Queen got her silver Jubilee in 1977. She celebrated her Ruby Jubilee in 1992, her Golden Jubilee was in 2002, her diamond Jubilee was in 2012 and her Sapphire Jubilee in 2017.



Years 1 and 2 were thrilled to receive a response to their letters from Windsor Castle, where the Queen lives



Sapphire Class at the school picnic on 27 May

Get involved in celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign in the run up to the Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend which takes place from 2nd to the 5th of June. Let us at *The Chronicles* know how you celebrated!





On My Eid...

Adyan – On my Eid I went to 5 houses! I also was given £35 and LOTS OF FOOD as we had a whole FEAST EVERY SINGLE HOUSE!!!!!! At the end of the day, I was given LEGOs and I was soo excited that I stayed up the whole night doing legos and in the end it looked SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO GOOD!!!!!!!

Hana - On my Eid, I woke up to see my house full of presents. As I open my morning presents, I see that I got what I wanted - I squeaked excitedly. After, I was going to the mile end fun fair! Sadly, the que was wicked long and my uncle said “Maybe we should go desert instead next time I will take you”. My face wanted to drop but it didn’t. After the desert I went back home to change my clothes. Once I changed, I went to my Gandpa’s house, there I got more presents and £50!

My Eid was at school with my class, Amber Class. We dressed in our absolute best clothes (Romaysa looked amazing in her bright colours) and we had a brilliant party: food, fun and friends. The best for me was devouring the most delicious ice-cream, covered in colourful sprinkles, chocolate sauce AND a flake! Challenging work really does pay off...

By Fiona

MY Eid WAS SURROUNDED WITH FAMILY!!!!

Eadie- My Eid was full of food and friends even though I did not celebrate Eid in the day of Eid I still had a lot of fun and a lot of SUGAR!!

EID... PASSOVER.... EASTER...

By Eadie

Was anyone in this school born in 1991? No; the oldest students here were born in 2010. Why, you may ask? Well, I will tell you now just continue reading and you will be as knowledgeable as me!

Who celebrated Eid? Well, if you did you are among most Harbinger students and will learn a bit more about the month of Eid/Ramadan or if you celebrated Easter, you would learn a bit more about Easter and a 5 to no people celebrated Passover but if you did (like me) you are going to learn a bit of facts!



If you celebrated Easter on the 17th of April, you probably hunted for eggs or ate a big feast! (yum) And if you celebrated Passover, you most likely celebrated with a big feast as well! People who celebrated I know you ate a lot of fooodood!



No matter what holiday you celebrated over the break I know you ate a lot of food and had fun!

If you did not have fun than what were you doing all holidays? If you see me (Eadie) in the corridor, please tell me what you did over the holiday me and all the of the harbinger chronicles team would love to know

Introducing our brand new feature.....

Childrens **Nominations**

By Hana



At *Harbinger Chronicles*, we have noticed how much you love to be nominated in class and in sharing assemblies and we want to give you the chance to spread kindness around every corner of Harbinger School with a nomination. We are a CAKE (create a kinder environment) school, after all.

Children's nominations. WHAT!!! I know it crazy but know children at Harbinger Primary School can nominate children even adults. Adults be good! All you have to do is come to Hana R in Opal and say I would like to nominate this person. Don't worry if you don't have one and would like one because the next edition of the newspaper will have this too. Here are the nominations for Issue 4 of the Harbinger Chronicles:

Eadie - Alisha because she has done amazing work- last week

Gaia – Anja because even though she is my sister, she supports me when I am crying – all time

Madiha – Fiona since she has helped me so much throughout year 6 to make me achieve my SATs and my new beginning at secondary school.

Sumaya – Kayan for being kind and confident when joining a new school.

Shakiba – Saira because helped me take my books and she is a great school councillor

Yusraa – I want to nominate Laura because she is a very kind teacher and I want to nominate Sumaya for being so kind and always holding the door for me!!!



Don't forget to...
Create
A
Kinder
Environment
With a nomination
See *Hana R* (Opal Class)

The Funnies

BY oma

