

# The Harbinger Chronicles

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**The Harbinger Primary School newspaper is written by the children, for the school community; our newspaper is published every half term.**

## We Give Thanks

By Vicki and Shakiba

All the lovely staff of Harbinger have encouraged and have shown a gargantuan amount of kindness and generosity to the year 6's (Fiona, Syeda, Meagan, Shajia, Shafia, Dipali, Shari, Karen, Nimesha, Jeanette, Jubeda, Rebecca A, Rumana, Azmina and more, we are sure!)

These special mentions are for their kindness towards, and hard work to help the year 6's succeed.

Thank you to the names above and to the entire Harbinger community for their support in the nerve wracking times of the SATs.

Thank you!

## Learning

### Year 6 Learn Leadership Skills During Takeover Day

By Shakiba

On year 6 'Takeover Day', the year 6's had their own jobs in the school for a day.

See **Takeover**, cont'd p.7

## Togetherness

### Year 6 Fundraising Exceeds Target

By Aimée

Year 6 have worked their hardest this year to plan and provide fun activities to raise money to attend their traditional end-of-year school trip to Chessington World of Adventures.

The goal was £1500 (yes, I know right, A LOT) and they managed to exceed it by £620!!!

They were so happy, and they all had SO MUCH fun doing it and were so grateful for everyone who contributed and good luck to the year 5s who have to do this next year. PS; I'm going to own the raffle stand - read the byline ;)



## Help the Environment by Cycling to School!

by Joud



Recently, at Harbinger school there has been a challenge where Nimisha would put a golden lock on your scooter or bike.

In addition, if you get it, you win a prize! This is done not just for fun; it to inspire people to help the environment and personal fitness, meaning that we can help our planet.

The recent winners were Charlie and Derek from Turquoise class. They got a selection of a book or a bag.

Which one would you choose?

You should try to get the golden lock not only for the prize, but to help the environment! You don't need to do it but it's better for everyone and you should do it if you can.

Will you join?

## Newspaper club hiring!

by Ayaan

In the past few weeks Newspaper Club has gotten more popular.

The people on newspaper club have been going around the school getting more people to join their club. There have been a few from every class: e.g., Charlie and many other people have been joining.

The newcomers joining have been finding newspaper club fun and start to like it, getting their friends to join them as well in newspaper club

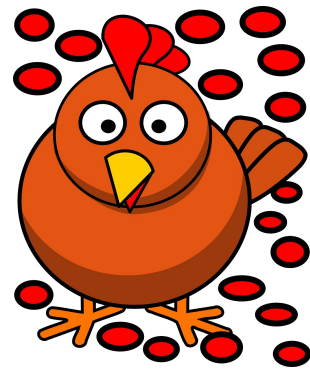
"I am starting to love Newspaper club, I am going to tell my friends about this amazing club!" says newcomer Charlie.

Not only there is an increase of people in Newspaper club but more articles. Since we have been producing more articles therefore, we have been doing great in Newspaper club letting you to be able to read more interesting stuff around the school.

Newspaper club is doing great!!!

## Well-Being

## Chickenpox: What You Need to Know



by Susan and Joud

Recently, 5 or more children got the CHICKENPOX! Chickenpox is a very contagious infection that causes an itchy, spotty rash.

How do you feel after finding out five children recently have caught chickenpox?

The funny part is that a few children got puzzled and thought that chicken pox is chicken pot noodles. In addition, their comment was "Chickenpox is yummy," "I know, right, it's so good."



Chickenpox usually gets better on its own after 1 to 2 weeks.

### Top tips for preventing chickenpox:

Practice social distancing, You can catch chickenpox by being in the same room as someone with it. It's also spread by touching things that have fluid from the blisters on them. Yikes!

### How did Chickenpox get its name?

One theory is that the red spots — which are 5mm to 10mm wide — were once thought to look like chickpeas.

Another theory is that the rash of chickenpox looks like the peck marks caused by a chicken.

But, in case you were wondering, chickenpox can't be caught from a chicken!





## Year 6 Pizza Popcorn Party Hosted by Kind Harbinger Staff

by Shakiba

At the end of SATs week the hardworking year 6's ended their lovely yet challenging week of the infamous SATs with a celebration generously provided by the school.

Year 6 pupils worked hard in the weeks and months leading up to SATs. After, they were rewarded with a special pizza party with popcorn and flavoured water to commemorate the year 6's determination and perseverance.

The year 6's watched a movie in the morning and continued to watch their movie in the afternoon. The special surprise in the afternoon was pizza with a hint of a movie.

All the year 6's appreciate the kindness of Harbinger staff in Harbinger that is still lingering all around our school.

The following staff helped year 6's with their studying, celebrating and trying to calm their minds and bodies during and before the SATs with yoga and breakfast. They are: Fiona Keogh, Meagan Marcus, Syeda, Rumana, Dipali, Shajia, Shafia, Shari, Karen, Nimesha, Rahena and Jubeda and many other wonderful staff members.



## Amber Combats Stress

by Jay-Junior

To help with SATs induced stress, Amber class made something called a stress cube.

When you're feeling stressed you roll the dice/cube and whatever you land on you do to relieve your stress. Examples are to breathe, or think of something that makes you happy. Yoga was a favourite so yoga sessions were provided before SATs each day.

Amber class came up with ideas to decorate and label the cube. Amber class also had to cut around the paper and stick the edges on the actual cube so if you need a stress reliever the cube is the way.

## Coronation and SATs Scheduling Conflict

by Hana R

Unlike most years, where SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) are held on Monday to Thursday during the second full week of May, this year there was a scheduling conflict – the King's coronation.

SATs are held annually each year for Year 6 students. They assess what schools have taught students during Key Stage 2.

After a three-day break, year 6 students had four days of hard work ahead. For some, this week may have been stressful, but others were just relieved that it was over.

After Harbinger students had completed their final test, Amber and Opal year 6 classes were both treated to have tasty snacks and even pizza!



# As Part of Autism Awareness, Harbinger Enters Contest

by Susan

Our school Harbinger Primary, and some other schools in Tower Hamlets were informed about a contest to do with autism.

Children in those schools were asked to design a poster bringing awareness to autism.

If you know someone with 'autism,' you're in luck! Autism is a superpower.

## 5 facts about Autism

1. Autism is not an illness
2. People with autism tend to have a better memory than most people.
3. Autistic brains work differently.
4. People in the mild autism group tend to get bullied not as often as other types of autism.
5. Autism is amazing

Our school did not win the competition, but Susan in Year 5 won a special prize. Congratulations!

# New: Chess Club on Fridays

by Sabrina and Mahibah

On Friday 5th of May, Sultana launched Harbinger's new chess club.

She explained that her plan was to start slow using simple techniques. First, she would teach those who don't know, how to play chess.

## So far the club has learned that:

- Chess originated in India
- It was invented in 600 A.D

## Fun Facts about Chess!

- The queen chess is the most powerful piece in chess
- Chess is a required school subject in Armenia
- It is possible to checkmate your opponent in 2 moves
- Chess was first called Chaturanga
- The pawn is the weakest chess piece



### Chess

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Chess Board	Technique	Checkmate	King
Knight	Bishop	Chess	
Black	White	Queen	
Wood	Game	Rook	
Pawn			

by Sabrina and Mahiba





# Harbinger Celebrates The Coronation

On the 5th of May, Harbinger prepared a coronation picnic (aka a special lunch in the dinner hall), and classes did activities to commemorate the big event.

Amber class students made a HUGE collaborative picture of King Charles III. Everyone had a piece to colour in but could not see what others had drawn, and in the end it looked AMAZING.

Others did some actives at home. My baby sister and I coloured flags together. Sultana's class flew a king flag, Emily's class dressed up in fancy or red clothes. Luke's class used the opportunity to study history; they did a timeline of all the monarchs.

EYU hung up flags, castles, and kings on the thrones, bridges, and buses. Together, KS1 put pictures and drawings on the doors.



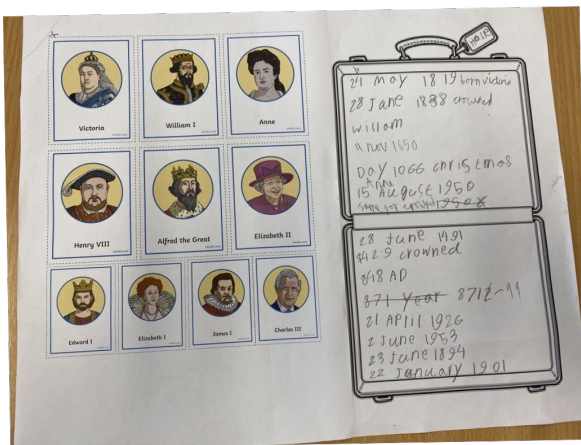
## Well-Being

### Earth Day: An Annual Day to Show Care

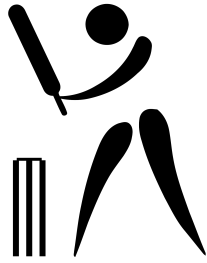
by Aimee

Earth Day is an annual celebration, which appreciates and honours the generosity and achievements of our world, and spreads awareness on how we must protect and show respect to our home.

It is marked on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April and is celebrated by showing extra care to the environment, doing acts such as: planting, picking up litter, and encouraging others to do the same.



# Sports



## Learning

### Cricket Takes Over

by Ayaan Ahammed

For the past week, football has been banned and people in the football pitch have been given the opportunity to show off their amazing skills playing different sports.

Last week, was the turn of cricket and the last few weeks were different sports as well.

People have been hitting sixes in cricket and others have been showing off their skills in bowling.

Cricket has also been stopping things like big arguments and all of the fuss and arguments that go along with football.

A lot of people have started to prefer cricket over football and want to play more cricket than football.

This is a great idea because it lets the student who play football have more time to learn new sports and it is essential for them to learn new things like sport.

## Togetherness

### Football Club Accepts Year 3 and 4 Pupils

by Charlie

At the start of this fantastic year, football club was only for year 5 and year 6. Some of the other people in the other years were not that happy about that, like year 3 and 4.

They were saying, “why only year 5 and 6? That’s not fair! Why aren’t we allowed.”

As the year went on, the same thing happened on and on. But finally, it happened! Year 3 and 4 are now allowed to join Football Club.

## Learning

### Emerald Class Starts Swimming

by Ayaan Ahammed

Emerald class have been doing great in swimming and have been listening to the swimming instructor. Unlike the older children who go to Tiller Swimming pool, the younger children go to the swimming pool at St Luke's Primary School.

Every time they go swimming, they are always listening to the teacher. Even though they are year 1, they are all showing what they are capable of.

They have even been celebrated in sharing assembly for their amazing time swimming, and they deserve a round of applause.

Well done Year 1!



### Emerald Class Year 1

This week I would like to nominate all of Emerald class.

The children have all been incredibly brave during our swimming sessions and have overcome their fear of going under the water.

They have also listened very carefully to instructions and advice given by the swimming teacher, and because of this they were all able to swim a width using floats!

Well done Emerald Class! We are all so proud of you!





## Teachers Play with Confiscated Contraband

By Asiya and Mia

On what was thought to be a normal day at Harbinger, Jeanette and Fiona were on the hunt to confiscate something.

They found some Pokémon cards and some funky, cool, yet odd glasses (that two Year 6 children had brought to school).

Fiona confiscated these really cool and expensive items (probably expensive I guess).

During our lunch break, Jeanette and Fiona decided to...

**PLAY WITH THE POKEMON CARDS?!**

This is dra-ma-tic! And highly hilarious for all involved. Who said the adults at Harbinger are not fun!

More about this story on p. 10

## Emerald Enjoys Spring at Millwall Park

By Joud

A few days ago, Emerald class went to a trip to Millwall Park and had a FANTASTIC time there!

Furthermore, they looked for stuff that come in spring, meaning that they were looking for flowers, plants and many others.

Emerald class's topic was about spring so that's why they went to the park in the first place. Also, they were talking about the weather in spring.

My brother (Ali), who went to the trip, said he had a BLAST and he also said that since they finished their work, they played in the playground.

They did not just play with the playground equipment, they ran around and played games like tag. I could tell they had so much fun!



## Takeover, cont'd from p 1

Some helped younger children in various classes across the school, some worked in the office and to help the year 6's advertise their fundraising and to get the whole school erupting with excitement.

One of the jobs for some of the children were to create an assembly for key stage one and lower key stage two to talk about fundraising and the prices and what the year 6's planned to sell.

This day helped encourage children to learn new skills and get work experience and to help around our school community.

Over all year 6 takeover day was a bit tiring for me but, really fun to work and help others and to gain that confidence, whilst doing an assembly.

### Things to do at parks that are without using playground equipment:

- Make new friends and play with them
- Play games like Tag, Stuck in the mud and races with family/friends
- Help others who are struggling.
- Use your imagination while playing.
- Make a custom game (optional: teach your game to people)



# Tymon: Harbinger Says Goodbye

by Aimee and Layla

It is with great sadness that we announce that Tymon Folga, a cherished student at Harbinger, recently passed away on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April.

His death was very sudden and shook this entire community.

Tymon was much loved by the staff, students, and his family and prayers will be sent towards them. Tymon had a safe place in our hearts, and he shall stay in all our hearts for the rest of our lives.

He was a funny, always happy, and sweet. We now look forward to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, when we will be having a special event in school to celebrate the life of Tymon.

Tymon loved colour - so please wear something bright and colourful that day.



## Well-Being

### Stop Parking Right Outside School Gates

By Madeeha and Ayra

Recently, many parents have been parking outside the school, and I mean directly outside the school gates. We want to stop this dangerous practice.

Firstly, this is unbelievably bad for children's lungs, which are still in development.

Studies have linked particle pollution exposure to a variety of respiratory health effects, including respiratory symptoms including cough, phlegm, and wheezing. These minor things can lead to profoundly serious diseases, and we do not want any child to face any of these problems.

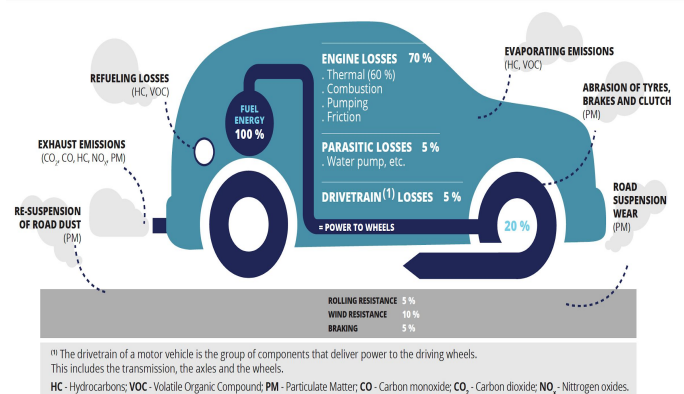
Secondly, when cars are returning home, they sometimes exceed the speed limit, and this is extremely endangering to children who may go to and from school alone, as they could get injured.

This not meant to offend anyone, so please do not get offended by anything mentioned. This is just a reminder to not park your cars too close to the school.

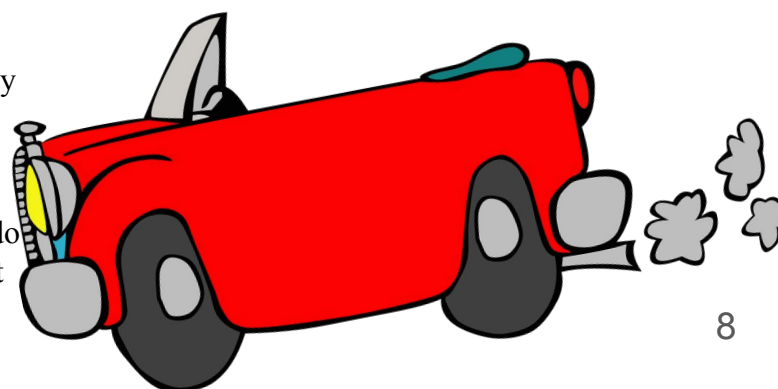
Thank you :)

#### Vehicle emissions and efficiency

Fossil fuel powered road transport represents the most significant source of transport related air pollution. Each vehicle releases pollutants from a number of sources.



Source: EEA Report — Explaining road transport emissions — a non-technical guide (2016)





## Together

# Harbinger Community Discuss Football

by Shakiba and Fateha

Football is always a popular subject at Harbinger. So interviewed some people about football.

### Jay-J from Year 6

Q: What is your favourite football league?

A: Arsenal because I have supported arsenal for all my life and my family support arsenal too. And because they have very good footballers.

Q: Who is your favourite football player in arsenal?

A: Saka.

Q: What is your favourite position in football?

A: CAM (central midfielder.)

### Lloyd

Q: Who is your favourite football player?

A: Pele because he was one of the youngest people to win the world cup.

Q: Why did you want to be a football coach in a school?

A: Because I work well with kids and was told before I work good with kids.

Q: What made you believe in yourself?

A: I believed in myself and told myself.

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## Turquoise Explosion of Fun

by Hana R

Turquoise have been doing many wonderful and exciting fun things.

To be honest, I am excited for all the younger years; you will have a blast. Even if you ask the year 6s, they will tell you how much fun you will have.

Turquoise class have been doing a topic about The Jungle Book. If you have heard of it and didn't really like it, well me and you are on the same page. I didn't like it because I didn't know what it was about, but I gave it a chance and did all my work. You know what; I grew to thinking it was the best topic in my whole childhood learning.

Also, your teacher actually lets you watch it in your classroom. How cool is that! And if you are scared that the lessons will be boring well, they are not actually they are really fun, and there are tons of videos



## Seeking: Recruits for Harbinger Chronicles!

by Shakiba

Recently, Harbinger chronicles asked for Year 5 pupils to join newspaper club and help write articles.

Many children joined newspaper club and now we have more journalists.

Before they joined, we had a small amount of Year 5 writers but, now we have many more journalists, who are in Year 5.

We still need more recruits for Newspaper Club as the Year 6's will be leaving soon. When the Year 6's leave, there will need to be new writers to take on the roles of the previous journalists.



## Staff Steal Pokémon Cards

by Charlie

Fiona and Jeanette have done something the world would hate.

They have stolen Pokémon cards and started playing with them, there is even a picture of them playing with the cards. Also, Fiona had some sort of glasses on that appear to be a student's. It looked like they done it on purpose, how would Fiona know how to play with it if the glasses make you dizzy.