

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.

Well-Being

Year 6 Raises in excess of £2400!

By Zayd and Anas

Year 6 spent the week before half-term break fundraising for an exciting trip to Chessington, World of Adventures because they just finished their SATs and are leaving Harbinger very soon for secondary school.

For the fundraising they sold a variety of exciting items in the morning breaks and after school. There were colourful toys, delicious food, a football penalty shootout (I scored 230), and all sorts of other activities. Friday even started with a ticketed piano performance, worthy of an even bigger stage!



Togetherness

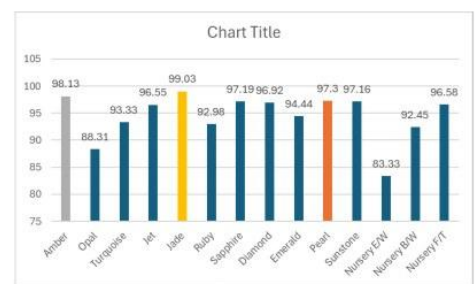
The Attendance Cup

By Aleena

The attendance cup is an extremely exciting time in assembly...

On the 24th of May 2024 Jade class went MAD. When they won the attendance cup they were so loud that Nimesha came in and had to ask, "What was that?"

And I just wanted to mention Harbinger's attendance is much improved! Keep an eye on the all important Harbinger Attendance League...



Attendance target 96%
Well done: Jade Class!



Attendance League

1st Amber 8 points

2nd Ruby 7 points

3rd Nursery F/T 4 points

4th Jet 3 points

4th Sunstone 3 points

4th Jade 3 points

Editorial

Question of the Issue:

What is Courage??

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

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Nelson Mandela

Zayd H.: Making sure You never back down NEVER GIVE UP!!

Junainah: Courage is when you face your fears and be resilient. You are brave when you are courageous. So try and be brave.

Kulsuma: courage is bravery and being confident

Anas: I think that courage is when you do something you were scared of and be brave and you have a growth mindset

Numairah: Courage is when you are brave and when you are building resilience

Susan: Another version of courage is to give a go at something you find horrifying or uncomfortable (for a good reason).

Aleena: courage is when you are resilient and brave to do something even if you don't want to

Inaaya: Courage is having resilience and determination to do something. Like when you are nominated for sharing assembly and you speak even when you feel nervous.

Jenna: courage is bravery and being confident

Joud: Courage is when you never give up and always aiming to have a growth mindset

Anna: I think courage is when you are being brave. For example, going into the deep end of the swimming pool for the first time

Dawud: When you never give up and step up to a challenge:)



Sabrina: courage is bravery and facing your fears when you never have.

Rayaan: courage is doing something even when you are scared to do it- it is bravery

Well-Being

Why is the Lunch Hall so Loud?

by Susan

Lately in UKS2, it has been deafening (very loud) to the adults and probably to lots of children who just have not said anything yet.

It's easy to forget this, but we need to always be aware that adults and children have emotions and can feel sadness, anger, embarrassment etc.

Unfortunately, because of their behavior choices some people have had to miss some of their play to discuss these choices with Fiona or Nimesha.

What can we do to prevent this?

1. Be quieter in the lunch hall.
2. Respect and listen to the midday meal supervisors.
3. Be kind, polite and respectful to all.

PSA: Be the Star that Shines at Lunch

by Inaaya

How would you like to be a role model to other classes? How would you like to be the star that shines? Well, here is your chance! You can show people the proper way to scrape plates.

When you scrape your plate do not just bang it on the side of the bin. This is a sure way to break the plate, and no one will want to eat out of any broken or chipped lunch plates.

Additionally, if you keep on banging your plate on the side of the bin, then soon, we will not have any lunch plates left to use, because school supplies cost money. We should all be mindful. We should use our supplies sensibly. Some people do not even have the privilege to use this stuff, let us think about those people. Just try and help us.

Eating out of broken or chipped lunch plates is not safe. We can show people that we care about their wellbeing by sensibly using our fork/spoon/knife and carefully scraping with that.

The I-Statement

by Joud

The I-Statement is a technique used to show your voice and to solve your problems independently.

Some people think that it works, others think that it does not work. However in my experience, my siblings didn't take me seriously, but it might work for you!

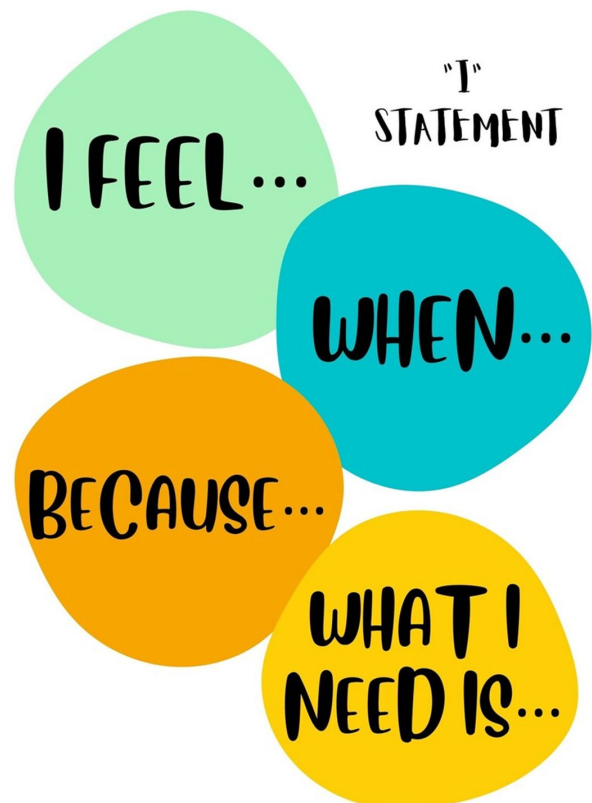
The I-statement starters are: I feel, when, because and I need you to.

Everyone at Harbinger is encouraging you to be more independent while solving problems. There are posters around the school to remind you how to use this helpful statement. I do have a complaint Fiona, there is a poster covering the art in the lunch hall...

Anyway, this statement will bring a big change to our school, that will represent our school value "togetherness".

If we want to do this then everyone should use it.

As Fiona said, "if you use this statement you could solve your problems independently." This refers back to the first paragraph I have written. I hope this article inspired you to use the, DRUMROLL PLEASE, **THE I-STATEMENT!**





Looking Forward to When We Finish SATS

by Junainah

Sultana has revealed some information about after SATS. What she has said is things will be chill and relaxing because we have finished our core curriculum and we are no longer doing unit lessons. However, we still have much of the wider curriculum to work on and we know that this is just as important as English, Maths and Reading.

We've finished our writing moderation pieces, we've finished our maths unit, we've finished almost EVERYTHING! Sultana has said that we will do more activities and many more fun things that she has planned.

Now that we have finished SATs I can say the test were kinda the same as practice. But stricter.

Just so you know, we weren't even allowed to read books after we were done! We had to sit there if we finished early! All we could do was CHECK our answers over and over again!

The good news is that we're going to Mile End Park to celebrate the end of SATs.

Learning

Year 6 Class Swap

by Junainah and Amelia and Zahra

You might not be a year six. You might not even be a year 5 yet. But this is news you need to know.

Recently, the year sixes (Amber and Opal) have been mixing up and going to each other's classes to help revise for SATS! Yep, that's right. SATS!

SATS stands for Standard Assessment Tests, and these tests are a crucial element that greatly impacts out secondary life. SATS show what level you are at and how much help you need. (But don't stress!)

About 2/3 of Amber are working with Sultana during this period, while 1 /3 of Opal are going to Amber (with Rumana).

The lessons we take are maths and reading, which we swap for twice a week. It gives us a chance to reach our highest potential by giving us the amount of help we need.

If, however, we do not respect the adults or concentrate we cannot reach our full potential. So, I would advise you to not sit next to people you think you will talk to or distract you. It's for your own benefit.

We are telling you this so that you know what happens before SATS and how we revise and practice for them. This will help you to pass as well. (Also, I know this is not about the class swap, but you'll get a treat afterwards and there is no need to worry about SATS at all 😊).

So, don't stress. Your time will come soon and remember, there is no need to worry. You have amazing teachers that will help you along your way to success!

Year 6 is headed to Chessington!

By Yasin

Revision for SATs

by Junainah, Amelia and Zahra

Year 6 SATs are next week. But, by the time you're reading this they will be over. To get our highest marks, we revised together in the hall.

Revising helps us remember all the things we have learnt over the years. It is a really good technique to help us revise!

We did four on maths and one on grammar. It helped a lot!



After all of this work, surviving the SATs and then going straight into fundraising, it's official: year 6 are finally going to Chessington.

They have been working so hard for this. With the help of Rumana, Shafia, Sultana, Jeanette, Shajia, Dipali, Jahan and all the other teachers and parents it all came down to this moment when both year 6s classes got their trip letter!

Sports



Harbinger Goes to Wembley

By Anas, Jenna and Zayd

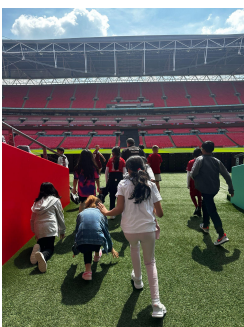
Turquoise class went to Wembley Stadium on 9 May! A few months ago we participated in a workshop called Football Forward, supported by the Football Association that lasted for three session sessions.

We are big fans of Liverpool and Real Madrid. Football Forward is meant to encourage and create opportunities for young girls to get involved in football and sports and to learn to respect everyone.

We have some crazy football fans in our class, I mean CRAZY football fans in our class that love the game a lot I think that they might be giving us a tour of the stadium.

The best bit was that we walked out and saw the entire, yes ENTIRE football pitch and sat on the seats which were not that comfortable, but the VIP seat was AMAZING!!!!

We had tasty food like crisps, sandwiches, oat bars and more. It was so delicious and then we did a workshop and learned about other jobs in football and some fun quizzes about things like movies, and we left with a football and other gifts.



Together Tournament Time



By Abyan and Rayaan

Tom is organising a football tournament where Ruby, Jade and Jet classes will face each other in a tournament.

Will Ruby and jade get their revenge for all the times Jet beat Ruby and Jade! Match predictions: it's a draw or it goes to penalty or a class might win!

Hopefully you score or you assist someone or win!

Tymon's Games

by Joud, Sabrina, and Mahibah

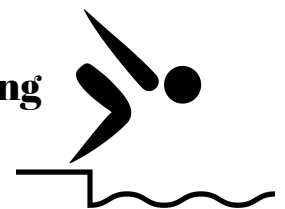
On Friday (19th of April), Upper KS2 planned to go to Millwall Park to play some activities that Tymon liked to do. However, our plans changed due to the rain. We felt super disappointed because we were looking forward to this.

On the bright side, we will do the activities next week on Friday again and we are so excited to go to Millwall park.

Update: We went to Millwall park! We had so much fun!! We played a few games which we all really enjoyed! In Amber class, we had 4 teams of 5 and we had colours for each team; purple, yellow, red, blue.

We all felt it was a lovely way for us to remember Tymon at Harbinger.

Turquoise Goes Swimming



By Jenna

Turquoise class have been going swimming every Tuesday. The adults that come with us are Fiona, Naz, Jeanette, Shafia and Shajia.

We have been going to Tiller Road. There are two areas in the pool for people who know how to swim and others for people that are learning how to swim.

If you know how to swim in the first lesson you can jump in the deep end and start swimming.



R9 is better than Cr7



Are you crazy? How many goals does he have?



Only 454 and Ronaldo has scored 887



It doesn't matter; R9 is still better



No he isn't! You know what, let's vote.



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Where are the R9 fans?



Told you, but calm down

By Jenna Suhana and Kusuma



Hey everybody! What's going on

Learning

Briana Gets a New Job

by Joud

If you don't go to newspaper club, if you don't know all the members of newspaper club, if no one tells you any news from newspaper club, then you probably don't know who Briana is. Briana (AKA Eadie's mum), is the creator of our school newspaper, works at newspaper club and is the brains behind everything we do!

Did you know that Briana used to work in a newspaper in America? Briana now has a new job (and a new chapter of her life). She will still be at newspaper club, but not always because she is a very important and in demand person.

Now, you might be wondering, "What is Briana's new job?" Let me tell you: she is a legal editor for a company called American Lawyer Media, ALM for short and (it is an American company that owns most of the legal publications in the United States.) She summarises newly filed cases as they come in. Most people in her office are British, but there is one American.

Good luck in your new job, Briana and thank you for still supporting us at the *Harbinger Chronicles* with your expertise.



Congratulations



Togetherness

Tom Joins the Chronicles

by Fiona

Exciting news for our school! Mr. Tom-Bem Hodgkinson, our awesome. Year 3 teacher and Lower Key stage 2 phase leader, is now a co-editor of the *Harbinger Chronicles*. This means he will help lead our school newspaper, bringing lots of new ideas and energy to the team.

Tom is known for making lessons fun and interesting. Now, he's going to help us make our newspaper even better. He's also letting us use his classroom for our meetings. It's a great space where we can all work together on our stories and projects.

"I'm really excited to be part of the *Harbinger Chronicles*," said Tom. "We have such talented journalists here, and I can't wait to help them share their amazing stories."

The *Harbinger Chronicles* has been around for over three years, giving students a chance to write about important events, share opinions, and be creative. With Tom's help, we're planning to add new features to enhance our publication further.

"Tom is a great addition to our team," said Briana Warsing, a senior member of the club. "He has fantastic ideas, and we're all excited about what's coming next."

If you love writing, editing, or storytelling, Why not hand in something you would like added to the newspaper. You never know, you could be invited to join the team.

Thanks to Tom, the *Harbinger Chronicles* has been given a new lease of life

Togetherness

Y6 Chessington Trip

By Junainah

After waiting for as long as we can remember, we are finally going to...

CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES!

This is a well-earned reward that we are getting after working as hard as we can in the lead up to SATs and during SATs. We will be there for about 8 or 9 hours, depending on when we get there. When writing this, I don't know how much we raised. But we have already received our trip letters so the staff must be hopeful!

There are many rides that Sultana has already showed us: some high, some low, some scary, some mild. There will be different groups/levels of the rides. For people who like medium rides, there will be a group, and for people who like scary rides, there will be a group.

Personally, I don't like scary rides. I know that Joud does.

Fun fact: Rahena has been to every theme park in this country and has been on the scariest rides and enjoyed them.

For people who get travel sickness, they will have to take anti travel sickness tablets so we don't throw up on the coach.

Fun fact: I have bad travel sickness.



Learning

STEM: Engineering Club

by Joud

Rebeca hosts engineering club for years 5 and 6. Nine children were selected to attend because there will be a competition.

The group have chosen to make a car like the car Rebeca showed Harbinger in the assembly. I have been selected to join the club and I missed one section. However, I quickly caught up!

On day one, we created the frame of the car by using wood, a saw, glue, and 8 isosceles triangles.

Fun fact: the room where we had the club smelt like moldy raw eggs, it was so bad that we had to work in the hall.

On day two, I got some cardboard, and I made some holes on two pieces of it. Then, I glued those on the frame, along with some more triangles. After that, I cut some wood (10cm (about the length of the long edge of a credit card) about the length of the long edge of a credit card long). Yes, that is how much I missed, so on the second day I came I had to do so many things and I did it. Yay! We will continue next term!

Learning

What do children think about SATs?

By Susan

Today, Susan (Me); I interviewed some Yr6 people (who are part of Newspaper Club) about their thoughts and feelings about SATs.

Joud: I feel calm because I am going back to my country (Kuwait) in the summer holidays, so SATs does not matter.

Mahibah: I feel nervous because SATs has quite a big impact on the next year.

Susan: I feel confident about SATs, since majority of people last year mentioned that moph SATs were harder than the actual SATs.

Sabrina: I feel excited because I want to see how I will do in SATs.

Zahra: I feel confident about my SATs.

Junainah: I am confident. I will persevere. But the rest of the school must help. But the surprise on Friday will get me through. I WILL DO WELL IN SATS!

Well-Being

Less Technology, More Life

By Inaaya

We must interact more in life.

Nowadays we barely use our real life. Back in the olden days there was no technology. Why don't we interact more in life?

I get we have technology but that is not an excuse! What if we had a day with no screens? Just like in Ramadan, how we feel how the poor people are feeling, then we can also know how our teachers' school was.

With a chalkboard we would have to write our work out and just imagine a day like that. And that also involves NO Chromebook. You must understand that in a few years people will not even have books because we are going to have more electronics.

So, take this as a word of advice and tell your parents. If you can change people's minds now you can change anyone's.



Togetherness

New Representatives for Turquoise Class

by Numairah

At the end of January, Mariya, who was the Turquoise Class Oracy ambassador, left Harbinger for a new future in Saudi Arabia. This left Turquoise one oracy ambassador down. Fiona was looking for one, but it took ages for her to decide. Finally, in April, we recruited a new Oracy ambassador in Turquoise class!

The new oracy ambassador is... is.... Numairah!

An oracy ambassador sometimes attends meetings with Fiona and complete a range of tasks oracy related around the school, including making a pupil voice oracy video.

To be a oracy ambassador you need to have a loud clear voice and be confident and use good oracy skills, like agree, build and challenge and using effective sentence starters.

Turquoise Class have recently lost their school council representative, Usman Y, so will be looking for a replacement for the final half-term of the year.

Happy Birthday, Nimesha

by Aleena

Can you believe that cheeky Nimesha tried to escape being sang 'Happy Birthday' to?

Here at Harbinger Chronicles, we can't quite believe that our fabulous headteacher would want to keep something so special quiet.

So, we found out, and sang to her anyway.

Happy birthday, Nimesha! We all hope you had a lovely celebration (and enjoyed our singing)!

We have the 23rd May in our diaries now...

