

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.

Togetherness

Marva Rollins Shares Her Story and Hears Ours

By Tanisha

On Wednesday the 22nd of January we had two visitors, Marva and Faaria from Global Learning London.

They came to audit the anti-racist curriculum at Harbinger School. To do so, they invited seven randomly chosen children to discuss their favorite books and share their parents or grandparents stories.

I shared a story about my grandpa. He is the founder and proud owner of Madinah Jame Masjid. Marva described being a part of the Windrush Generation and the extremely tough challenges she faced as a teenager. We didn't hear much about Faaria, but it was still very interesting to hear about everyone.

Later in the term, Marva visited Harbinger School to lead an assembly for Years 5 and 6 all about her experience as a Windrush child. KS1 even got a sneak peek.

We really enjoyed exploring our school value of togetherness during these visits. We are proud of our heritage and diversity.



Learning

Windrush Child

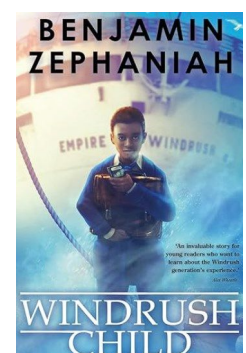
By Harbinger Chronicles editorial team

Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah tells the story of a

10-year-old boy called Leonard.

In 1958, Leonard travels with his mother from Jamaica to England to join his father. The novel follows Leonard as he struggles to adapt to life in Britain.

Windrush Child is a fictional story inspired by historical events.



Editorial

Question of the Issue:

What are the benefits of learning a second language?



Zahrah: When you go to different countries you will be able to talk to them

Safwan: The benefits are you will be able to go to different countries more often.

Zahraa: you can talk to different people around the world

Numairah: That you could communicate with another person who does not know English that much.

Dawud: You can talk to other people from that country without a struggle



Inaaya: You are able to understand different languages and go to different countries.

Haajar: The benefits of learning a second language is you can talk to more people because they speak another language

Tanisha: You can learn about other countries Respectfully and also be able to communicate with others!

Learning

Delicious Chocolate Cake

By Inaaya

Ingredients

For the Cake:

- 200g **dark chocolate** (at least 70% cocoa)
- 200g **unsalted butter**
- 250g **caster sugar**
- 4 **large eggs**
- 200g **plain flour**
- 1 tsp **baking powder**
- ½ tsp **salt**
- 50g **cocoa powder**
- 200ml **milk**
- 1 tsp **vanilla extract**

For the Chocolate Fudge Frosting:

- 250g **dark chocolate**
- 250g **unsalted butter**
- 400g **icing sugar**
- 100ml **double cream**

Method

Step 1: Preheat & Prep

1. Preheat your oven to **180°C (350°F)** or **160°C (fan oven)**.
2. Grease and line **two 8-inch (20cm) round cake tins** with baking paper.

Step 2: Make the Cake Batter

3. Melt the **chocolate and butter** together in a heatproof bowl over a pan of **simmering water** (or microwave in 20-second bursts). Stir until smooth.
4. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the **sugar and eggs** until fluffy.
5. Slowly add the **melted chocolate mixture**, whisking continuously.
6. Sift in the **flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt**, then gently fold together.
7. Add the **milk and vanilla extract**, stirring until smooth.



Step 3: Bake the Cake

8. Divide the batter evenly between the **two prepared cake tins**.
9. Bake for **25-30 minutes**, or until a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean.
10. Allow cakes to cool in the tins for **10 minutes**, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Making the Fudge Frosting

11. Melt the **chocolate and butter** together using the same method as before.
12. Sift in the **icing sugar** gradually while whisking.
13. Pour in the **double cream** and continue whisking until thick and glossy.

Assembling the Cake

14. Place one cake layer on a plate and spread a thick layer of **fudge frosting** on top.
15. Add the second cake layer and cover the entire cake with **more frosting**.
16. Use a spatula to smooth or swirl the frosting for a **super gooey finish**.
17. (Optional) Dust with **grated chocolate** or drizzle with **melted chocolate** for extra indulgence!



Serving

Best served warm with a big glass of milk, just like in *Matilda*!

Learning

Cute and Easy Cupcakes

By Isma and Alisha

Have you ever wanted to learn to bake? If so, here is a great starter recipe for cupcakes. Don't forget, sharing is caring!

Ingredients

- ❑ 225g/8oz dark chocolate or a mix of dark and milk
- ❑ Chocolate, broken into pieces
- ❑ 2 tablespoons of golden syrup
- ❑ 75g/2¾ oz cornflakes or puffed rice cereal
- ❑ 36 mini chocolate eggs 🍫 🍫

Method

1. Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases ♥
2. Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a saucepan of gently simmering water (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth. ☆
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate 🍫 yummy 😊. ◇
4. Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest.
5. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.



Oreo Milkshake

By Ameera

Have you ever tried an Oreo cookie milkshake?

Ingredients

- ❑ Six Oreo cookies (or your favorite chocolate sandwich cookie)
- ❑ Three scoops of vanilla ice cream
- ❑ ¾ cup milk

Method

1. Blend chocolate sandwich cookies, ice cream and milk together in a blender until smooth.
2. Pour into 2 glasses.

Well-Being

A Healthier Option: Lychee and Mango Smoothie



By Anas and Dawud

Here is how to make a lychee and mango smoothie (this is for one smoothie)

Ingredients

- ❑ 3 tablespoons heavy whipped cream
- ❑ half a cup of mango
- ❑ five lychees
- ❑ 2 teaspoons of sugar
- ❑ ice (The amount depends on the texture you want. We recommend one cup)
- ❑ 1 cup of milk

Method

1. Blend to the consistency you want
2. Pour into a glass and enjoy!



Together

Eid Mubarak

By Ismail Alom and Abyan.

Happy Eid Mubarak everyone! Even if you're not Muslim, come celebrate with us!

Eid Al Fitr is a break from fasting (Ramadan).

Ramadan is a month from Allah (SWT).

Allah (SWT) made Ramadan for a reminder of people in need of food, money and shelter.

During Eid you wake up early and pray Fajr.

Fajr is a prayer in the morning.

Then, you eat with your family.

After that, the men or boys go Masjid for Eid prayer where they have a speech.

The Harbinger Eid Fayre



Well-Being

The Eid Fashion Show



by Ismail Alom

The Eid fashion show was all about dressing up in our Eid clothes. It was a non-uniform day where we were encouraged to dress up in our most festive or traditional outfits.

We dress up on Eid to celebrate the occasion with joy, respect and gratitude because it marks the end of a significant spiritual journey.





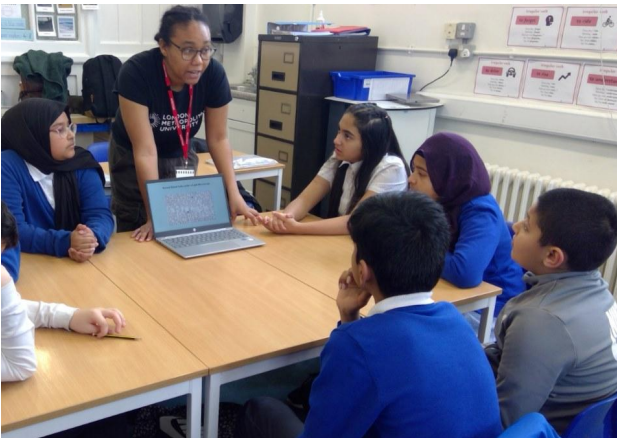
Learning

Our London Metropolitan University Experience

By Numairah

Sultana planned a special programme for all of Year 6 about how students experience university and what we they do in university.

First, Year 6 were visited by student ambassadors from the London Metropolitan University, commonly known as London Met, who came to Harbinger to present information on what can be studied at university.



Then, on 14th of March, Yr6 traveled to London Metropolitan University. It is a public research university with two different campus areas in London. We went to the Aldgate campus.

While on campus, we presented to the students what we had researched and learnt about since their visit. For example, we presented slides with the topics: biomedical science, nutrition, marketing and physiotherapy.

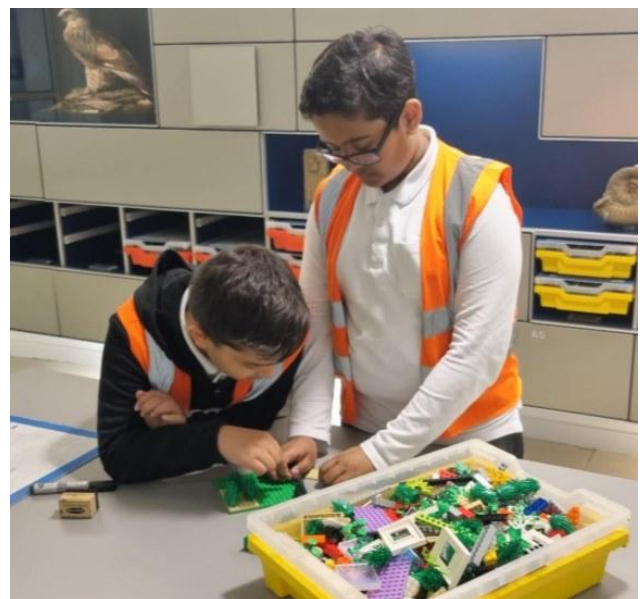
We were then split into four groups and two groups to two different parts of the campus. It was a great opportunity for Year 6 children at Harbinger to learn about university life and inspire.

But that's not all



Year 6 also journeyed to the Natural History Museum.

We built out our ideas on how to create sustainable ways to save our environment. Children enjoyed the opportunities for active learning: with LEGO!



Togetherness

Always Be Kind: A Story

by Suhana and Kulsuma

One day Red, Orange and Yellow were not being the nice to the others which is not togetherness and togetherness is a big thing in Harbinger school.



Pink put her hand up to answer a question in maths, but she got it wrong which is okay!

Mistakes do help us to learn.



“Ha Ha Ha Pink got the question, wrong. How did she get that wrong it's so easy,” mocked Red, Orange and Yellow.

“It's okay, Pink you did get the question wrong, but we learn from our mistakes. Okay class time for play”



Does anyone want to play with me?



“We all will! We are sorry and didn't mean to make you feel bad, Pink.”

Well-Being

Things To Do When You Are Bored!

by Nicole and Asiya

- ☐ make clay things
- ☐ Read a book
- ☐ Play a board game
- ☐ Play outside
- ☐ Do your UNFINISHED homework
- ☐ Go have some fun with your family!
- ☐ sleep
- ☐ eat sweets [but not too many]



Healthy Me

by Ismail Alom

Every class is doing a unit called 'healthy me for PSHE' because it's important to stay healthy. It is important to have enough energy and enough exercise. Keeping a balanced weight is key so don't eat too much! And make sure what you do eat is healthy. Sweets are okay to have in moderation. Do you know what else is important? A good night of sleep!

Well-Being

How to Make the Most of Your Holiday

By Ibtisaam and Aleena

As we all know, many school holidays are coming up including this one!!! Sometimes we get very bored, so here are some of our favorite activity ideas!

Get outside out with your friends and family, play sports, or even go on vacation to another country!

Sports

If sports are your thing, you have many options. You can play football, basketball, cricket and many more. There are many sports clubs available, but that isn't even necessary. Get out to Millwall Park with some friends and organize your own game!

I deeply recommend you play some sports or at least exercise, it's very good for you and when the weather is nice, it's such a treat to get outside.



Holidays

For holidays you can go to Egypt, France, Saudi Arabia, or wherever but it depends on your budget.

If you don't want to leave the country this holiday, or it's too expensive for you, then you can book a staycation (A cheaper holiday inside the country, not too far, so you don't need to go on an airplane.)

Even if you are not going on holiday, there are still fun places to visit, like the O2, Flip out and many more!

Fun workshops

There is a fun workshop called the Omo studio; it is a fun workshop where you create a marble effect onto a HUGE bear made of a cool material... there is also a workshop called the melting studio where you create a marble tray, and you will get extra support if needed.



Togetherness

Fundraising: Cinema Night at School

By Haajar

Guess what? Years threes, four, five and six will be having a cinema evening at school. This event will help to raise vital funds for school resources!

Children in these year groups can go home and do whatever they normally do after school. Then, at a specific time (to be confirmed) children will return to school in whatever comfortable clothing they want, meaning it doesn't have to be uniform!!!!

To attend the cinema evening, a ticket will need to be bought for a fixed amount, yet to be decided. What is *EVEN* better is that we can choose which movie we would like to watch. For example, some children have already decided to buy a ticket to a screening of the *The Wild Robot*, by Peter Brown.

Pro Tip: Read the books first.



Magical Map Big Writing Competition

by Inaaya

On the 7th of March, Jet and many other classes were informed that Young Writers is hosting their Magical Map big writing competition and we are invited to enter.

To enter, you will need to write a 100-word story, draw a map that corresponds to the story and explain it.

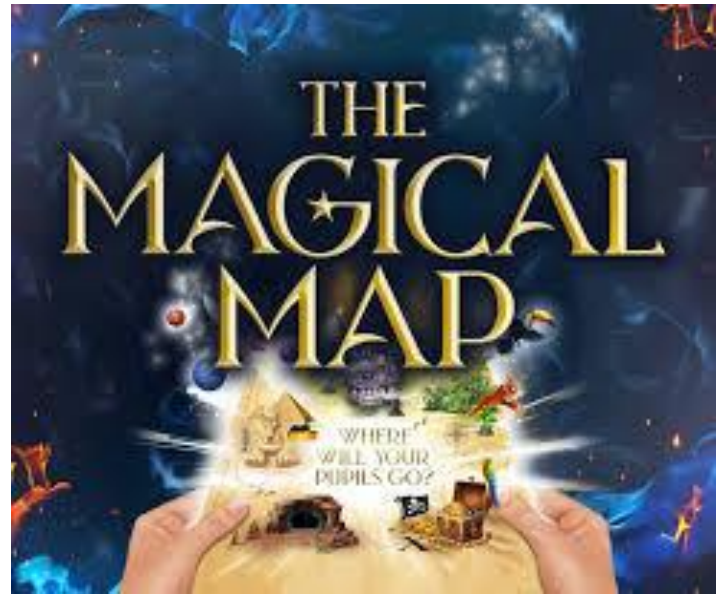
The prize is a £100 gift bag. Even better, you can get your very own book published. Jet class was super hyped to hear you might win a very expensive gift along with a book published.

Imma (Jet class teacher) entered this very same event when she was a student and had three of her own books published.

Even if you are a super confident writer, you are encouraged to enter. Once you enter you can start being creative and write a story about whatever you want.

When you finish your story, you can hand it to your teacher or Fiona and then you can be one of the winners. Now I will talk about expectations.

*If you want to, you can enter the competition but it is entirely up to you.



Expectations to Have:

- If do win, *do not* not rub it in everyone's face.
- Instead, accept congratulations but remember to be humble and grateful, and to thank the people that made it possible for you to win.
- Do not make a big deal if you do not win
- Do congratulate the person that did win.

If you decide to enter, ask your teacher to print out the form for you. Pupils from year 1 to 6 are eligible to enter and your story and map are due on **Thursday the 3 of April.**

Messi or Ronaldo? You Decide

by Dawud

Who is better? Let's settle this debate for once and for all.

Cristiano Ronaldo

Ronaldo has scored 928 goals in his career. He has 257 career assists and has won five Ballon d'Or awards, the annual football award presented by French magazine *France Football* since 1956.

He has competed in five champions leagues and he won the FIFA Puskás Award, that recognizes the "most beautiful goal" scored in a year. He won it in 2009, for his long-range goal against FC Porto while playing for Manchester United.



Lionel Messi

Messi has over 850 career goals. He has 381 assists and has won eight Ballon d'Or awards. He has competed in four Champions leagues and he led Argentina to a World Cup win in 2022.

Is Ronaldo better than Messi because he has won a Puskás award? But remember, Messi holds the record for the most nominations for the FIFA Puskás Award.

So, what do you think?

Apprentissage Francophone Day

by Zahraa

Hello everyone! Or should I say

'bonjour à tous!'

We have an exciting day coming soon! On Thursday the 20th of March, we will have International Francophone Day!

Everyone can wear whatever they want, or they are encouraged to dress up as the French flag, which is white, red and blue.

We will be doing some fun, French activities including playing French speaking games and having a French themed meal!

We also will have a special assembly where we will be learning the importance of the French language.



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Learning Gamer Word Search

by Dawud

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Well-Being

The Edna Curse

by Junainah and Zahrah

It was a ordinary pancake day until an army of Jade Class students were chasing me around the playground doing the Edna walk. I had to run for my life because they were menacing they were ferocious. You might be wondering why I am scared of my classmates, like bro, they are obsessing over Edna.

Ok, ok what is going on. I just left this school. Edna? Out of all people? Come on Jade Class. I like Edna, for her accent and personality but you guys obsess over her a bit too much. I thought my school was crazy, with kids breaking doors (yes that did happen) and competitions for door decorating, but compared to this...?

I agree with Junainah. I never met anyone who loves Edna that much. You guys are gonna make a fan club specifically about **EDNA**! So technically it's the **EDNA ECLIPSE**. I need to be strong and stop the Edna curse from spreading so support me and catch all the Edna's.

So please Harbinger never ever catch the Edna curse 🙏!

Togetherness

Missing Journalists!

by Zahraa

The journalists of newspaper club are slowly diminishing this term! What will we do when there are only three or four people here on Fridays? Who will cover our news?

We need journalists to write articles. Some people are disappearing because it is Ramadan or maybe because Eid is coming.

We only have some people to write articles so that is why some journalists who are in, are doing extra!

Please journalists, come back! And prospective journalists, please join us!

We need your help.