



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 25th September 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have adjusted to the new routines that the new term has presented. A continued thank you to all parents for leaving site promptly after drop off and collection times and for ensuring only one member of the family is attending school site to do so. It is likely that these measures will be in place for some time and we must make sure that they remain high priority for the safety of everybody.

Having everyone back together again may cause a greater number of cold symptoms to appear. This is not unexpected as this is the first time we have been part of a larger group for a while. It is important to remember that the COVID measures we have in place are specifically for COVID. This means that if your child has a cold, they should still come to school, just like they would have last year. Symptoms for a cold include a blocked or runny nose, sneezing and/or itchy eyes. If you or anyone in your household has COVID symptoms, please do not bring your child to school or come onto the school site. COVID symptoms include a high temperature (over 37.8 degrees), a new, continuous (dry) cough or a loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste. If COVID symptoms are present, it is expected a test is booked and the school will need evidence of the outcome before your child can return. In line with usual absence procedures, absence without a clear reason or evidence provided will result in a referral to the school attendance officer and could result in a fixed penalty fine.

Last week we sent home year group curriculum newsletters which give information about the topics that each class is studying this half term and there are more details of our curriculum on our website. We hope also that you have been able to access the Meet the Teacher videos in replacement this year of the in school event, the link was sent via text message to all parents at the end of last week. If you do need to speak to the teacher for any reason, please call the school office directly to arrange for a meeting date and time. This will help to ensure we are keeping our community as safe as possible.

Children have brought in some fantastic summer homework projects related to their curriculum themes, thank you for your support with this. It is very helpful if you can talk with children about their in school learning, encouraging them to explain and describe what they are doing and to do their own research as this will build their knowledge, understanding and vocabulary.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

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Year 6 having been practising their maths in Spanish. Cross curricular learning offers a creative way to develop children's knowledge, skills and understanding while motivating them to learn through interconnected topics. The children in Thistle class have been telling the time whilst practising their oracy in Spanish!

WE WILL ROCK YOU!

Ms Isik has been working hard to create a Covid safe music culture in class! This week the older children have enjoyed the challenge of memorising sequences of body percussion to accompany their favourite songs.

This skill boosts brain development, co-ordination and thinking abilities. Just what we need after the summer break!



TIMESTABLE STARS!

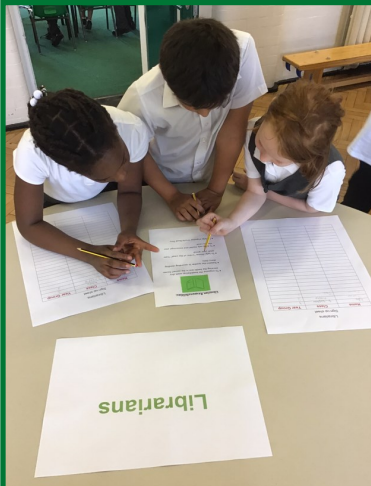
Rehearsing key skills remains a priority for the school and the children love using a range of techniques and tools to demonstrate what they have learned. Here is Poppy class practising their timetables through quick recall and lightning reflexes. Look out for the timetable passports in your child's diary!



SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



PUPIL VOICE FAIR



Last week we held our Pupil Voice Fair. At Hoxton Garden we have a culture where children have a voice and the opportunity to play an active role in decisions that affect their learning and well-being, as set out in Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). A number of roles were available including Language Captains and Sports Ambassadors. Full details are available on our Pupil Voice page within our website. Our new School Council will be voted in on Democracy Day during World Week.



COFFEE MORNINGS AND PARENT DROP INS

Our coffee mornings can be accessed this term as online video presentations. Please don't forget to complete the online evaluation to let us know what you think! Videos will be uploaded on the following dates:

Date	Focus
Friday 25th September	Parent Drop-In. By appointment only.
Friday 2nd October	Maths (for Year 2 +): How to support your child with recalling their times tables.
Friday 16th October	Phonics (for EYFS, Y1 and Y2): A toolkit to help your children learn to read and write.

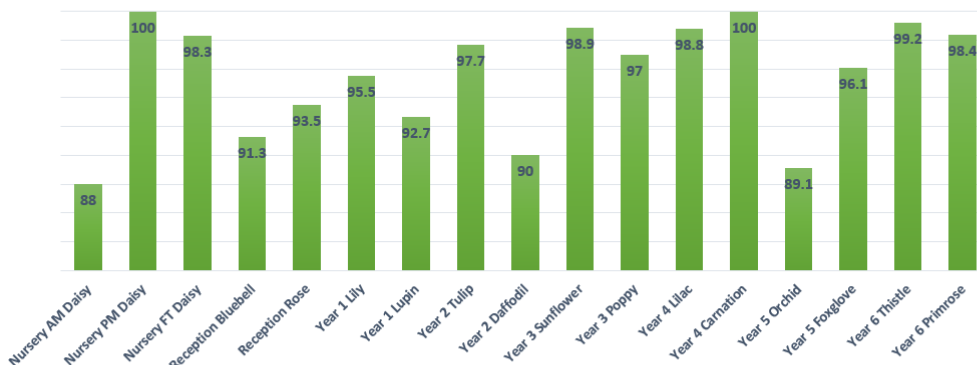
Parent Drop In sessions are taking place every second week. We will be offering you an opportunity to meet with a member of the Inclusion Team to talk about learning, well being and home support. Appointments can be made by telephoning the school office.

In line with the new statutory guidance for Relationship and Sex Education, we will be hosting sessions to talk through our curriculum and policy. Sessions will take place on Thursday 1st October at 9:30am and Friday 2nd October at 3:45pm. Places MUST be pre-booked through the school office and open to one parent per household.

ATTENDANCE

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **95.6%**
Well done to **Carnation & Daisy PM** the weekly winners with **100%**

14th to 18th September 2020



Key Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Children's Start Date:
Monday 7th September
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
Children Start Date:
Monday 2nd November
Parents Evening:
Thursday 10th December
Finish Date: Friday 18th December at 2pm

Spring Term 2021

Staff Training Day:
Monday 4th January
Children's Start Date:
Tuesday 5th January
Work & Enterprise Week:
Week beginning 18th January
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February
Children's Start Date:
Monday 22nd February
Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair): Friday 19th March
Parents Evening:
Thursday 25th March
End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 1st April at 2pm

Summer Term 2021

Children's Start Date:
Monday 19th April 2021
Families' Week:
Starts Monday 26th April 2021
Bank Holiday:
Monday 3rd May 2021
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 31 May 2021 - Friday 4 June 2021
Children Start Date:
Monday 7th June 2021
Staff Training Day:
Friday 25th June 2021
Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):
Starts Monday 28th June 2021
Parents Evening:
Thursday 8th July 2021
End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 22nd July at 2pm
Staff Training Day: Friday 23rd July 2021

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