



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 23rd October 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As London has moved into Tier 2 it is paramount that we do what we can to reduce the rate of transmission of the virus. We continue to review our risk assessment every two weeks and revisit hygiene expectations in school throughout the week. Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring drop off and collection go as smoothly as possible each day by observing social distancing, wearing face masks and telephoning to book appointments with the teaching team, senior leaders or admin staff.

Our coffee mornings next half term will continue to be remote so that we can provide information about a variety of topics including mental health and the curriculum. If you have missed any of the previous content, this can still be accessed by clicking on the coffee morning page in the parent section of the website.

In order to risk manage the current context, the school have a remote learning policy in the event that a child, a group of children or a class / year group bubble need to self isolate. It is a requirement that children continue to access their educational entitlement and we will provide a mixture of concrete resources through work packs and online learning resources in the event this should happen. All learning will be designed to support a smooth reintegration into school on return in order that children do not fall behind. The partnership between home and school is the key to making this successful and we will give clear instructions should self isolation impact your child.

The first half term has gone by very quickly, with school breaking up for half term today. **Children return on Monday 2nd November.** Staggered times will continue to be in place to support a manageable transition at the start and end of the day. During the first few weeks of the school year we have been focussing on important key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding as well as key maths knowledge such as pairs of numbers that add to 10,100,1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise these at home including the use of Mathletics and Timestable Rockstars. This week you will have received the half term holiday project information to support children in getting ready for the new half term of learning and we look forward to seeing the creative outcomes worked on at home when children return!

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

LFB VIRTUAL VISIT



Last week, Year 2 had a virtual visit from the London Fire Brigade. The children learned

about fire safety procedures and hazards around the home. They were very excited to speak to a real fire fighter and asked many thoughtful questions. Thank you LFB for such an interesting virtual visit!

DAISIES IN THE GARDEN

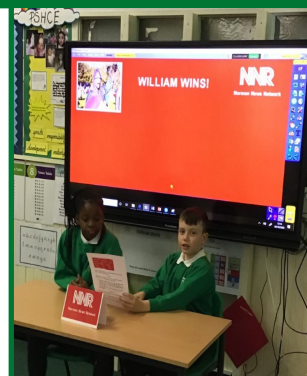


Before the weather turns wintry, Daisy class took the opportunity to spend some time in our garden. For some children, this is the first time they have been able to

explore our garden. They enjoyed digging up potatoes and making potato prints. Awesome!

YEAR 5 PRESENTATIONS

Year 5 presented professionally rehearsed news reports about the 1066 Battle of Hastings. Utilising iPad cameras, the children rehearsed their speaking and listening skills, presenting to the whole class. Look out for videos on our website soon!



CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2020
STAGGERED START TIMES EYFS: 9.25 / KS1 8.55 / KS2 8.55
STAGGERED FINISH TIMES EYFS: 3.15 / KS1 3.25 / KS2 3.30



WORLD WEEK NEWS: WHAT DOES BELONGING MEAN TO US?



World Week is a part of our enrichment programme, which specifically delves into and celebrates the diversity within our schools. It creates opportunities to explore relevant global issues and topics, linking National Curriculum subjects in a cross-curricular way. This year's theme was **'belonging'**. Children explored that sense of being somewhere where you can be confident that you will fit in and feel safe in your identity. Many children talked about family and school

and felt that strong sense of belonging to both. This was extended to heritage and a sense of personal identity through culture. Unfortunately, our popular International Evening was replaced with a community video to share our collective thoughts on belonging. To end the week, the new school council were elected in with voting for Year 6 for Head Councillors. All children took to the ballot boxes after listening to a range of year 6 speeches. The winners were announced this week during assembly. Congratulations to Nyla and Harry for their successful campaigns.



COFFEE MORNING

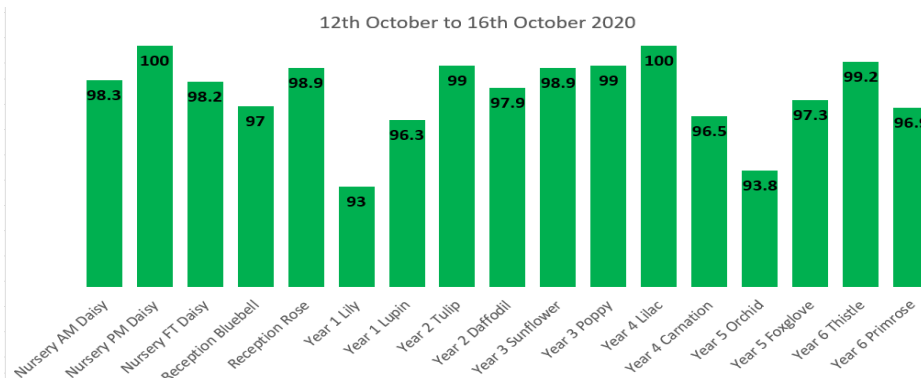
Coffee mornings will continue next half term remotely. Thank you to all parents and carers who have watched the online presentations and completed the survey. We continue to use feedback to inform the content of future sessions. Videos will be uploaded on the following dates:

Date	Focus
Friday 6th November	Anti-Bullying: Learn what the school does to prevent bullying
Friday 20th November	Spelling and Handwriting: How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home.
Friday 4th December	Maths: How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
Friday 18th December	E Safety: Be aware of dangers online and how to keep your child safe while using technology

<http://hoxtongarden.hackney.sch.uk/parents-guide/parent-and-school/coffee-mornings>

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 **97.4%**
Well done to Lilac and Nursery PM Class the weekly winners with 100%



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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