



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 13th November 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

During this second national lockdown we are continuing to ensure that our priority is to teach our children, close learning gaps and provide enriching experiences where possible. Safety is paramount and we will continue to ensure that our risk assessment supports this with particular emphasis on hand hygiene, good space and ventilation. Thank you to all parents for supporting safety in the school playground by wearing a mask during drop off and collection times. We appreciate your continued trust in the school and for ensuring children continue to access their right to education. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff for their unwavering commitment during these times.

Our parents evening event will look a little different this term in order to ensure social distancing and to keep the community safe. Meetings will take place between the 7th December and the 17th December 2020. Each class will be allocated a specified day. Appointments will be telephone consultations with ten minute appointments available between 8:45am and 5.45pm. A letter will be sent out next week with information about how to book. Autumn Term reports will be sent home on the 10th December 2020.

You will have received the half termly curriculum newsletter this week. These detail the learning for this half term including PE days. Physical education is a statutory part of the curriculum and, particularly at this time, essential for both physical and mental well-being. Please ensure you child has their full PE kit each week to enable them to access the learning comfortably and safely.

Reception places are allocated in a cross London scheme which is organised by our local authority, Hackney Education, not the school. If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017 then you will need to make an application for a Reception place for September 2021 *regardless of whether your child attends our Nursery or has a sibling already in the school.* Our Reception classes are very popular so don't miss the deadline for these applications which is **Tuesday 15th January 2021**. You can access the application form at: www.eadmissions.org.uk

Thank you for your support.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

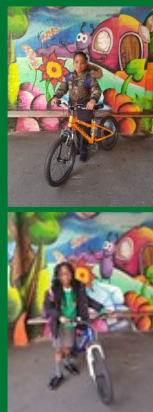
CYCLING SAFETY...



As pupils and staff are encouraged to find greener and socially distanced ways to travel to school, it was good to see Dr Bike and his team in the playground last week. The service was used by

children, parents and adults with over 25 bikes serviced. This involved a safety check with minor repairs and adjustments made. Thank you Dr Bike for keeping our young people safe!

...AND OWNERSHIP!



Across Viridis Schools, the first 12 bicycles for the long term bike loan scheme were given out to year 4 riders. Cycling is not only a great way for the whole family to get exercise but can also be used to cut down on car use for short family trips and errands. Year 4 continue to learn to ride in a stable, predictable and controlled manner during their weekly lessons. Another 12 bicycles will be given out to year 5 riders this half term so please look out for this!

LAUNCHPAD FOR LANGUAGE



Listening and talking are the key foundation skills for later literacy and academic achievement. Launchpad for Language is a fun filled language enrichment programme for all children in

Nursery and Reception. It works with children, staff and parents to support all children to reach their communication potential with a particular emphasis on those with greater language needs.



SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



YEAR 5 GARDENING WORKSHOP



The milder, sunnier weather this week has ensured that our children reap the maximum benefits of our outside classroom in the garden. Year 5 have been exploring flax, a plant used to make linen. The children have been breaking, scutching and heckling the flax to remove fibres. They then spun and twisted the fibres on a spindle to make yarn. This will be turned into linen to make a bandage for our Egyptian cat mummy!



COFFEE MORNINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

Please remember, if you would like to talk to a member of the inclusion team, curriculum team or your child's teacher, please call the school office to book a telephone appointment.

Coffee mornings continue to be uploaded to our website. There are three more coffee mornings this term but all previous content can still be accessed too.

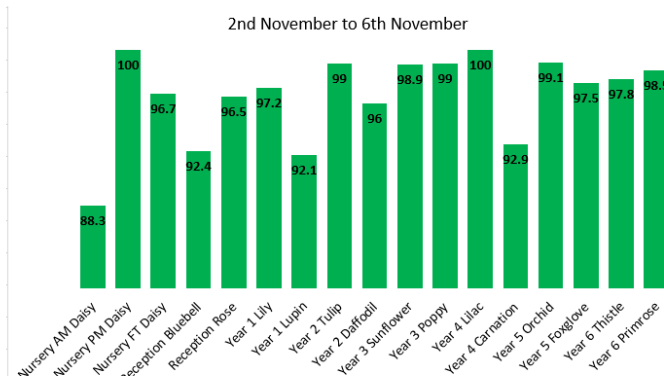
Date	Focus
Friday 20 th November	Spelling and Handwriting: How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home.
Friday 4 th December	Maths: How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
Friday 18 th December	E Safety: Be aware of dangers online and 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 96.8%

Well done to Lilac and PM Daisy Class the weekly winners with 100%



Key Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 2nd November
Reports Date:
 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 31st May 2021 – Friday 4th 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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