



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 27th November 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week children across the school thought about how we show that we are united against bullying. This included an assembly and class PSHE lesson focusing on what bullying is and how we prevent it. In Key Stage Two children discussed how we behave towards others, how others perceive our chosen behaviours and actions and how to stay safe when using online platforms. Last year the school achieved the Anti Bullying Silver Quality Mark due to the embedded approach to anti-bullying across the school. Our PSHE curriculum ensures that key themes around relationships are revisited every year to develop children's knowledge and awareness of strategies for keeping themselves and others safe.

We hope you will now have booked your telephone parent consultation appointment in order to discuss your child's first term of the new academic year. You will have received a letter with instructions explaining how to book online or alternatively, please call the school office who will be able to support you. Learning at home continues to be of high importance and ways in which you can ensure your child is maximising their learning opportunities in school include making sure there is time for reading every day, practising times tables (counting in steps for younger children) and the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6 are learned.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. As the weather gets colder please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are not safe when they are moving around the school and in the playground. Please also ensure children are bringing a book bag to school rather than a large rucksack as space in classrooms for storage is limited. Book bags can be purchased through our uniform supplier: <https://www.mapac.com/>.

This year Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day will be held on the **11th December**. While we will not be able to hold our usual Sing a Long year group events or nativity for EYFS, we will be publishing a school video which all children will contribute to and can be watched from the comfort of home!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

BLUE FRIDAY!



Last week we celebrated Anti-Bullying Day which is just one aspect of our PSHE curriculum. The theme was 'United'. This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power

that our community can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. At Hoxton Garden, we do not tolerate bullying and ensure our young people come together to make a difference. On Blue day, we raised over £200 for the NSPCC!

TUDOR TIMES

Year 5 are currently exploring the Tudors in History, considering the period of time within British chronology and developing their knowledge on the lives of the rich and poor. During a very exciting workshop, the children learned poetry, performed dances and explored the life and times of the Tudor people.



TEETH MOULDING IN YEAR 4

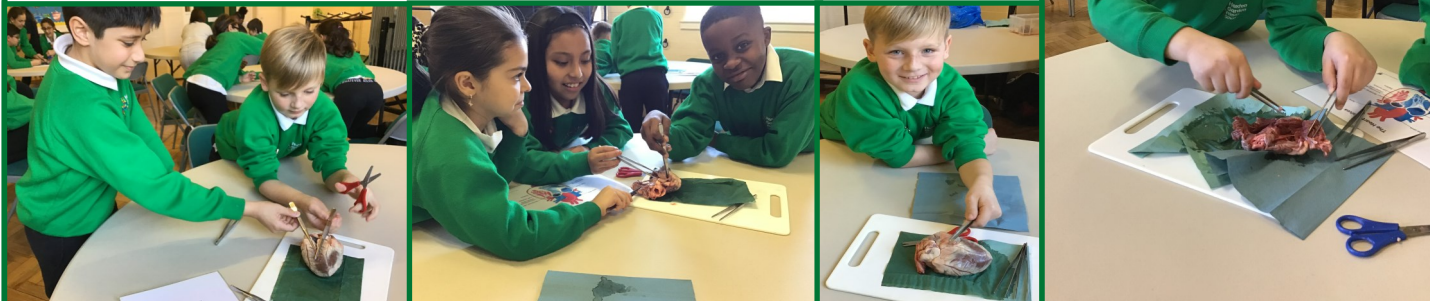


Year 4 took part in a very exciting workshop exploring the topic of teeth. The children enjoyed making moulds of their teeth using dental impressions and castings. They learned about the different types of teeth and their uses when eating. Most importantly, the children were taught how to brush well!

READING FOR 20 MINUTES EACH DAY EXPOSES CHILDREN TO 1.8 MILLION WORDS A YEAR!

YEAR 6 HEART DISSECTION WORKSHOP

In science, year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system and the role the heart plays in this. To support their learning, the children had an amazing opportunity to dissect a lamb's heart. Feeling brave and bold, the children relished the chance to use tweezers and a scalpel to identify and name the key parts of the heart which provided an excellent opportunity to practise the technical vocabulary they had already learned. The workshop leader was most impressed!



COFFEE MORNINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

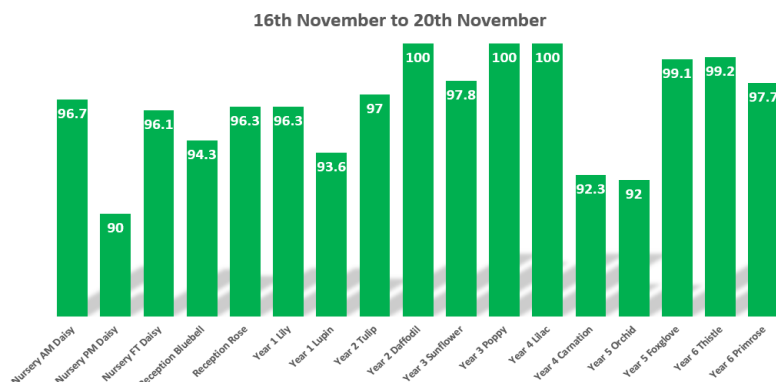
There are now only two coffee mornings left this term. Content can be accessed online at:
<http://hoxtongarden.hackney.sch.uk/parents-guide/parent-and-school/coffee-mornings>

Date	Focus
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

Our Autumn Term parent consultation meetings will take place between the 7th December and the 17th December 2020. **Each class have been allocated a day within this timeframe.** Appointments this term will be **telephone consultations** and appointments will be available between **8:45am and 5.45pm**. Please check the letter sent to you with information on how to book online. If you need to make an appointment to speak to one of the inclusion or curriculum team as well as the class teacher, please call the school office who will arrange this.

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 Daffodil, Poppy and Lilac 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 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
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