



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 26th March 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to all parents who are supporting children to arrive at school on time each morning. This has a positive impact on confidence, engagement in learning and progress. Top tips to help children take responsibility for good time keeping including getting your child their own alarm clock, having a morning timetable and preparing things needed for the next day the night before.

On the back of this newsletter we have given the dates and themes of Summer Term coffee morning sessions for parents. We have again chosen themes based both on your feedback and those that will support when helping learning from home. These sessions will continue to be shared with you weekly via text message link.

Our parent comment box is located in the main office and we welcome suggestions and ideas from our school community. If there is something you would like us to consider, please fill in the parent comment slip and post it in the box!

We are keen that all children have the opportunity to take part in weekly PE lessons and are also wearing the correct uniform for this. We have deliberately chosen a cheap and easy option for this with plain black shorts or black jogging bottoms (no logos please) and a plain white t shirt. If you are not sure which day is the PE day please check the year group newsletters on the website or ask the class teacher.

Spring Term ends on **Thursday 1st April at 2pm**. We will be setting holiday homework projects including research projects for the topics classes will be studying in the first half of the summer term. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about and, of course, continue to encourage them to read, write and count everyday. When children are using the internet, either through phones, games or on a computer or tablet please make sure that you monitor and observe that this is being done safely. Whilst the internet is a wonderful resource it also holds risks to children. There are some very useful resources for parents about how to protect children from online dangers at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Enjoy a safe and happy Easter break.
Best Wishes,

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to all our families who took part in our Autumn Parent Survey. We had a pleasing number of responses and parent comments help us to work collaboratively for the benefit of the children. Each returned survey form directly entered our parents into a raffle to win one of three amazing prizes.

Congratulations to the parents of Chau (Lily class), Killian (Daffodil class) and Anayah (Lupin class)! We hope you enjoyed your goody bag of treats!



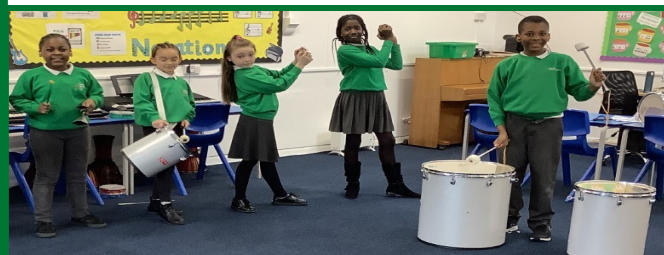
LET'S GET FIT TOGETHER!

We are used to not going anywhere due to lockdown restrictions but Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to go nowhere fast in our indoor cycle studio! The static bikes emulated the intensity of one of our favourite sports of cycling. The children peddled against each other as fast as possible to out race their opponents. What fun!



SAMBA SCHOOL

It is great to see (and hear!) the Year 5 Samba Club this week. Samba is an African-Brazilian dance and drumming style and has a strong community basis just like our school! We look forward to seeing (and hearing) more from the children in the future!



SPRING TERM ENDS AT 2PM ON THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2021
SUMMER TERM BEGINS ON MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2021 AT 8.55AM

YEAR 4 ARE OUT AND ABOUT IN THE GARDEN...

This term in science, Year 4 are learning about living things and their habitats. Last week they took part in a gardening workshop to conduct a bug hunt! The children discussed the invertebrates that live there, whilst exploring why habitats benefit from these living things. The children collected different invertebrates into containers and looked at them closely using a magnifying glass both outside and in the classroom!



COFFEE MORNINGS

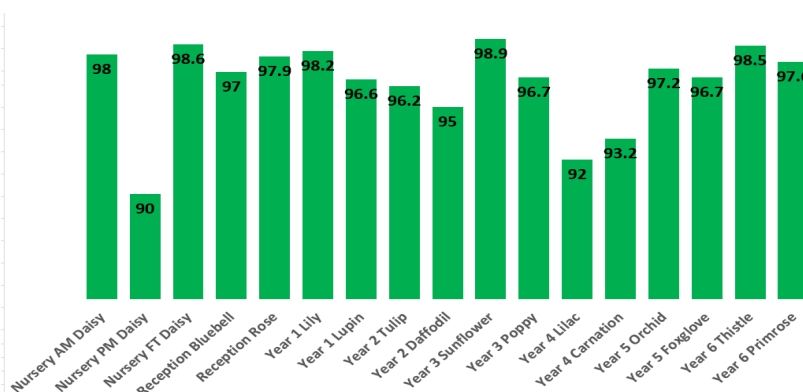
We have a range of coffee morning themes planned across the Summer Term and these will be available via video link. We hope that you will find these a useful connection to learning until we are able to meet again face to face.

Date	Focus
Friday 23 rd April	PSHCE: Celebrating diversity through our PSHCE curriculum
Friday 7 th May	Literacy: Strategies to help your child learn and apply their spellings including handwriting
Friday 21 st May	ICT: How to support your child with home learning using Google Classroom
Friday 11 th June	Reading: How to support your child to develop their comprehension skills
Friday 25 th June	Keeping Healthy: Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 th July	Maths: Strategies to support your child with their timetables
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Holiday activities: Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was 96.8%

Well done to Sunflower Class the weekly winners with **98.9%**



Key Dates

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

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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