



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 21st May 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As children rebuild their stamina for school after the interruptions to routine across the last twelve months, it is important to keep a spotlight on mental health and wellbeing. To support us, please make sure that children are well rested for school each day and ready for learning. Make sure that they go to bed early enough to have a good night's sleep and don't have the temptation of televisions, tablets, phones or games consoles to keep them awake at night. We teach children the risks of being online and being safe but it is important that you monitor your children's use of the internet and how they are connecting with the outside world to make sure that they are engaging safely. The website: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ holds lots of useful information about the social networks children and young people use.

During this half term we have continued to have a focus on learning timestables and recalling them quickly. All children are expected to confidently know their times tables by the end of Year 4. Timestable Rockstars and Mathletics are both programmes the school buy into to support home learning. You will find the log in details in home reading diaries. Saying tables aloud and practising them at home either with a grown up or with an older sibling or cousin is also a great help. Times tables have links to many other areas of mathematics and knowing them confidently makes a big difference!

We still have spaces in Nursery from September 2021 for 3 and 4 year olds. Both part time or full-time applications are welcome and application forms can be collected from the school office. Many studies have shown that children who have the opportunity to attend nursery develop good communication and social skills shown through confidence, self-assurance and demonstrating good interpersonal skills!

Thank you to all parents for voting in the parent governor election. We are pleased to announce that Ms Aya Haidar a parent at Southwold will be joining from September 2021.

This half term ends on **Friday 28th May** and children return on **Monday 7th June**. During the next half term we have a number of exciting enrichment and events planned as we begin to plan for more face to face contact over time. Events and dates will be shared with you in our half termly parent dates after the half term holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

DEBATE MATE NEWS

During our Year 5 debate mate finale, they pitched their innovative business ideas to Deloitte employees, focusing on ways they can tackle current challenges in our community such as climate change, mental health and poverty. The children spoke confidently and passionately about their causes with the Deloitte employees who were extremely impressed. In the coming months, we will find out if one of our teams were chosen as the winners!



VICTORIAN TIMES!

Year 4 enjoyed an interactive workshop to support their learning about the Victorian era. They explored life in a Victorian workhouse, exploring the different rooms. This included finding out how dirty their hands were with a UV light! They then made scented soaps!



MEXICAN MASKS

Year 5 utilised their ICT skills to design Mexican masks for their art topic. These traditional masks are used in celebration and ceremonial dances. Children gained inspiration from Mayan designs as well as contemporary Mexican folk art. Did you know the use of masks dates from 3,000 years ago? Wow!



SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



WE LOVE NUMBERS!

The lower school children continue to develop their number work skills. This week Rose and Bluebell classes have been learning about tally charts. They completed their own reception class survey on their favourite fruit. The children then analysed their tally data by adding and recording the totals before concluding their most and least favourite fruit. Meanwhile Year 1 took their learning outside to measure and record the capacity of different containers using cups of water. We had a lot of fun exploring capacity. Amazing work everyone!



COFFEE MORNINGS

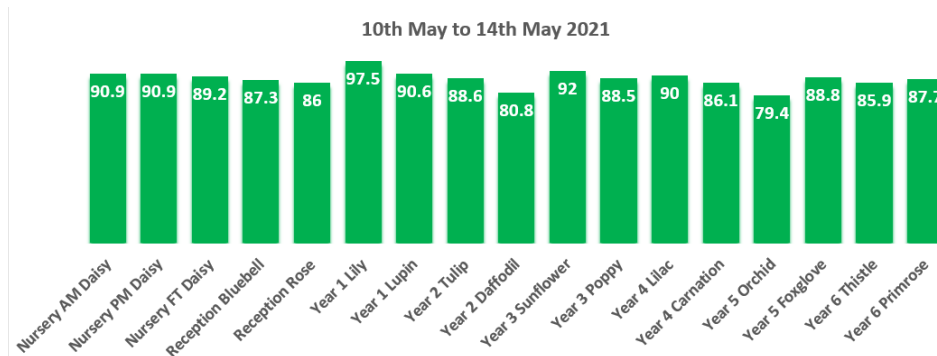
We continue to provide videos coffee mornings for you to view at home. These focus on ways in which children can be best supported in their learning and cover a range of topics. Each Friday the link to the coffee morning is sent out by text message so you can access the content easily from your mobile phone!

Date	Focus
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 **88.1%**

Well done to Lily Class the overall weekly winners with **97.5%**



Key Dates

Summer Term 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

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Training Days: Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th September 2021

Meet the Teacher: Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th September 2021

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day: Wednesday 29th September 2021

World Week & Democracy Day: Monday 11th October 2021 – Friday 15th October 2021

Half Term Holiday: Monday 25th October 2021 – Friday 29th October 2021

Children Start Date: Monday 1st November 2021

Parents Evening: Thursday 9th December 2021

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 17th December 2021 at 2pm

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