



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 24th September 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children to school. A warm welcome to our new families as well as siblings of existing Hoxton Garden pupils.

Children have received a new reading and homework diary and are already showing their pride and dedication to home reading through the careful completion of these. Thank you for supporting learning by making sure that children read at home for 15 minutes every evening. Younger children and less confident older children really benefit from reading aloud to an adult regularly and there are some questions and tips to help with this in the diary. We ask that an adult at home signs the diary once a week to show that they have checked on their child's reading. Also in the diary are spellings, times tables and guidance on bullying and safety. We hope that this is all useful when supporting learning from home.

We aim to enrich our curriculum with a range of opportunities for children including clubs for all ages, chess in Year 3, swimming and a music project in Year 4, a residential visit in Year 5 and university visits in Year 6. As well as this, children across Key Stage 2 take cycling lessons and all children participate in gardening workshops with our resident gardener Cassie. Follow us on our social media sites to keep up to date!

Thank you for your support in ensuring community understanding of the current context relating to COVID 19. We are working hard to ensure safe school access for all our pupils and staff by following both the Government and the Hackney Education Health and Safety Team guidance. Children no longer need to isolate due to contact with a positive case of COVID 19 meaning that we do not have to close year groups or classes if there is a confirmed case. We continue to ask children to wash their hands at regular points throughout the day and continue to provide hand sanitizer. We have increased our cleaning programme across the school to ensure classrooms are thoroughly cleaned each evening and a risk assessment in place to ensure continued good practice related to hygiene and mindful distance which can be found on our website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

WELCOME BACK!



Welcome back to all our parents and families. It has been great to see familiar and new faces at our coffee mornings. Last week Ms De Veer focused on peer friendships and what do we mean by the word 'bullying'. Next week we will be exploring online safety and how to keep your child safe.

PEDAL POWER

Year 4 children have started their weekly cycling lessons. Cycling is a fantastic way to improve health and fitness as well as being a fun and enjoyable sport. Well done to our three non riders, Indiana, Londoners and Maria, who learned to ride in just an afternoon! Well gone girls!



INTERNATIONAL AWARD



It is testament to our school commitment to embedding a rich and creative range of international work that we have successfully been re-accredited the International Schools Award. By embedding an international dimension in

children's education, we prepare children for successful lives in the UK or further afield, empowering them to be global citizens. Well done to Ms Dawn Alexander Joseph, our languages lead who has led the project.

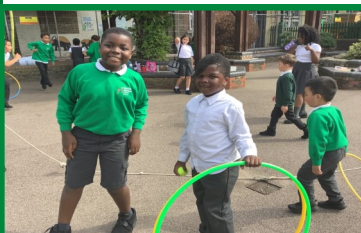


PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL PREPARED!

ALL CHILDREN NEED A PE KIT OF A PLAIN WHITE T SHIRT AND BLACK SHORTS

PLAYGROUND FUN

It has been wonderful to see all the children mixing in the playground at break and lunch times. Years 2 to 6 have been skipping, playing basketball, football and kingball as well as hula hooping, tennis and building lego. Reception and Year 1 children have been playing water games, skittles, giant connect 4 and also enjoyed sketching pictures. A big well done to all our children for playing so nicely together!



PUPIL FAYRE



Last week we hosted our annual pupil fayre. Children had the opportunity to consider a range of pupil voice responsibilities including art, PE ambassadors, librarian, times table champion, digital leader and language captain. Children signed up to their chosen school role and we will be sharing the outcomes with the children very soon.

PARENT DATES

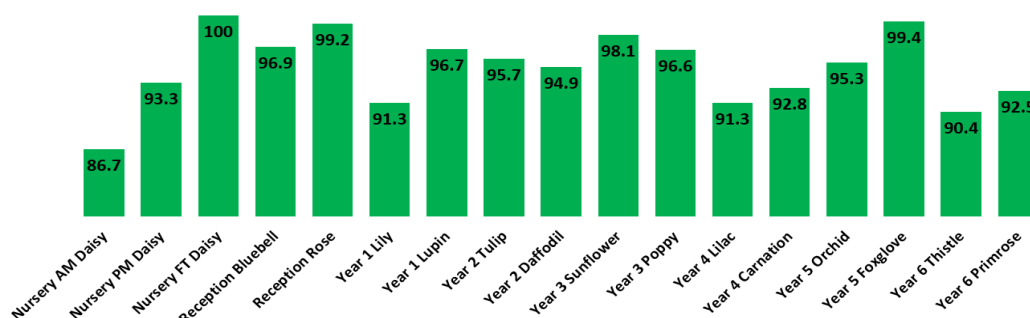
Upcoming coffee mornings for parents take place on **Friday's from 9:15am** with the next event focussing on online safety. These dates, along with other key events during the year are also included in our school website calendar. Class assemblies will be restarting this term with all classes having the opportunity to present to parents about their learning across the year. Year 6 will be undertaking their assemblies this half term and dates have been published on the half termly 'parent dates' sent home this week.

Date	Focus
Friday 1 st October	Online-Safety: How can I keep my child safe when they are using technology?
Friday 8 th October	Homework Support: How can I set a routine and help my child with their homework?
Friday 15 th October	Spelling and Vocabulary: How do I help my child to learn their spellings and learn new words?
Friday 22 nd October	Science: What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school Attendance for last week was **95.1%** **Well done to Full Time Nursery Class**, the weekly winners with **100%**.

13th to 17th September 2021



Key Dates

Autumn Term 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

Children Start Date: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Work and Enterprise Week: 24th January 2022

Safer Internet Day: Wednesday 9th February 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Childrens Start date: Monday 21st February 2022
World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March 2022

Parents Evening: Thursday 24th March 2022

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 1st April 2022 at 2pm

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