



Hoxton Garden
Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 8th October 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the dads, uncles, granddads and significant male family members who came to spend a morning in school. We had an amazing 88 family members attending. The children were very proud to show off their learning and the feedback was very positive.

Reading at home is very important and we regularly restock on home reading books to make sure that there is good choice for children. Please help us to stock enough books in the school by making sure that home readers are returned and by checking under beds, sofas and in bedrooms to check that none are left behind. After the half term holiday we will be restarting our Friday morning 'stay and read' sessions for Nursery and Reception Classes. Look out for more information about this in the coming weeks.

Next week we are celebrating World Week with a range of activities for children on the theme of 'movement'. Children will explore the causes and consequences of human movement around the planet and make links to themselves and their families. At a time where movement around the globe has been greatly limited, resulting in, for many, challenges and separation, the week will celebrate how movement of people has allowed the school community to be as rich and diverse as it is today. We will also be undertaking Democracy Day during this week and children will elect new school council representatives. Children's work from World Week will be displayed during our International Evening which takes place in the **dining hall** from **3:30pm on Wednesday 13th October**. Please come and join us!

If you are a Hackney resident and your child is in Year 6, born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, please apply for a secondary school place by 31st October 2021. To ensure that your child gets a Secondary place make sure you don't miss the deadline. Please ask at the school office if you require further information or support with the application.

Thank you for your on-going support!

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 1 TOY STORY



Year 1 have been learning about 'Toys through Time' in their history lessons. The children enjoyed a very practical workshop, exploring toys from different eras from Victorian times through to our present-day toys. Here the children are gently holding a very old Victorian doll and asking questions!

SIGNIFICANT MALE DAY

Thank you to all our significant male role models who joined us in school for the morning. They attended a range of lessons including Spanish, music, maths, reading and phonics! It was great to receive such positive feedback and future events they would like to join.



RECEPTION FUN!



The children in our Reception have settled in so well. They have enjoyed exploring the table top activities in the classroom along with various marking making opportunities. They are beginning to learn and recognise their sounds and letters too! Well done! We are incredible proud of you!



**WE ASK CHILDREN TO READ AT HOME EVERY NIGHT.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK AND SIGN THEIR HOME SCHOOL DIARIES.**

SAMBA BEATS

Our Samba club was alive and kicking this week as the group learned about all the different instruments found in a samba band. The origins of samba are linked to African drumming music and can be found in Brazil. Samba percussionists play a variety of



instruments such as the snare drum. The children played different rhythms on various instruments and were able to swap and try different ones to see which they prefer. Well done!

YEAR 3 MUSEUM TRIP



Its so amazing to be able to take the children out and about again. This week year 3 visited the Museum of London! The children enjoyed exploring the artefacts from the Stone Age, particularly the prehistoric tools made from stone and bone to farm and hunt. Did you know the Stone Age lasted 3.4 million years? Wow!

PARENT DATES

We have organised a series of drop in sessions for parents based around curriculum, safety, wellbeing and relationships. They run from **9:15am** on Friday mornings and are open to all. Coffee mornings are a great opportunity to meet other parents and school staff, as well as an opportunity to understand how we approach learning with children in school.

Date	Focus
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?
Friday 5 th November	Phonics and handwriting: How can I help my child to learn to read? How can improve my child's handwriting?
Friday 12 th November	Wellbeing: What does mental wellbeing mean and how do I speak to my child about this?
Friday 19 th November	Art: How do I find inspiration for creative art projects at home on a budget?
Friday 26 th November	ICT: What apps does my child use in school?
Friday 3 rd December	Christmas Holiday Activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?

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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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school attendance for last week was 96.4% **Well done to Foxglove and Full Time Nursery**, the weekly winners with 100%.

27th September to 1st October

