

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 26th November 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week children across the school joined in with a number of key events to shine a spot light on anti bullying with an 'odd socks' day marking the end of the week. Children took part in different learning opportunities including assemblies and class PSHE lessons. Our school takes any allegations of bullying very seriously and we have a zero tolerance approach. Staff ensure that allegations are dealt with quickly. We are proud to be a Stonewall champion school and adopt the "no bystanders" approach of "if you hear it, stop it" to tackle any language or actions used in a derogatory way.

We hope you will now have booked your parent consultation appointment in order to discuss your child's first term of the new academic year. You will have received a letter home 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 uncomfortable when sitting on the carpet and can compromise safety when playing on equipment outside. 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/.

Children have accessed a range of trips and workshops across this term to enhance their learning experiences. If you have not already done so, please follow us on Twitter and Facebook to see weekly updates of all the exciting things going on in our school!

Thank you for your on-going support.

Ms Rachel Adams Headteacher Ms Rachel Davie Executive Headteacher

YEAR 6 HEART WORKSHOP



Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system in science and reading Pig Heart Boy in literacy. To support their learning further, the children had the opportunity to dissect a real lamb heart. I think we have aspiring doctors and vets!

YEAR 5 NETBALL

At Hoxton Garden, we have been taking part in a range of sporting activities and events including football, cycling, netball and cricket. Year 5 children had the opportunity to attend the High 5 Netball competition and compete against other



Hackney schools.
They learned about the positions and passes necessary to play, applying their skills in a competitive manner. Well done to all who took part!

YEAR 3 SCIENCE

In science, Year 3 have been learning about light. The Freshwater Theatre Company joined the children in a very exciting workshop. The professor's Science Machine was in grave danger of imploding and the eccentric scientist



needed the children's knowledge to save it! Children have been learning about light sources, shadows and reflection this term.



D&T DAY 2021!



Last week we had our first Design and Technology Day of the academic year. DT develops children's skills and knowledge in design, structures, mechanisms and a range of materials, whilst encouraging creativity. The children spent the day designing and then making a product. In the afternoon we welcomed parents/carers to help with the making!





COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all of the Nursery and Reception parents who have stayed to read with their children on Friday mornings.

All parents are also invited to drop into our workshop sessions which are held in the lower hall at 9:15am on Friday. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

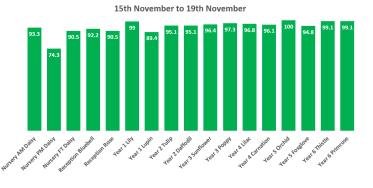
Date	Focus
Friday 3 rd December	Christmas Holiday Activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (Children will be attending this morning with their parents.)
Friday 10 th December	Parent Coffee Morning Celebration Event

The Winter Fair will also be on Friday 10th December at 3.30pm in the bottom hall. There will be a number of activities to take part in, including face painting, donkey rides, meet Santa and bottle tombola. There will also be a performance from our school choir to get everyone in the festive spirit!

If you would still like to make a donation for the winter fair for either the raffle or the bottle tombola, please drop them to the school office.

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was 95.2% Well done to Orchid Class the weekly winners with 100%.



Key Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Children's Start Date: Monday 1st November 2021

Parents Evening: Thursday 9th

December 2021 End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 16th December 2021 at 2pm

Spring Term 2022

Children's Start Date: Tuesday 4th Work and Enterprise Week: 24th January Safer Internet Day: Wednesday 9th February 2022

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

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

Summer Term 2022

Easter Monday: Monday 18th April 2022 Children's Start Date: Tuesday 19th April

Families' Week: Starts Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022 Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair): Monday 23rd May 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th June

Staff Training Day: Friday 24th June 2022 Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022 Parents Evening: Thursday 7th July 2022 End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 21st

Staff Training Day: Friday 22nd July 2022

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