



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

16th September 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope that you all had a restful summer break. A very warm welcome to all of our new Reception and Nursery parents who are joining our school community this year.

We hope you were able to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions this week and to hear about the learning that will be taking place across this half term. If you missed this, please take a moment to read the curriculum newsletter sent home on Monday which includes what children will be learning, homework expectations and what day PE will be taking place. Included on the back of this newsletter you will find details of who is who on our whole school staffing structure for this academic year. Don't forget, staffing and lots of other useful information can be found on our school website so don't forget to check this regularly.

Thank you for contributing to all of the fantastic holiday homework projects which are being proudly displayed in classrooms and celebrated in assemblies. Children have been given new home reading diaries and reading books this week and these will be changed regularly. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with you each day.

At the end of last term we were pleased to receive our Key Stage 2 results which again places the achievement of pupils at Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden schools well above national averages. This is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers but also very much due to the support that you give from home in ensuring that children read every night, learn times tables, complete homework tasks and come to school ready to learn.

On a final note, please make sure that children look smart in our uniform for school everyday. Our school uniform is available to purchase from the MAPAC website. [Please scan the QR code on the next page to access it.](#) If you are struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Rachel Adams - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher



Our school community is deeply saddened by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September 2022. Within school, we have taken time this week to celebrate the extraordinary period in British history over which she reigned and the contribution she made to both the British Isles and the Commonwealth. Children have also had regular opportunities to talk about their response to the news of her death. We now know the state funeral will be held on Monday 19th September and that schools will be closed on this day in line with Government guidance.

PQSM GOLD Quality Mark

We are extremely pleased to announce that Hoxton Garden were one of the 26 schools to have achieved the GOLD award this year in the Primary Geography Quality Mark; an amazing recognition of the brilliant geography teaching and learning happening across the school!



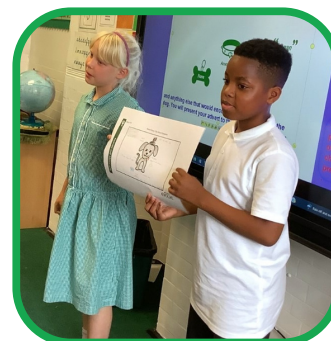
Settling in

Year 2 have settled in well and have started their new topic for the half term - 'The Great Fire of London'. They have been looking at a range of sources and ordering the key events in a timeline.



Exploring Ancient Greece

Year 6 spent an afternoon creating adverts for toys in ICT. They discussed gender stereotypes and effective online advertising strategies.



Staffing Profile 2022-23

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us this September!

Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher Ms Rachel Adams - Headteacher		
Ms Jessie De-Veer EYFS & KS1 Deputy Headteacher		Ms Charlotte Houchin KS2 Deputy Headteacher
Mr Sean O'Connor Assistant Headteacher / SENCO		
Year 6	Primrose Class Jennifer Jordan	Thistle Class Michael Kelso
Year 5	Foxglove Class Alana Asare-Ansa	Orchid Class Anna Willberg
Year 4	Lilac Class Lucy Murgatroyd	Carnation Class Helen Sanderson
Year 3	Poppy Class Lewis Folkard	Sunflower Class Ayesha El-Lassey
Year 2	Daffodil Class Sarah Joyce	Tulip Class Lauren Dagg
Year 1	Lily Class Liz McGrory	Lupin Class Sophie Bunday
Reception	Rose Class Sohra Ahmed	Bluebell Class Dimitra Tselepi
Nursery	Daisy Class Fahmida Muqtadir	

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Dinner Hall at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 9th September	<u>Homework Support</u> : How can I set a routine and help my child with their homework?
Friday 16th September	<u>Communication</u> : How can I access information about the school, events and my child's learning?
Friday 23rd September	<u>Reading</u> : How can I help my child to read? What books should children be reading at home? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 30th September	<u>Maths</u> : What times tables should children be learning and when? How can I help my children to learn all of their timetables? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 7th October	<u>Online-Safety</u> : How can I keep my child safe when they are using mobiles and devices at home?
Friday 14th October	<u>World Week</u> : What will my child be learning during World Week? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 21st October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (children can attend this coffee morning)
EYFS Coffee Mornings	
Thursday 13th October	<u>Language Walks</u> : How can I develop my child's listening and vocabulary skills whilst exploring the outdoors?
Thursday 24th November	<u>Maths</u> : How can I develop my child's mathematical understanding at home?

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Staff Training Days:
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

Children's Start Date:
Monday 5th September

Meet the Teacher Days:
Tuesday 13th September - Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 14th September - Years 3 & 4
Friday 16th September - Years 5 & 6

Queen Elizabeth II Funeral (SCHOOL CLOSED):
Monday 19th September

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day:
Wednesday 28th September

World Week
Monday 17th October - Friday 21st October

Traditional Dress Day / International Evening:
Wednesday 19th October

Democracy Day & School Council Elections
(pupils only):
Friday 21st October

Half Term Holiday:
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Children's Start Date:
Monday 31st October

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 8th December

Last Day of Autumn Term:
Friday 16th December (SCHOOL CLOSES 2PM)

Christmas Holiday:
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January

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