



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

14th October 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the fathers, uncles, grandads and significant male family members who came to spend a morning in school last week. We had an amazing 99 family members attending. The children were very proud to show off their learning and the feedback from adults who attended was very positive. Please don't forget that a family member is welcome to join their Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 child at the short Friday morning reading session from 8.55am - 9.15am. As reading at home is so important we regularly restock on home reading books and make sure that there is a 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 bedrooms to check that none are left behind.

During the first few weeks of the school year, we have been focusing on rehearsing key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding, as well as building writing stamina. We have also been developing our knowledge of times tables and key maths skills such as pairs of numbers that add to 10,100,1000. Please support us by making sure that children practise skills at home too including the use of Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars. There are some tips in home reading diaries on how you can help or speak to the class teacher who will also be happy to help!

The month of October is Black History Month which has historically focused on events and achievements of the past. This year, however, the focus is on looking forward and making positive change for the better through action. During October, our school is running a series of assemblies and workshops to celebrate Black History Month. We will be exploring this year's theme, looking at key figures who are making an impact today and hearing from a guest speaker who will be talking about how their culture has influenced decisions they have made. The final week of the half term will be World Week, where we will again celebrate the culture and heritage of all pupils, providing further opportunity to discuss ideas covered and to make links across our school community. We hope you will be able to join us for our annual International Evening on Thursday 20th October.

With the cost of living continuing to rise, these are extremely difficult and uncertain times for everyone. Trying to get the correct information about which services are available to you is important. Hackney Council have created a booklet which identifies the local support available. [Please click here or scan the QR code on the next page to access the guide.](#)

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



Reminder



**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM
AND LEARNING STARTS
STRAIGHT AWAY.
BE ON TIME
AT FIVE TO NINE!**



**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT
CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL
PREPARED!
ALL CHILDREN NEED
A PE KIT OF A PLAIN WHITE
T-SHIRT, BLACK SHORTS OR
JOGGING BOTTOMS AND
PLIMSOLLS**

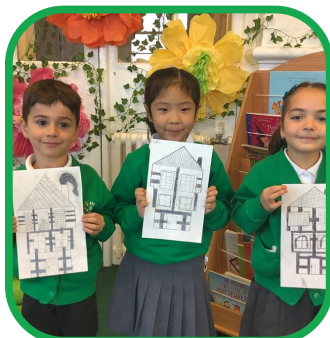
EYFS GP Surgery Role-Playing

The children in Reception have enjoyed role-playing in their new hospital area. The receptionists have been booking appointments for patients, and when seen by the doctor they have had their temperature checked with a thermometer and sent away with their prescriptions.



Exploring Tudor Houses

This term, Year 2 have been exploring Tudor houses and identifying some of their key features. They looked at the shapes and lines of a Tudor house and then had a fantastic time putting all of their art skills to use when sketching their final outcomes. Here are some brilliant examples of their work.



Assembly Presentation

Last week Year 6 presented their first assembly of the year. They talked confidently about the causes and consequences of World War Two for the people of Britain. Rationing, air raids, the evacuation of children and the role of women in the war effort are some of the topics they have been learning about.



2022-23 Ambassadors

After our annual pupil voice fair, we chose children to become 2022-23 ambassadors based on their applications. There were a range of responsibilities and roles to undertake including digital leaders, language captains, and science ambassadors to name a few! Please check our social media pages to see our 2022-23 Pupil Voice Ambassadors!



Reading Champions

Two of our year 6 children had the pleasure of attending an event at Hackney Town Hall to become reading champions in our school. They were presented their badges by the Deputy Mayor of Hackney, Councillor Bramble, and heard from former reading champions. Let's get reading!



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:
Thursday 20th 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 CLOSING 2PM)

Christmas Holiday:
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January 2023

Staff Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):
Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children's Start Date:
Wednesday 4th January 2023

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.

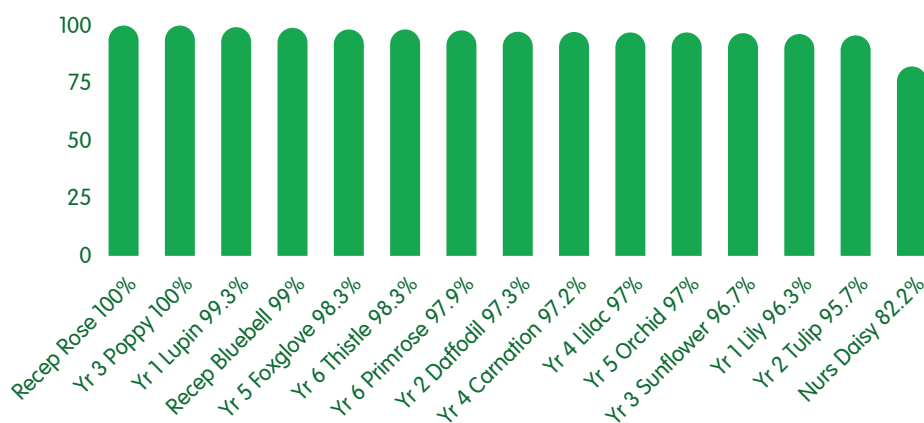
Date	Focus
Friday 21st October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (children can attend this coffee morning)
EYFS Coffee Mornings	
Thursday 24th November	<u>Maths</u> : How can I develop my child's mathematical understanding at home?

Attendance

Regular attendance at school promotes pupils' well-being, maximises progress in learning and helps pupils reach their potential. We are very proud of the achievements and progress of our pupils and are passionate about a child's right to an education. Attendance for all children is monitored weekly with the school seeking to work in partnership with parents to achieve above 97%.

Whole school attendance for last week was 97.3%.

Well done to Reception Rose and Year 3 Poppy classes, the weekly winners with 100%.



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