



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

2nd December 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have been able to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher and look at books at our parents' evening which is due to take place on Thursday 8th December. Sharing learning outcomes with children gives them a chance to feel proud of what they do in school and know that you value learning as much as they do. You can book an appointment online or through the school office.

Now that it is getting dark much earlier in the evening, please make sure that you have made arrangements to pick up your child on time if they attend an after school curriculum club or our after school care club. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you have given permission for them to walk home on their own, make sure that they know you are expecting them to walk straight home by the safest and most direct route, crossing the roads with care. Lots of jackets and bags have reflective strips and this will give some extra help and safety when negotiating the Hackney traffic. We are delighted that so many children arrive at school on scooters and bikes as this is an excellent way to get daily exercise. Our scooter and bike racks get full very quickly. Please help your child to show consideration to others by storing these safely and with care.

We have a number of end of term concerts and events approaching including sing-a-longs and for our Early Years children a traditional play. The dates for all seasonal events are displayed on gates, are on the school website and were sent home on the parent dates flier at the start of the half term. We had a high demand for pantomime tickets for Years 3 to 6 at the Hackney Empire and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are being visited by a professional pantomime theatre company in December so that they do not miss out. Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day will be taking place on the 9th December. Despite all the events, we will be ensuring children receive their full learning entitlement through until the end of term on the 16th December.

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



Reminder



CHILDREN MUST COME TO SCHOOL IN FULL UNIFORM AND SMART BLACK SHOES!



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

Greenpeace Visit

EYFS had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Green Peace to learn about their role in protecting our environment. The children in Reception learnt about how icebergs melting is affecting the lives of polar bears, whilst the children in Nursery learnt about recycling effectively by sorting different materials into their appropriate bins.



Mudchute Farm Visit

Year 1 had an amazing time at Mudchute Farm last week where they used their knowledge of animal categories to sort them into groups, and their knowledge of human and physical features to discuss their environment. They were most excited to feed the sheep at the end of their visit.



Science Workshop

Year 6 have been learning all about the circulatory system this half term. This week, they participated in a workshop with 'Hands on Science', where they had the opportunity to dissect a lamb's heart. The children were able to discuss what they knew already about the function of the heart and how it is vital to the circulatory system.



Teeth Workshop

Year 4 took part in a teeth workshop where they explored how to look after our teeth, different types of teeth and how to make a plaster mould of teeth. They carefully measured different substances and worked with their partners to create their models of teeth.



Making 3D Houses

This half term, Year 5 have been learning about 3D modelling using a programme called 'Sketchup'. They have designed their own houses using the different tools on the programme to create roofs, windows, doors and other features. They are looking forward to having some of their best models printed using a 3D printer.



Key Dates

AUTUMN (2) 2022

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 8th December

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

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

SPRING TERM 2023

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

Children's Start Date:
Wednesday 4th January 2023

Work & Enterprise Week:
Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th January 2023

Safer Internet Day:
Thursday 9th February 2023

Half Term Holiday:
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

Children's Start Date:
Monday 20th February 2023

World Book Day:
Thursday 2nd March 2023

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 23rd March 2023

End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 31st March 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSES at 2pm)

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.

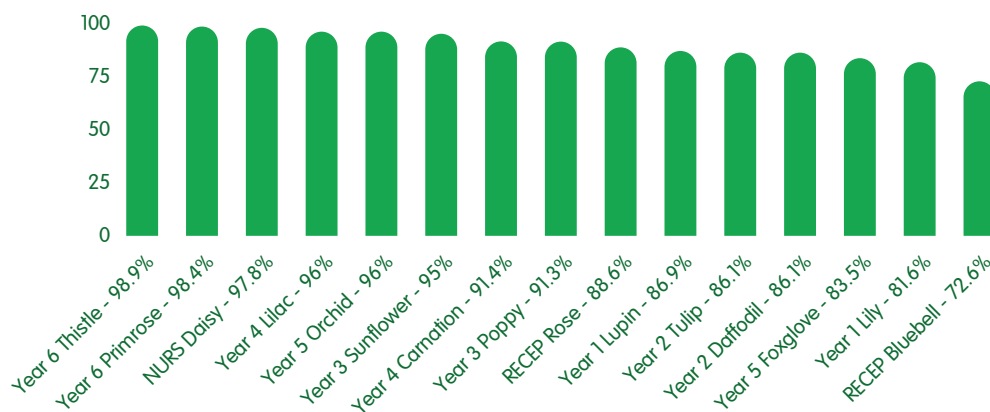
Date	Focus
Friday 9th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 16th December	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event</u> for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Attendance

As a school we take punctuality very seriously and we are proud that our children are at school and in their class lines at 8.55am. This means children have a settled and uninterrupted transition into the school, and teachers are able to ensure the day starts promptly. Thank you for your continued support!

Whole school attendance for last week was 89.3%.

Well done to Year 6 Thistle class, the weekly winners with 98.9%.



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