



# Hoxton Garden

## Primary School

### HIGHLIGHTS

31st March 2023

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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance at school continues to be a national focus, a Hackney focus and a focus for our schools. Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is the understanding that pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. A big thank you to all parents who are supporting children to attend school every day and are punctual each morning. This has a positive impact on confidence, engagement in learning and progress. Top tips shared by parents to help children take responsibility for good timekeeping include giving children their own alarm clock, having a set morning routine and preparing things needed for the next day the night before.

Our coffee mornings have been well attended this term and on the back of this newsletter are the dates and themes of the first half of the Summer Term coffee morning sessions for parents. The second half of the Summer Term will include a trial of a class-based coffee morning as feedback from parents has suggested that the most enjoyable content is when children participate too. Themes for coffee mornings are based on your feedback and those that will support home learning.

Physical Education is a requirement for all children and they should have the correct PE kit to participate safely. We have deliberately chosen a cheap and easy option for this with plain black shorts or black jogging bottoms (no logos please) and a plain white t-shirt. If you are not sure which day is the PE day please check the year group newsletters sent home this week. Managing a PE kit has the additional benefit of teaching children organisational skills which become more and more necessary as children get older.

Spring term ends today, Friday 31st March 2023. We have set holiday homework projects including research projects for the topics classes will be studying in the first half of the Summer term. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about and, of course, continue to encourage them to read, write and count every day.

When children are using the internet, either through phones, games or on a computer or tablet please make sure that you monitor and observe that this is being done safely. Whilst the internet is a wonderful resource it also holds risks to children. There are some very useful resources for parents about how to protect children from online dangers at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

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



#### Reminder

**Our parent comment box is located in the main office and we welcome suggestions and ideas from our school community. If there is something you would like us to consider, please fill in the parent comment slip and post it in the box!**

**Spring term ends on  
FRIDAY 31st March 2023.  
Summer term begins on  
MONDAY 17th APRIL 2023  
at 8.55am for all pupils.**

#### Helping Plants Grow

EYFS had an amazing time learning about gardening during a workshop. The children learned how help the plants grow by feeding and watering them. They also talked about different types of plants and looked at the wide variety currently growing in the school garden.



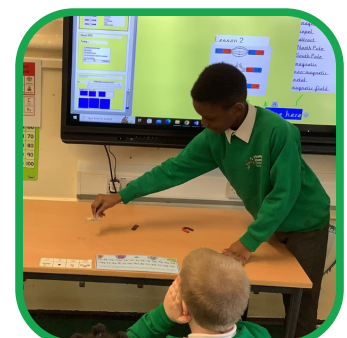
#### Identifying Different Plants

Year 1 have been learning about plants in science. During a walk through the school garden, the children used their knowledge of plants to identify ones which produce food or help animals and ones that have been purposely grown. They also identified deciduous trees and evergreen trees.



#### Magnets Experiment

Linked to their magnets topic in science, Year 3 completed a science experiment to see if the size of the magnet affected how many paper clips it could pick up. The children recorded their results on a table and wrote down their conclusion from the experiment.



## Debate Mate League Match

The Debate Mate team enjoyed participating in a league match against pupils from all over the UK. It was an excellent experience as the pupils developed their ability to think on their feet and speak with confidence.



## Eco-Schools Cross Site Visit

Our Eco Team enjoyed their Federation best practice visit at Orchard Primary School. They shared ideas of future projects and had fun hearing what the other schools were up to, in preparation for their Green Flag award renewal.



## Key Dates

### SUMMER TERM (I) 2023

Earth Day:  
Thursday 20th April 2023

Families Week:  
Monday 24th April - Friday 28th April 2023

Bring a Significant Female to School Day:  
Wednesday 26th April 2023

Grandparent Afternoon Tea:  
Friday 28th April 2023

Early May Bank Holiday:  
Monday 1st May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

King's Coronation Bank Holiday:  
Monday 8th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

KS1 SATs:  
May 2023

KS2 SATs (Year 6 only):  
Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May 2023

Year 1 Class Assembly:  
Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 9:15am

Year 4 Class Assembly:  
Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 9:15am

Year 3 Class Assembly:  
Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 9:15am

Science & Technology Day / Science Fayre:  
Thursday 25th May 2023

INSET DAY:  
Friday 26th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

May Half Term Break:  
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 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.

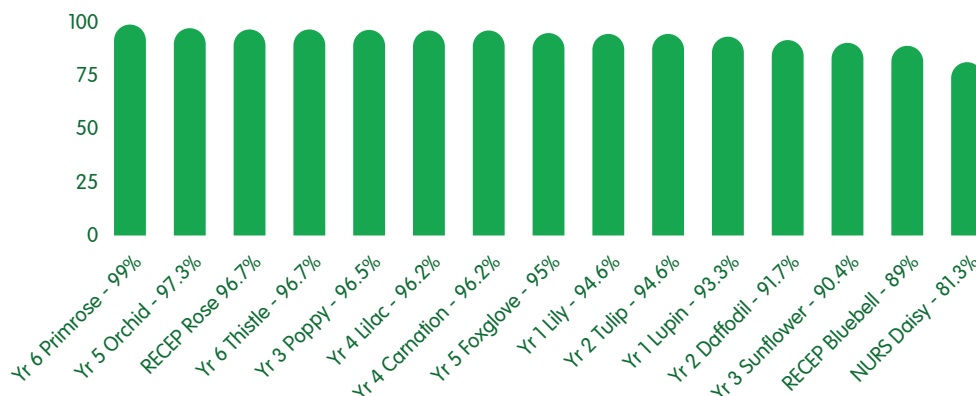
Date	Focus
Friday 21st April	<u>Eco Team</u> : How can I encourage my child to care for the environment? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 28th April	<u>PSHCE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families Week) (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 5th May	<u>Humanities</u> : How can I encourage my child to ask questions about the world around them? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 12th May	<u>Reading</u> : How do we develop children's understanding of what they are reading?
Friday 19th May	<u>Art</u> : What artistic skills does my child develop in school? (children can attend this coffee morning)
EYFS Coffee Mornings	
Tuesday 2nd May	<u>Speech and Language</u> : Using technology to support language development

## Attendance

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school every day makes a real difference!

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.8%.

Well done to Year 6 Primrose class, the weekly winner with 99%.



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