



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the half term break and are well rested as we start the second half of the year. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported the half termly holiday homework projects, there were some fantastic examples of research presented in very creative ways.

This week we held our World Book Day events, an important opportunity to celebrate the love of reading. There were many children and staff dressed up as their favourite book character and many conversations about favourite stories throughout the day. Look out for photographs on our Facebook and Twitter pages! We are constantly refreshing our home reader libraries so that children have a breadth of books to read. Please help us with this by making sure that children read every night and record their reading in their home school diaries. Don't forget that there are also example questions that you can ask in the diaries, this helps children to develop their understanding and comprehension skills.

We are continuing to invest in annual subscriptions for Mathletics and Times Table Rock Stars online learning programmes so that children in Years 1 to 6 can access them at home as well as at school for free. All children have their own password to log on to the site (usually in their home school diaries). These both offer fun and interactive ways to learn key maths skills such as times tables and number bonds.

Thank you to all the parents who completed our parent survey last term. We had 206 responses from parents of children in all year groups. We are very pleased that:

- 100% agreed or strongly agreed the school provides a good education for their child.
- 100% agreed or strongly agreed their child feels that their teachers work hard and teach well.
- 100% agreed or strongly agreed the school is led and managed well.

For a full breakdown, please visit the parent section of the school website. Remember, the school office has a parent suggestion box which can be accessed at any time.

On Thursday 23rd March we are holding a parents' evening where you get the chance to meet your child's class teacher, look at their books and discuss their termly report. You will be receiving a separate letter inviting you to this, however, please contact our admin team or use the online booking systems via the website to make an appointment so that you don't miss out.

Thank you for your support.

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

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Reminder



**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD
ARRIVES TO SCHOOL IN
FULL UNIFORM AND
SMART BLACK SHOES.**



**PLEASE CHECK THE
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER
FOR PE DAYS AND ENSURE
THE CORRECT PE KIT IS IN
SCHOOL..**

Gardening Workshop

Year 1 enjoyed participating in a gardening workshop this week. They learnt about many new plants and even got to taste a few. They then pulled some plants apart and labelled the different parts, while learning about their specific roles in helping the plant to grow; such as a stem conducting water and minerals to the leaves.



Continents and Oceans

Year 2 have started their new humanities topic, Oceans and Continents. For their first lesson, they used their geographical skills to identify and locate the seven continents on an atlas and discussed which continent we lived in. They then worked sensibly in pairs to create their own versions of a world map.



Classical Music Performance

Year 4 enjoyed their visit from the Apollo String Quartet, where they listened to a performance by the famous composer, Dvorak. The piece was called Dumka. They also had the opportunity to ask many questions about classical music. They are looking forward to attending the Apollo concert on 27th March at The Hackney Empire.



Reducing our Carbon Footprint

Our Eco Team have been encouraging others to use reusable water bottles. In an assembly, they shared their passion for reducing our carbon footprint and spoke about the different ways that children can reduce their plastic usage.



World Book Day at Hoxton Garden

To celebrate World Book Day and promote reading in our school, children were encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. We saw so many wonderful costumes, and the winner for the 'Best Dressed' prize will be announced soon.



Key Dates

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 (children can dress up):
Wednesday 1st March 2023

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 23rd March 2023

Easter Bonnet Competition (children only):
Friday 31st March 2023

Years 1 & 2 Design & Technology Day:
Tuesday 28th March 2023

EYFS Design & Technology Day:
Wednesday 29th March 2023

Years 3 - 6 Design & Technology Day:
Thursday 30th March 2023

End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 31st March 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSING at 1:45pm)

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.

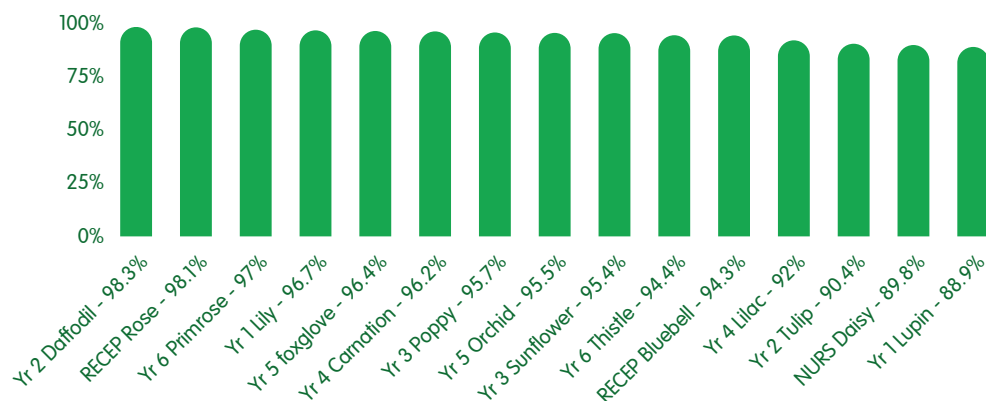
| Date | Focus |
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| Friday 10th March | <u>Science</u> : How can I support my child's science learning at home? (Children can attend). |
| Friday 17th March | <u>Belonging</u> : How can I ensure I tackle unconscious bias in myself and others? |
| Friday 24th March | <u>Easter Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (Children can attend). |
| Friday 31st March | Parent Coffee Morning & Reading Celebration Event. (Children can attend). |
| EYFS Parent/Carer Workshops | |
| Date | Focus |
| Thursday 16th March | <u>Writing</u> : How can I support my child to write for different purposes? |

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 **94.5%**.

Well done to Year 2 Daffodil, the weekly winner with **98.3%**.



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