



# Hoxton Garden Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

25th May 2023

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

All children have been set homework tasks and projects for half term. Our commitment to home learning means that we expect children to engage in learning and developing their understanding of key skills in reading, writing and maths at home as well as at school. Please support them with this by making sure that tasks are completed and children do not forget to read and talk about their learning at home. Knowing times tables is particularly helpful, along with reading the time, counting money and of course, sharing a book.

Our Year 5 pupils are looking forward to their trip to the PGL activity centre in Sussex next month. This will give them the opportunity to experience the great outdoors and try out new adventure activities. It is an exhausting but fun three days away from home for teachers and pupils alike and we look forward to sharing news of their activities with you through regular noticeboard and website updates as well as in this newsletter. Please could parents of children who are going read carefully the packing list so as not to forget anything!

We still have spaces in Nursery from September 2023 for three and four year olds. Both part time or full time applications are welcome and application forms can be collected from the school office. Many studies have shown that children who have the opportunity to attend nursery develop good communication and social skills shown through confidence, self-assurance and demonstrating good interpersonal skills.

We continue to ensure a spotlight on safety through our curriculum delivery and pastoral care. Whilst we teach children the risks of being online and being safe, it is important that you monitor your child's use of the internet and how they are connecting with the outside world to make sure that they are engaging safely. The website: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) holds lots of useful information about the social networks children and young people use. Having a bedtime routine that removes the temptation of televisions, tablets, phones or game consoles is very important for mental health and a good night's sleep.

We hope that you have a very happy half term break and we look forward to seeing children safely back on Monday 5th June at 8:55am.

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



### Reminder

**School closes for half term  
on Thursday 25th May  
2023 and re-opens to all  
pupils on Monday 5th  
June 2023 at 8.55am.**



**School uniform should be  
clearly labelled to ensure  
missing items are reunited  
quickly with their owner.**



### EYFS Library Visit

EYFS had the opportunity to begin using the brand new library during their dedicated library slot. They had a wonderful and exciting time looking at different books and reading to each other. The also loved settling into the very comfortable 'whisper cushions' and engaged in paired reading from the 'tower of tales'.



### Animals and Their Habitats

Year 2 have really enjoyed the Science topic this term, learning about living things and their environments. They have become experts in explaining how animals adapt to their habitats and have investigated which animals might be found in a particular environment.



### Suleymaniye Mosque Visit

Year 5 visited Suleymaniye Mosque linking with their RE topic about the Pillars of Islam. They went on a tour of the worship space and also participated in a 'Questions and Answers' session with an Imam. Some children wanted to read books about Islam and the Islamic Holy Book (Qur'an).



## School Councillors at Work

Our School Councillors interviewed a representative from the school's catering company 'Nourish'. They designed questions to ask based on the feedback they received from their peers on the new dinner menu. They got to meet 'Mr Nourish', the catering company's mascot who may be making a school appearance soon.



## Gardening Workshop

Year 3 participated in an exciting gardening workshop where they planted a range of different plant seeds in the school garden. They now have the important job of looking after the seeds and anticipate some to sprout very soon due to the warmer season.



## Key Dates

SUMMER TERM (2) 2023

Half-Term Holiday:  
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023


Children's Start Date:  
Monday 5th June 2023 at 08:55am

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):  
Starts Monday 26th June 2023

Parents' Evening:  
Thursday 6th July 2023

End of Term Finish Date:  
Thursday 20th July 2023 at 2pm

INSET Day (school closed to pupils):  
Friday 21st July 2023

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Reading Champions  
Recommended Reads

Hackney's Cost of  
Living Crisis Guide



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## 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 June	<u>PE</u> : How do we support children's physical development in school?
Friday 16th June	<u>In-class Coffee Morning</u> : How can I support my child develop their number skills?
Friday 23rd June	<u>Transitions</u> : How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 7th July	<u>Summer Holiday activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 14th July	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event</u> : EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2.
Date	EYFS Coffee Mornings
Friday 16th June	<u>In-class Coffee Morning</u> : How can I support my child develop their number skills?
Wednesday 28th June	<u>Transition to Year 1</u> : How can I prepare my child for Year 1?

## 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 96%.

Well done to Year 6 Thistle class, the weekly winner with 100%.

