



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

16th June 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

During the next month we have a very busy schedule including achievement assemblies, music concerts and productions. The learning continues right up to the last day on Thursday 20th July 2023 and it is important that children attend every day until then. School attendance continues to be a core priority to ensure that all children are making the most of their 190 school days each year.

Sports Day this year is on Friday 30th June 2023 and we are hoping for good weather. On this day children need to come to school with or in PE kits of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts/plain black jogging bottoms. Friends and parents are welcome to join us, a separate leaflet will be sent with key timings and location. Sports Day forms part of our Keeping Healthy Week and during this week there will be a number of opportunities for children to take part in sports and activities as well as learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Please help us with this by making sure that packed lunches contain food which will help growing learners. We do not allow chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or crisps to be eaten in our lunch hall or playgrounds and encourage children to try snacks such as carrot sticks and raisins which have less sugar and more vitamins.

Next week you should receive a letter inviting you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher for Parents' Evening which is on Thursday 6th July. You can book a time by either logging onto our booking system or by calling/visiting the school office. We encourage all parents to come and take advantage of this opportunity to talk about how your child has got on this year and find out what you can do to further support them at home. We have had some fantastic examples of home learning projects, completed reading diaries and homework tasks this year!

As the weather starts to warm up please remember our school uniform policy does not allow children to wear sandals to school. This is to protect their feet in busy playgrounds and whilst moving around the building. We ask all children to wear black school shoes.

Our school Governors held their termly meeting in the week before half term. They have agreed the Federation budget and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues such as recruitment. We hope that the Governors' newsletter sent out last term was useful in understanding more about who they are and what they do. There will be another newsletter later this term.

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

Reminder

As the days are getting hotter, please ensure sun cream is applied before coming to school so children are protected during break and lunch times.



We are proud of all our families for walking, scooting or cycling to school! Please make sure bikes and scooters left at school are stored carefully, respectfully and safely in the designated areas.



Observing Sea Creatures

EYFS have been learning about different sea creatures linked to their topic this half term, 'Splash'. The children have set up a mini aquarium of an eco-system for some Jurassic sea creatures. They will work together to maintain and take care of the creatures and have been discussing what the creatures need to grow.



Changes in Time

As part of our PHSE learning the children in Year 1 brought in a baby picture of themselves to show their peers. They had fun guessing who each picture was while talking about the changes they had made from birth until now. They each identified how their physical features had changed over the time such as having longer hair or growing taller.



Wildlife Portraits

This term, Year 6 have been working hard on their wildlife portraits in Art. They have thought carefully about making the animal the focal point of their piece and how to blend colours to represent the animals realistically. They have drawn a range of drawn animals such as hummingbirds, manatees and koalas.



Reading Champions

Our Reading Champions have been privileged to take part in the Yoto Carnegie Shadowing Scheme for 2023, run in conjunction with Hackney Reading Champions. The scheme gives young readers the opportunity to shadow the judging process for two of the UK's most prestigious book awards. Over the past half term, they have attended Zoom meetings to discuss and share their opinions on the illustrations in the five books chosen as finalists for the 2023 'Illustrations Award'.



Finally I Sea

Last year, four of our KS2 children were part of a film project called 'Finally I Sea' led by a talented young film student, Alice Geary from Bristol University. The film focus was documenting a child's first visit to the seaside. It has been selected for the 46th International Wildlife Film Festival and will be screened in Missoula, Montana in the US. [You can view the film by scanning the QR code below.](#)



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM (2) 2023

Year 5 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June 2023

Keeping Healthy Week
Monday 26th - 30th June 2023

Attendance Challenge (more information to follow)
Monday 26th June - Friday 14th July 2023

Sports Day (more information to follow)
Friday 30th June 2023

Hispanic Day (pupils only)
Tuesday 4th July 2023 (children can wear red and yellow)

Design and Technology Day
KS2 - Friday 7th July 2023 (parents attend from 1:45pm)
EYFS - Tuesday 4th July 2023 (parents attend 9am - 10am)
KS1 - Tuesday 4th July 2023 (parents attend from 1:45pm)

Hackney Year 6 Transition Day (pupils only)
Thursday 6th July 2023

Parents' Evening
Thursday 6th July 2023

Year 3 Achievement Assembly
Monday 10th July 2023 at 2:30pm

Federation Festival of Music
Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 1:15pm (The Round Chapel)

Year 1 Achievement Assembly
Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 9:30am

Year 4 Achievement Assembly
Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 2:30pm

Year 2 Achievement Assembly
Thursday 13th July 2023 at 9:30am

Year 5 Achievement Assembly
Thursday 13th July 2023 at 2:30pm

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (1)
Friday 14th July 2023 at 9:30am

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (2)
Friday 14th July 2023 at 2pm

Summer Fayre
Friday 14th July 2023 at 3:30pm (playgrounds)

Year 6 Achievement Assembly
Monday 17th July 2023 at 2:15pm

Year 6 Celebration Event (pupils only)
Monday 17th July 2023 at 3:30pm

Children meet their class teacher for September (pupils only)
Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 2pm

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

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

Children's Start Date (Years 1 to 6)
Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 8:55am

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.

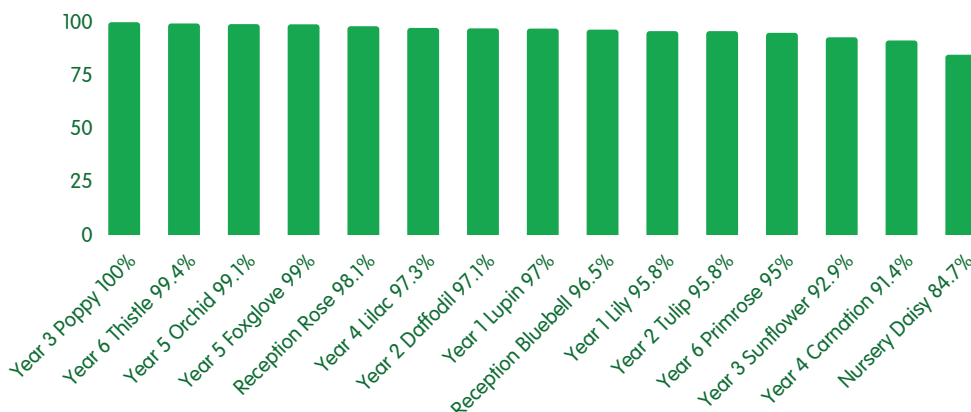
Date	Focus
Friday 23rd June	<u>Transitions:</u> How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 7th July	<u>Summer Holiday activities:</u> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 14th July	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event:</u> EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2.
Date	EYFS Coffee Mornings
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 3 Poppy, last week's winner with 100%.



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