



# Hoxton Garden

## Primary School

### HIGHLIGHTS

15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. We extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and families joining our Reception and Nursery classes this academic year.

This week we have held Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 1 to 6 to share the learning that will be taking place across this half term. If you missed this, please take a moment to read the year group curriculum newsletter which includes what children will be learning, homework expectations and what day PE will be taking place.

Within this newsletter, you will also find details of who is who on our whole school staffing structure for this academic year. Don't forget, lots of other useful information including diary dates and news can be found on our school website and social media accounts so don't forget to check and follow us. The details can be found on the overleaf of this newsletter.

Children have been talking about and celebrating their holiday homework projects which are being proudly displayed in classrooms and shared in assemblies. Thank you for taking the time to discuss and research new learning topics, this helps children to make links, ask questions and practise vocabulary with ease.

Children have been given new home reading diaries and reading books this week. Reading is an important part of wider learning. Daily practice supports fluency and understanding. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with you each day.

All primary school children in Reception to Year 6 in state-funded schools in London will get free school meals for the 2023/24 school year. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan is providing the funding as an emergency cost of living support measure. The meals will help families with the spiralling cost of living. In addition, our school is also funding free school meals for all full time Nursery children.

At the end of last term, we were pleased to receive our Key Stage 2 results which again places the achievements of pupils at Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden schools well above national averages. This is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers, but also very much due to the support that you give from home in ensuring that children read every night, learn times tables, complete homework tasks and come to school ready to learn.

Thank you for your support.

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

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Please make sure that your child looks smart in our uniform for school everyday.

Our school uniform is available from the MAPAC website, [please scan the QR code below to access this](https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/orchardprimary9).

If you struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.



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### Awards and Achievements

Last term, our subject leaders had worked extremely hard in ensuring our school strives for excellence in everything we do. We are proud to announce that we have received an Eco-Schools Green Flag award with distinction and the Association for Physical Education (afPE) Quality Mark.



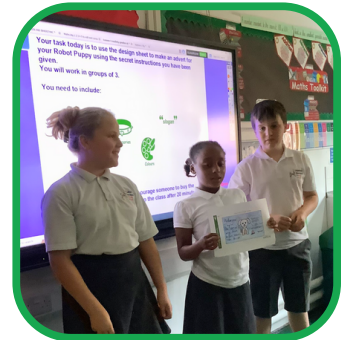
### Settled In

Year 1 have settled into their new classroom routines very well. They have especially loved learning cursive handwriting, practicing writing simple sentences with capital letters and full stops, representing numbers on ten frames in maths, labelling parts of the body in science and looking at toys from the past in History.



### Digital Literacy Lesson

In line with Year 6's computing topic of digital literacy, they have been investigating a range of stereotypes and creating adverts for a robot toy. They have also discussed why and how gender stereotypes are used in advertising, using resources such as iPads to safely search online resources.



## Staffing Profile 2023 - 2024

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us this September!

Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher Ms Rachel Kinder - Headteacher		
Ms Jessie De-Veer EYFS & KS1 Deputy Headteacher		Ms Charlotte Houchin KS2 Deputy Headteacher
Mr Sean O'Connor Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)		
Year 6	Primrose Class Jennifer Jordan	Thistle Class Anna Willberg
Year 5	Foxglove Class Alana Asare-Ansa	Orchid Class Katie Wilmot
Year 4	Lilac Class Lucy Murgatroyd	Carnation Class Anisah Abid
Year 3	Poppy Class Lewis Folkard	Sunflower Class Ayesha El-Lassey
Year 2	Daffodil Class Micaela Church	Tulip Class Helen Sanderson
Year 1	Lily Class Dimitra Tselepi	Lupin Class Sophie Bunday
Reception	Rose Class Sohra Ahmed	Bluebell Class Nafisa Chowdhury
Nursery	Daisy Class Fahmida Muqtadir	

## 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 22nd September	<u>Homework Support</u> : What strategies can I use at home to help my child with their homework?
Friday 29th September	<u>Reading/Early Reading</u> : What strategies can I use at home to support my children to read? What books should children be reading at home?
Friday 6th October	<u>World Week</u> : How do we celebrate diversity and inclusivity within our school?
Friday 13th October	<u>Online Safety</u> : What does our curriculum teach about being safe online?
Friday 20th October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
<b>EYFS Coffee Morning</b>	
Thursday 12th October	<u>Language Walks</u> : How can I develop my child's listening and vocabulary skills whilst exploring the outdoors?

## Cycling Events

Please contact the bike bus team if you would like to join their enjoyable group cycle ride to school on Monday mornings. Email [darren@like2bike.uk](mailto:darren@like2bike.uk) and include your postcode, which will help them plan the new route. Look out for their survey, to be announced very soon.

### Sunday 24th September 2023 - Kidical Mass

The family-friendly cycle ride starts at 10:00am from Stonebridge Gardens (Snake Park), Haggerston E9. Join the group ride from Hackney into Central London.

### Monday 25th - 29th September 2023 - Cycle to School Week

Hoxton Garden supports Cycle to School Week. Why not jump on your bike and ride to school? Look out for posters announcing a special one-off group cycle ride that week. For further information, visit [www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek](http://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek).

## Key Dates

### AUTUMN TERM (1) 2023

Bring a Significant Male to School Day  
9:00am - 10:00am on Wednesday 27th September 2023

Black History Month  
Whole month of October

Year 2 Daffodil Class Assembly (Middle Hall)  
Year 2 Tulip Class Assembly (Top Hall)  
9:15am on Wednesday 4th October 2023

Year 3 Poppy Class Assembly (Middle Hall)  
Year 3 Sunflower Class Assembly (Top Hall)  
9:15am Wednesday 11th October 2023

World Week  
Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2023

Year 6 Thistle Class Assembly (Middle Hall)  
Year 6 Primrose Class Assembly (Top Hall)  
9:15am on Wednesday 18th October 2023

Democracy Day (pupils only)  
Thursday 19th October 2023


International / Traditional / Cultural Dress Day  
All day on Thursday 19th October 2023

International Evening  
3:45pm - 5:00pm on Thursday 19th October 2023

Last Day of Autumn Term 1  
School closes at 3:30pm on Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term Holiday  
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Children Return to School  
Monday 30th October 2023

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