



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the family members who came to spend a morning in school last week as part of Significant Male morning. We had a staggering attendance of 93. The children were very proud to show off their learning and the feedback from adults who attended was very positive. Please don't forget that a family member is welcome to join their Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 child at the short morning reading session from 8.55am – 9.15am each Friday ahead of the coffee morning at 9.15am.

During these first few weeks of the school year, we have been focussing on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding, as well as building writing stamina. We have also been practising knowledge of key maths skills such as pairs of numbers that add to 10, 100, 1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise skills at home too including the use of Mathletics, Timestable Rockstars and reading for 10 minutes each evening. There are some tips in home reading diaries on how you can support your child. You can also speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help!

We are delighted to have so many families making an active choice to walk or cycle to school. Walking to school requires no set up, apart from shoes, a warm coat and a hat on a chilly day. Children get to learn important life skills, road safety and independence, as well as contributing to physical and mental wellbeing. If you are bringing a bike or scooter to school, please help us by storing these with care and consideration for others in the designated parking areas.

World Week is a part of our enrichment programme and will take place next week. It delves into and celebrates the diversity within our schools. It creates opportunities to explore relevant global issues and topics, linking National Curriculum subjects in a cross-curricular way. It also provides a context for pupils to acquire, develop and apply a broad range of knowledge, understanding and skills. The theme for World Week this year will be 'Our World; Our Responsibility.' The aim of the week is for children to gain an awareness of their own role in protecting the planet they live in, from the impact they can have in their local environment, to how their actions contribute to the health of the wider world. We hope you will be able to join us for our annual International Evening on Thursday 19th October 2023.

The month of November will also be Black History Month. The theme this year is 'Celebrating Our Sisters' and through weekly assemblies, children will explore the lives of Floella Benjamin, Beverley Knight, Dame Jocelyn Barrow and Dame Sharon White. Look out for updates on our social media and websites!

Thank you for your continued support.

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We are committed to healthy lunches. If your child does bring a packed lunch, this must contain healthy options. Please do not include chocolate bars, crisps or biscuits.
Thank you for your support.



As we move towards colder weather, please ensure all school uniform items are clearly named including hats, coats and gloves.

Bus Driving Role-Play

EYFS have been engaging in imaginative role play using simple objects like hoops and foam bricks. They have been creative enough to transform these items in new and extraordinary ways. The children role played and used a hoop as a steering wheel, they next constructed foam bricks as the structure for their bus. "Beep Beep! I am the bus driver, sit down everyone!"



Toys Through Time

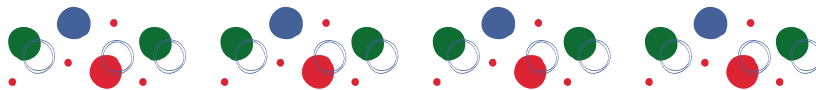
Year 1 has their first trip to the V&A for Childhood Museum. The children loved exploring the museum, looking at all the amazing toys from the past and looking at adaptations of toys from different decades and eras. They also had a go at observing and explaining the toys that were displayed and later on, spent some time playing with them.



Royal Air Force Museum

Year 6 visited the Royal Air Force Museum to learn more about their history topic, World War Two. They were able to deepen their understanding of the changes in attitudes to different groups of people during the war. They also experienced first-hand what life was like for children during this time, including being in an air raid and being evacuated.





Bring a Significant Male

It was a pleasure to see so many Dads and Grandads helping their children learn during 'Bring a Significant Male to School' morning. Year 1 were able to show their adults their understanding of constructing sentences to make sure they make sense, while the adults helped the children to remember their capital letters and full stops.



Peer Mediator Training

This week, our Peer Mediators attended a training session where they learnt more about their roles and responsibilities. They enjoyed meeting the other peer mediators from our partner schools, Southwold and Orchard, and also learnt some new playground games to use during their playtime duties.



Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM (1) 2023

Black History Month

Whole month of October and November

World Week

Monday 16th October - 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

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 give parents and carers the opportunity to meet with one another to 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 20th October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this coffee morning)

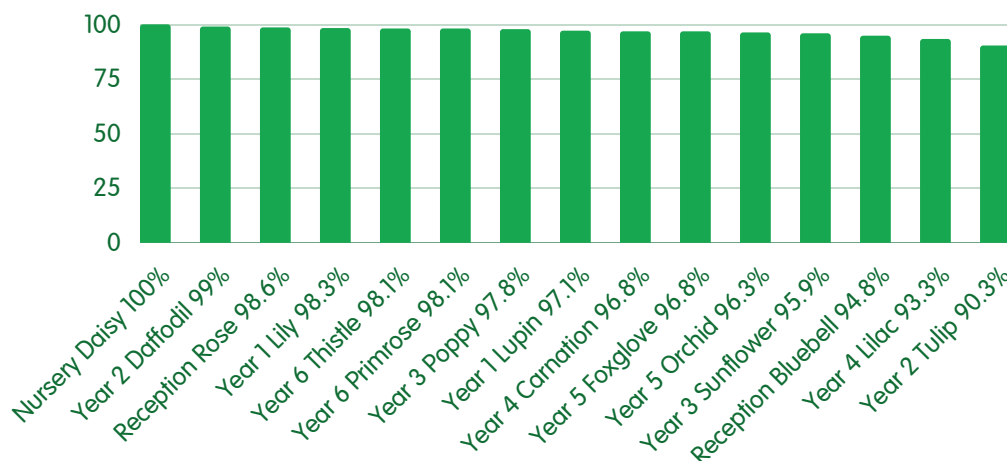
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.5%.

Well done to Nursery Daisy Class, last week's winner with 100%.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



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