



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the month of December, we have a range of seasonal events and concerts lined up. We have listed some of these on the back of this newsletter but please also look out for posters and information on our website. Each year group will be performing a selection of themed songs to which parents are invited. Nursery and Reception classes will undertake a traditional performance which is always very popular so please make sure you arrive in good time. We will of course be teaching a full timetable until the holidays to ensure no day is wasted. Children are expected to attend school every day until we break up on Wednesday 20th December 2023.

You will receive your child's termly report at our Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th December 2023. This will give more information about their achievements so far, as well as learning targets for the coming term. A letter inviting you to parents' evening along with details of the online booking system will have been sent home to you, if you have not seen it, please check in your child's book bag. We are keen to make sure that all parents meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress as well as take up the opportunity to look through their workbooks and celebrate their hard work. Therefore, if you have not seen the letter, or are finding it difficult to make an appointment please call the school office so that we can help. Contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

Reception places are allocated in a cross London scheme which is organised by our local authority, Hackney Education, not the school. This admissions process is for children aged 3 and 4 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) who will start reception class at primary school in September 2024. All parents should apply by 15th January 2024, even if your child is already in the nursery class. You can access the application form at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

As the weather gets colder children will be bringing more items to school including hats, gloves and scarves. To help us, please make sure all items are named. We currently have a number of lost property items that we cannot return to children because their names are not written on them. If you have an item missing, please come to the school office to view the lost property storage.

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza has an important role in looking out for children and making sure their voices are heard. Ahead of the General Election, 'The Big Ambition' project is giving children in England a chance to speak up and share what matters most to them. Please scan the QR code on the back of this newsletter for you or your child to submit your views. The Commissioner will then pass on their thoughts to the government, ensuring their views are fairly represented and heard by the most senior members of England.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

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Don't forget, curriculum information can be found on the school website year group pages!



Scooters and Bicycle Parking

Please park scooters and bikes in the allocated parking areas taking care to store them safely and securely.



Your Home, My Home

EYFS visited the Museum of the Home, linked to this half term's topic 'My Home, Your Home'. They had lots of fun learning about how homes have changed from the 1600's to modern society. They also explored how technology has changed within homes and how they differ or are the same to things we have now.



Engineers for DT Day

Year 2 were engineers for DT Day. They were set the challenge of creating waterproof vehicles to prevent teddy from getting wet on his journey to school. We used a variety of joining techniques as well as sawing to create our axles. We evaluated our cars and were pleased to find that teddy is now dry and moving steadily on his daily commute.



Meet the Maliks

Author, Zanib Mian visited Hoxton Garden to speak to KS2 about her new book, "Meet the Maliks". She inspired the children to become authors as she discussed how she gets her inspiration to write. The children were given the opportunity to act out parts of the new book and also made some predictions.





Debate Mate Launch

Pupils in Year 5 attended the Debate Mate launch at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster. They watched a live debate about whether superheroes should be banned and some of our pupils even took part in the floor debate. The children were buzzing with excitement about the future debates that are to come in their weekly sessions.



Making Fabric Bags

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed DT Day as they had the opportunity to explore their creativity and showcase their skills by making fabric bags. Each bag reflected the unique personality and style of its creator. It was wonderful to see them showcase their finished products. Not only did this project allow them to develop their sewing skills, but it also fostered a sense of teamwork and collaboration.



Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM (2) 2023

Year 5 Foxglove Class Assembly - Middle Hall
Year 5 Orchid Class Assembly - Top Hall
 Wednesday 22nd November at 9:15am.

Year 1 Lupin Class Assembly - Middle Hall
Year 1 Lily Class Assembly - Top Hall
 Wednesday 29th November at 9:15am.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Pantomime - Hackney Empire
 (Ticket Holders Only)
 Wednesday 6th December in the afternoon.

Parents' Evening - School Finishes at 1:45pm
 Thursday 7th December

Year 1 & 2 Pantomime - in school
 Monday 11th December in the afternoon.

Winter Fayre - Dining Hall
 Friday 15th December at 3:30pm.

Festive Jumper Day
 Tuesday 19th December all day.

Festive Lunch - Dining Hall
 Tuesday 19th December at lunchtime.

Last Day of Term
 Wednesday 20th December
 School finishes at 1:45pm.

INSET Days
 Thursday 21st December 2023
 Monday 8th January 2024

Children Return to School
 Tuesday 9th January 2024 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 give you an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as 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 24th November	<u>Wellbeing</u> : What tools and strategies can I teach my child to support their mental health?
Friday 1st December	<u>Eco</u> : How do we teach children about sustainability? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 8th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 15th December	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event</u> : for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2
EYFS Workshops (9:00am start)	
Thursday 23rd November	<u>Maths</u> : How can I develop my child's mathematical understanding at home?

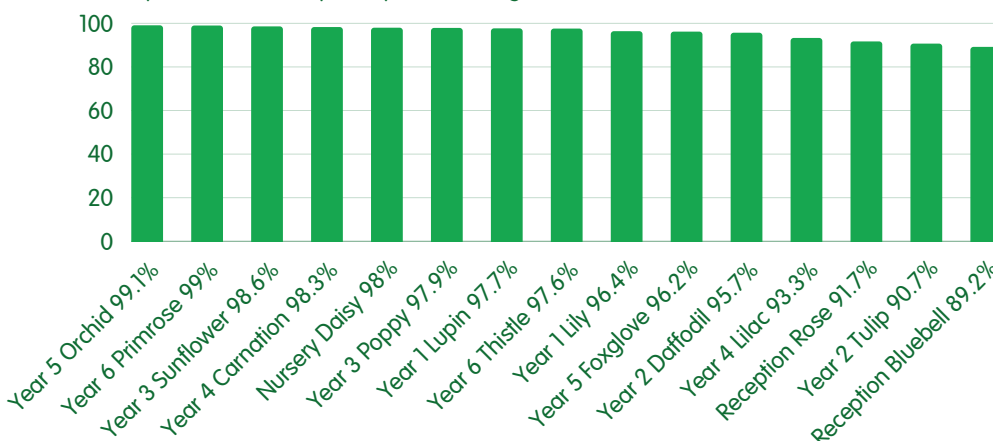
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.8%.

Well done to Year 5 Orchid Class, last week's winner with 99.1%.

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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