



# Hoxton Garden

## Primary School

### HIGHLIGHTS

1st December 2023

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week children across the school joined in with a number of key events to shine a spotlight on anti-bullying. The theme was 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. During the week there was an 'Odd Socks Day' where adults and children wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Through assemblies and class PSHE lessons, children learnt and reinforced their understanding of what bullying is, the difference between bullying and unkindness and what the role of a bystander means. Our school takes any allegations of bullying very seriously and we have a zero tolerance approach. Staff ensure that allegations are dealt with quickly. We are proud to be a Stonewall Champion School and adopt the 'no bystanders' approach of "if you hear it, stop it" to tackle any language or actions used in a derogatory way.

We hope you will now have booked your parent consultation appointment in order to discuss your child's first term of the new academic year. You will have received a letter home with instructions explaining how to book online or alternatively, please call the school office who will be able to support you. Learning at home continues to be of high importance, and ways in which you can ensure your child is maximising their learning opportunities in school include making sure there is time for reading every day, practising times tables (counting in steps for younger children) and practising the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. Please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are uncomfortable when sitting on the carpet and can compromise safety when playing on equipment outside. Please also ensure children are bringing a book bag to school rather than a large rucksack as space in classrooms for storage is limited. Book bags can be purchased through our uniform supplier: <https://www.mapac.com>.

Children have accessed a range of trips and workshops across this term to enhance their learning experiences. We regularly post news on social media to share what we have been doing. If you have not already done so, please follow us on Twitter and Facebook to see weekly updates on all the exciting things going on in our school! Links to our pages can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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#### Reminders

##### Smart Shoes to School

Children are expected to wear smart black school shoes to school and not boots.



##### School Start Time

School starts promptly at 8.55am. Please support your child by ensuring they arrive on time and ready for learning.



#### Puppet Play

EYFS dived into a world of imagination through puppet play. They used new language as they engaged in lively conversations and imaginative storytelling; bringing characters to life. Each puppet character become a friend, promoting active listening and laying of foundation for essential pre-reading skills.



#### Germ Busters

Year 2 enjoyed an exciting workshop on hygiene, facilitated by the Germ Buster team. The children learnt the importance of hand washing and toilet hygiene to help prevent the spread of bugs and bacteria, especially during this time of year. They also memorised the motto: "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!" to share with their family and peers.



#### iMovie Makers

Year 3 had a fun computing workshop focused on iMovies. They learned how to make their own movies by adding colourful backgrounds and music. The workshop allowed them to express themselves creatively while improving their IT skills. We are excited to see the video outcomes from our iMovie experts.



## Reading Champions Meeting

Reading Champions were excited to attend their first Zoom meeting of the year. Children from across the borough met to discuss what they hope to achieve this year in their schools to promote reading for pleasure. All the children had fantastic ideas to share and look forward to the next meeting in the new year.



## Cross-Site School Council

Last week, School Councillors from Hoxton Garden, Orchard and Southwold met up for our their first Cross-Site School Council meeting of the year. The councillors discussed matters arising, shared best practise from their schools and suggested ideas for future meetings and events before conducting a mini learning walk.



## Key Dates

### AUTUMN TERM (2) 2023

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 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

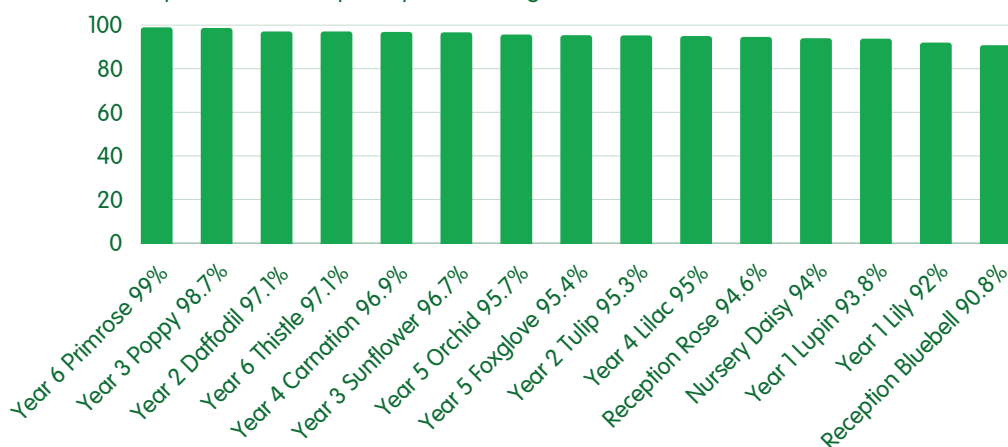
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.6%.

Well done to Year 6 Primrose Class, last week's winner with 99%.

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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