



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is the first newsletter of 2024, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year! All children have started new topics. You will have received a year group leaflet explaining the topics we are covering over the first half of the Spring Term and any help that you can give from home is always very welcome. Thank you to those parents who helped with creative projects over the holidays which have helped to make fantastic classroom displays.

From Monday 29th January until Friday 2nd February we will be undertaking Work and Enterprise Week where children will be finding out all sorts of things about the world of work. Some year groups will be finding out what it is like to work in the community as a doctor or a fire fighter, while others will be thinking about how people can realise their ambitions. Children will be encouraged to think about what they are good at and what they might like to do as a job when they are older. All classes will go on a visit to a place of work or have a visitor from someone who works in the community.

Work and Enterprise Week forms part of our personal, social and health curriculum which encompasses life skills and ways to be safe, healthy and happy. If you are interested in knowing more about our curriculum themes, there is more information, including a full topic map of the year on our website. We are also running a series of drop in sessions for parents which are listed on the back of this newsletter. All parents are invited to come in and learn more about how we teach and what children learn whilst in school.

The world around us has changed very quickly and whilst new technologies offer so many opportunities and exciting new knowledge and ways of communicating than ever before they also hold risks, particularly to children. We work hard to ensure that children understand how to stay safe while using the internet, whether through a computer, telephone or game, and the risks of sending images or being in contact with people they do not know online. You can also help to protect them from putting themselves at risk by monitoring their use of online technologies and restricting access to social media. There are many places to seek further advice and information on the ever changing world of online technologies and the risks to young people. A particularly useful source of information which contains information as well as activities for parents and children of all ages is www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

School Streets is the Council's pioneering programme to transform roads outside schools so that pedestrians and cyclists are prioritised at school start and finish times. The schemes tackle congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school. Pedestrian and cycle zone signs are placed at the entry/exit points of each School Street zone. Additional enforcement methods exist on a case by case basis. This may include the use of physical barriers and/or automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras that issue penalty notices. We encourage all families to walk, scoot or bike to school. There are designated scooter and bike racks in our playgrounds but please ensure you use an appropriate lock to secure anything left on the school site during the day.

Thank you for all of your support.

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

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Reading Development

Reading allows learners to develop their cognitive abilities, grow their knowledge and enrich their vocabulary. 15 minutes of daily reading can make people feel 69% more accomplished, 55% more relaxed and 33% happier!



School Start Time

School starts at 8.55am. Please ensure children arrive on time to line up and enter the school with their class teacher when the bell goes.



Stop, Look, Listen!

Hackney Road Safety Officers conducted an interactive session for EYFS on the role of a school crossing patrol officer. The session included a practical road crossing activity where children demonstrated their skills, using the 'Stop', 'Look', 'Listen', and 'Think' strategy before crossing the road.



Following Instructions

Year 1 have been learning about non-fiction writing with a focus on instructions. They have identified time words and bossy verbs, and have also had a go at following instructions on how to make a Jam Sandwich. They learnt to spread the butter and jam onto slices of bread, then to put the slices together to make a sandwich before cutting it in half.



Telling the Time

Year 3 are learning how to tell and show time using clocks. They have been manipulating clock hands and grasping the concept of hours and minutes, while also practising converting analog time to digital time and vice versa. Why not practise telling the time at home with your child to develop their skills outside of the classroom?



Meeting a Local Councillor

The Hoxton East and Shoreditch Councillor, Anya Sizer visited our School Councillors to discuss topics such as representation, democracy, local council roles, support for schools and those in need, election processes, citizenship, and Hackney council's challenges. The children enjoyed the discussion and found it informative.



'Viridis Velo' Cycling Champions

Sporting their new 'Viridis Velo' cycling jerseys, our Cycling Champions came top of the teams overall at the third competitive YHPSC event of this academic year. Four of our racers won medals as follows: Jayden Hurtado - Gold, Janai Bartlett - Silver, Mia Suarez-Swindells - Silver, and Leon Abdulrahman, bronze.



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. These allow you 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. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 26th January	<u>MFL</u> : What do children learn in Spanish and how can language learning be supported at home? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 2nd February	<u>Children's Mental Health Week</u> : How can I support my child's wellbeing through developing positive connections? (CMHW theme - Being kind to yourself matters)
Friday 9th February	<u>Online safety</u> : How can I support my child to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively? (Safer Internet Day Parent Workshop)
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 25th January	<u>Speech and Language</u> : How can I use stories to support my child's language?

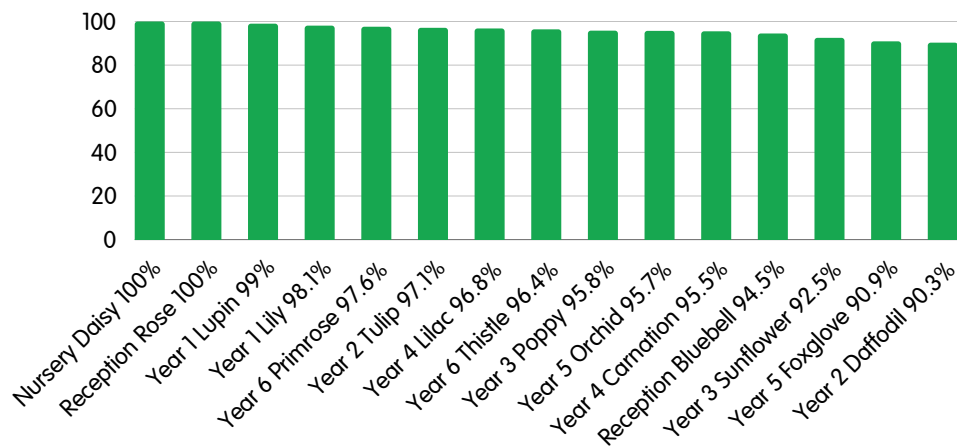
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.7%

Well done to Nursery Daisy and Reception Rose class, last week's winners with 100% attendance.

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.



Key Dates

SPRING TERM 1 (2024)

INSET Day

Monday 8th January 2024
School closed to pupils

Children's Start Date

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Work & Enterprise Week

Week beginning Monday 29th January 2024

Children's Mental Health Week

Week beginning Monday 5th February 2024

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February 2024

Last Day of Term

Friday 9th February 2024
School finishes at 3:30pm

Half Term Holiday

Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Children's Return to School

Monday 19th February 2024 at 8:55am

Hoxton Garden With the Highest Reading, Writing and Maths Scores in Hackney!

New data has revealed the Hackney primary schools with the highest reading, writing and maths scores for 2022-23. In Hackney, Hoxton Garden Primary School lead the way with 92% of eligible students achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in key stage two in the 2022-23 school year. A fantastic achievement! Read more at <https://www.londonworld.com/your-london/hackney/revealed-the-primary-schools-in-hackney-with-the-best-reading-writing-and-maths-attainment-4481485>



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