



Hoxton Garden

Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather has been variable lately but we are keen that children get fresh air and to play outside every day, so please make sure that they bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school on days that are colder. These should be clearly marked with your child's name in case they get lost. Please remember that we expect children to wear black shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons, as well as to make sure that they are comfortable when in class. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but we still expect all children to have a white t shirt and plain green or black shorts, or black jogging bottoms for PE lessons.

At the very beginning of each school day, children get straight to learning tasks whilst the teacher calls the register. These often involve rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. It is very important that children are on time for these sessions by being in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am. Please help children to be ready and arrive in good time for the start of the day. Setting a morning routine, preparing the night before and being consistent in expectations support children in the important skills of responsibility and time keeping necessary throughout life.

We aim to change home reading books at least once a week (more often for younger children), and returning home readers to school will help us to do this. We make sure that children have a wide selection of books to choose from but the breadth of books reduces when these are left at home. Please could you check for any school home reading books that may have slipped behind the sofa or under the bed, pop them in your child's book bag or give them directly to any member of staff during morning drop off.

Children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables by the end of Year 4 and they benefit hugely from any help that you can give from home. We have given all children in Years 3 to 6 a password to access an online programme to help them learn their times tables called Times Table Rock Stars. Please encourage them to use this, as well as practise with you when you see the opportunity.

Thank you for all of your support.

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School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please. School uniform items can be purchased from Mapac. To order, please scan the QR code on the next page or visit our school website for the link.



Lost Property & School Uniform

If you have misplaced a jumper, lunchbox or other item, please call into the school office who will show you to the lost property cupboard.



EYFS Entrepreneurs

For Work and Enterprise week, the children in EYFS have been making scented playdough and posters detailing the cost of each item. They have also put their art skills to the test by making stickers to place onto the playdough pots, hoping to attract buyers at the Work and Enterprise Fayre.



Plant Bulbs

Year 2 have been learning about plants in science. This week, the children learnt about how plant bulbs work. In this exercise, they got to see what the inside of a daffodil bulb looks like and tried to identify the different parts. They then linked this lesson to art by doing observational drawings of the plants.



Testing Friction

The children in Year 3 have been eagerly exploring the science of friction. Through testing a range of material, they have been able to determine the impact of different surfaces on the speed of a racer car. Working in teams, they discovered the optimal material required to make their toy race car track effective.





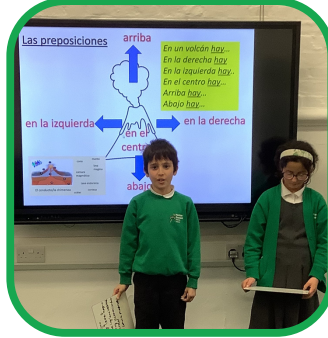
Reading Champions

Our Reading Champions had their first meeting of the new year at Hackney Town Hall. They shared ideas and made book recommendations with schools from across the borough. The children agreed that helping their peers to enjoy reading was their main goal this year, and they also had the privilege of meeting children's book illustrator, Sav Akyüz.



Spanish Language Learning

Year 5 have just started a new project with our partner school in Tenerife. The theme of the project is learning about the geography of Tenerife, with a specific focus on the island's volcanoes. Pupils have been drawing on prior learning of the parts of a volcano so that they can confidently begin to present their ideas on the features of the island in Spanish.



Key Dates

SPRING TERM 1 (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

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 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?

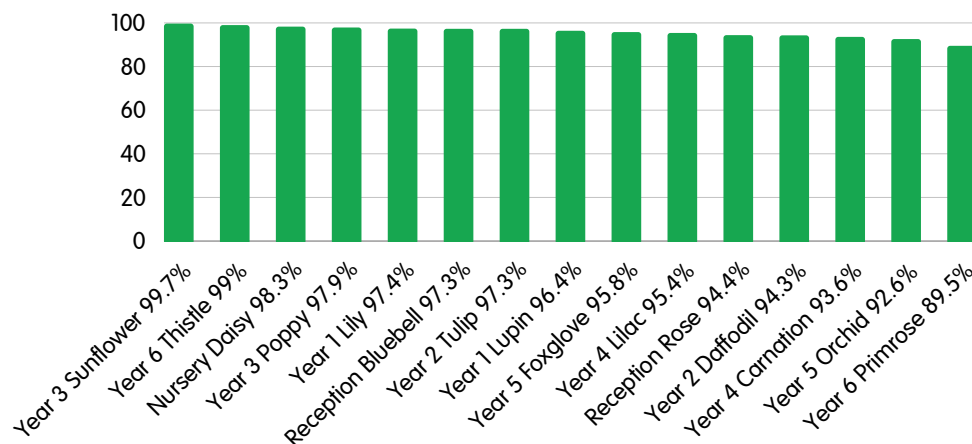
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.9%

Well done to Year 3 Sunflower class, last week's winners with 99.7% 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.



Term End and Start

The first half of spring term ends at 3:30pm on Friday 9th February 2024, and the second half of the term starts at 8:55am on Monday 19th February 2024. Please ensure your child returns to school on time and in full uniform ready to learn.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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