



# Hoxton Garden

## Primary School

### HIGHLIGHTS

8th March 2024

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating the wonderful world of books. A range of different activities have taken place as part of our World Book Day including a book swap and peer reading where our older children read alongside our children. Children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and assemblies were held to celebrate the many familiar book characters and to make links between books and authors. A big thank you to staff and parents for making this a special day for children. Learning to read and enjoy books is an essential part of being a great learner and we make it our mission to make sure that every child is a confident and fluent reader by the time they leave us to start secondary school. Please help us with this by making sure that children read the books that they borrow from school every day and fill in details of what they have read in their home school diaries. There are some top tips and questions in the diaries to help parents when hearing or reading with children at home!

We invest in annual subscriptions for Mathletics and Times Table Rock Stars online learning programmes so that children in Years 1 to 6 can access them at home as well as at school for free. All children have their own password to log on to the site (usually in their home school diaries). These programmes offer fun and interactive ways to learn key reading and maths skills such as phonics, times tables and number bonds so please encourage your children to access these!

A sense of belonging for our school community is something we are very proud of. As part of this, we have a school uniform as a symbol of pride and togetherness. We hope that having a uniform also makes it easier for parents in the morning when getting ready for school. To be fair to everyone we insist that all pupils wear our uniform every day and we have tried to keep the costs as low as possible to make sure that it is not a financial burden to families. Please remember that we expect all children to wear black school shoes, not boots or sandals and we do not allow jewellery to be worn for safety reasons. Children also need a designated PE kit which should be brought in on PE days.

On Thursday 21st March 2024 we are holding our Spring Term Parents Evening, when you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, look at work books and discuss the termly report. You should have received a separate letter inviting you to this, however if you have missed this please contact our admin team who will book an appointment time for you.

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

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#### Reminders

##### School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please.



##### Road Safety

Road safety is an issue that affects everyone, we all need to use the roads whether we are adults or children. Most of us use the roads every day as pedestrians, cyclists, drivers or passengers on public transport. It is absolutely vital that we all have the knowledge we need to safely travel on the road, especially when travelling with young children. Please revisit key messages around safe road crossing every time you are travelling with children.

#### Grow Your Own Garden

EYFS loved becoming gardeners during their 'Grow Our Own Garden' workshop. They planted cress seedlings and watched it grow over two weeks. They are very excited to taste their sweet herb.



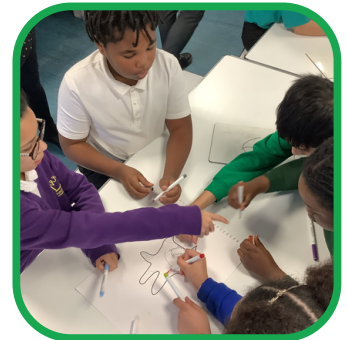
#### Balloon Globes

Year 2 have had a busy start to the half term. In Geography we were learning about continents and made our own balloon globes. For art we were practising big bold brush strokes just like Van Gogh. Then in maths we were using numicon to help us add two digit numbers.



#### Spanish Workshop

Year 6 pupils took part in a Spanish translation workshop run by Queen's College Translation Exchange from Oxford University. Their mission is to inspire lifelong engagement in languages and international culture, and to encourage young language-learners to continue with their studies through their schooling and beyond.





## Debate Mate

The Debating Teams took part in the Urban Debate League Round 2. They prepared two debates. The teachers were very impressed with the children's ability to think on their feet, speak with confidence, and respond to feedback. Each team won their debate and were celebrating on the journey home.



## Reading Champions

Our Reading Champions had their second meeting with schools across the borough this week. They met virtually to make a video of book recommendations to share on the Hackney website, for schools to use on World Book Day. In addition, the children discussed the preparations for school visits by the writer and illustrator Sav Akyüz!



## Key Dates

**Year 4 Lilac Class Assembly - Middle Hall**  
Wednesday 13th March at 9:15am

**Year 4 Carnation Class Assembly - Top Hall**  
Wednesday 13th March at 9:15am

**Year 5 Foxglove Class Assembly - Middle Hall**  
Wednesday 20th March at 9:15am

**Year 5 Orchid Class Assembly- Top Hall**  
Wednesday 20th March at 9:15am

**Year 1 and Year 2 DT Day**  
Tuesday 26th March - Parent helpers welcome from 1:30pm

**Year 2 Daffodil Class Assembly - Middle Hall**  
Wednesday 27th March at 9:15am

**Year 2 Tulip Class Assembly - Top Hall**  
Wednesday 27th March at 9:15am

**Key Stage 2 DT Day**  
Wednesday 27th March - Parent helpers welcome from 1:30pm

**Early Years DT Morning**  
Wednesday 27th March - Parent helpers welcome from 9am

## 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 15th March 2024	<u>Easter Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 22nd March	<u>Reading Celebration Event</u>

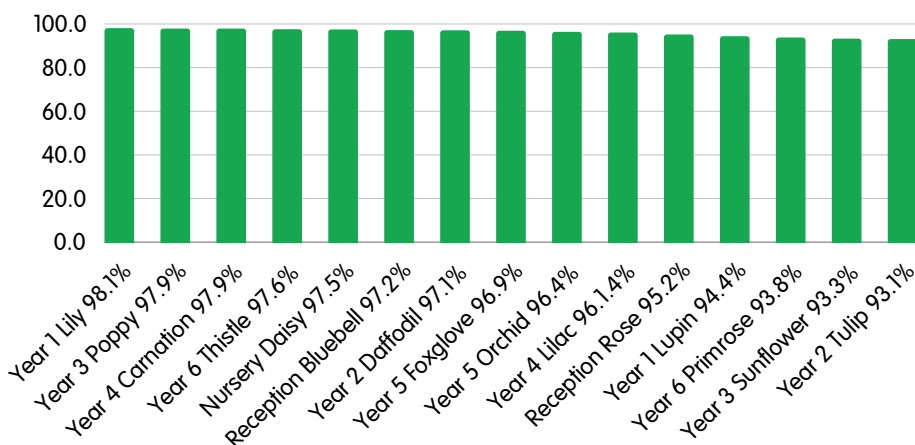
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96%

Well done to Year 1 Lily class, last week's winners with 98.1% 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 second half of the spring term ends at 2.00pm on Thursday 28th March 2024, and the Summer Term starts at 8:55am on Monday 15th April 2024. All holidays must be booked out of school term time to avoid penalty fines.



## School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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