

# Hoxton Garden Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

19th April 2024

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a safe and happy Easter Break. The Summer Term is very busy again this year with celebration assemblies, Year 6 leavers assemblies, secondary school transition days, instrumental concerts, Families Week and Keeping Healthy Week. We look forward to sharing the news with you through this newsletter. We also update our website regularly with news and dates as well as post to our social media channels.

This week classes across the school have celebrated the holiday homework projects which have been completed in preparation for new learning this half term. As part of our teaching pedagogy we regularly revisit prior learning in order to help children make connections and to know more and remember more over time, this includes reviewing the research children have done outside of school as well as revisiting learning covered in previous school years. Thank you for the time and support given to your child in undertaking the homework set!

Pupil voice is a key feature of our school and, as you have seen from previous newsletters, we think it is very important that children are given a platform to know how to raise their issues and to have a say in how key aspects of our curriculum and enrichment plans are developed. Our pupil teams continue to meet across our three school sites (and three Hackney post codes) including our School Councillors, Peer Mediators and Eco Team, working together on shared agendas. Our recent cross site timestable event was supported by our school councils who were keen to raise the profile of competition and our Eco Teams have been discussing and comparing evidence to support our Green Flag reaccreditation through key work on litter, water and healthy living.

As a school, we are very committed to ensuring that children are in school and receiving their full entitlement to education. We are also very committed to working with families to remove any potential barriers to children being in school. We want to say a big thank you to each family who are supporting our drive of taking attendance to 97% and above and supporting in decreasing our persistent absence figure by ensuring children attend school every day on time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

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### Reminders

#### School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please.



#### 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.



### Mosque Visit

Reception enjoyed their visit to the local mosque where they learned all about what Muslims do inside their place of worship. They then created geometric artwork inspired by the architecture and interiors of the mosque.



### Moth Conservation

As part of their research on moths for their literacy report, Year 2 had the opportunity to work with the Big City Butterfly and Moth Conservation team. They planted moth friendly flowers and plants in the school garden to help attract more moths and butterflies to our playground.



### Investigating Shadows

Year 6 have been building on prior knowledge to investigate the factors affecting the size and length of a shadow. In their evaluations, they were able to identify the limitations of the investigation and think about what they would do if they were to carry out the investigation again.





## Times Tables Competition

Children from across the Federation attended the grand final of the Viridis Times Tables Competition held at Southwold School. Hoxton Garden were the Federation winners who took home trophies for gold, silver and bronze. Congratulations to all of our finalists!



## Cycling In The City

Hoxton Garden's cycling team participated in a ride out to The City. With guidance from our experienced cycling coaches, they navigated through back streets and cycling lanes to explore London.



## Key Dates

### SUMMER TERM 1 (2024)

**Grandparent Afternoon Tea (1)**  
Wednesday 1st May

**Bring A Significant Female To School Day**  
Wednesday 1st May

**Year 1 Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 1st May at 9:15am

**Grandparent Afternoon Tea (2)**  
Friday 3rd May

**Year 3 Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 8th May at 9:15am

**Year 6 Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 22nd May at 9:15am

**Science & Technology Day/Science Fayre**  
Thursday 23rd May

## 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 April	<u>PSHCE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families Week)
Friday 3rd May	<u>Humanities</u> : How can I encourage my child to ask questions about the world around them?
Friday 10th May	<u>Art</u> : What skills does my child learn in Art throughout primary school?
Friday 17th May	<u>MFL</u> : How can I use recall strategies to support language learning? (KS1)
Friday 24th May	<u>Eco-team</u> : How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Tuesday 7th May	<u>SALT</u> : Using technology to support language development

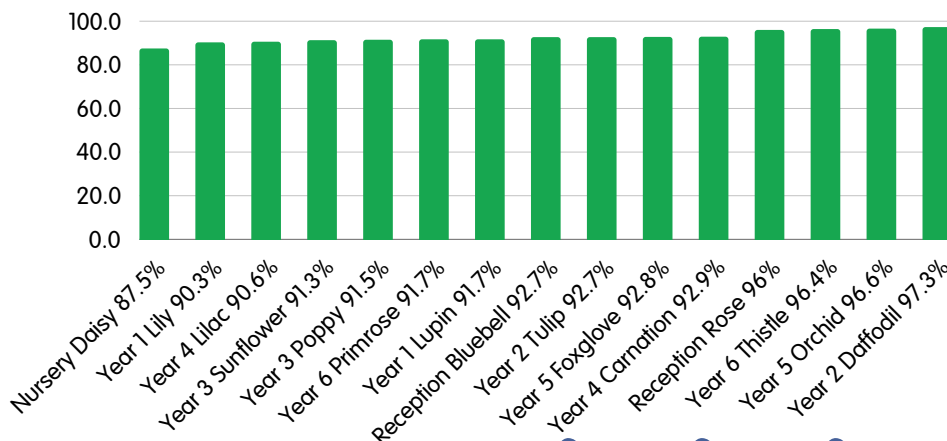
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.9%

Well done to Year 2 Daffodil class, last week's winners with 97.3% 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 the summer term ends on Friday 24th May 2024, and Summer 2 starts at 8:55am on Monday 3rd June 2024. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.




## School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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