

Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is also most definitely gardening season again and children have been busy planting and sowing in our fantastic school garden. We look forward to our traditional home grown vegetable and salad sale later in the term. As well as eating healthily, it is also very important that children are well rested for school each day and ready for a day of learning. Make sure that they go to bed early enough to have a good night's sleep and that they don't have the temptation of televisions, tablets, phones or games consoles to keep them awake at night. Seemingly innocuous games can present risks if not monitored and children can be put at risk through contact made as a result of online gaming. We teach children the risks of being online but it is important that you monitor your children's use of the internet and how they are connecting with the outside world to make sure that they are safe. Netware is a parents' guide to the social networks children and young people use. Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world by visiting www.net-aware.org.uk/ and keep a close eye on your child's online activities.

Making sure our school sites are safe and secure is a constant priority for us. The end of the school day is a very busy time when the school gates are necessarily open. Although we have members of the senior team stationed at exits, please could all parents ensure that they collect their children from the line in the playground and not before, letting the adults know that they have been collected. We have also recently reviewed our emergency management policy, so that we are prepared in case of a major incident outside of the school which means that we have to keep exits closed. In this exceptional situation we would send all parents a text to inform them that the school has entered a 'lock down' and no one will be permitted to enter or leave the building. In the highly unusual situation, please be assured that the intention is to ensure that everyone remains safe.

All children will have been set homework tasks and projects for half term. Please support them with this by making sure that tasks are completed and children have the opportunity to read and talk about their learning at home. Knowing times tables is particularly helpful, along with telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks, counting money and of course sharing a book.

We hope that you have a very happy half term break and we look forward to seeing children safely back on Monday 3rd June at 8:55am.

Thank you for your support.

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

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Reminders

PE Kits

Check the year group newsletter for PE days and ensure children have their PE kit with them.



Bikes

Please make sure bikes left at school have a lock.



Capacity

Following on from their Maths topic of capacity, children in EYFS used different containers to carry out different investigations. They looked at which containers held more water and were then able to use mathematical language of full, empty, half full.



Counting Steps

In Maths, Year 1 are learning about position. They explored the concept of 'forwards' and 'backwards' by using a twister matt. The children really enjoyed this and were all able to go listen to the instructions such as 'move backwards by 3 steps'.



Making Terrariums

This week, Year 4 took part in a gardening workshop. They used their green fingers to create beautiful terrariums which were first invented by the Victorians in 1842. They enjoyed learning more about Victorian advancements as well as the science behind the micro ecosystems that are created inside the sealed jars.





Reading Champions

Reading Champions have been busy going through entries for the Carnegie Illustrator Book Awards. They have been taking recommendations from their peers who have been lucky enough to borrow the books. Voting closes in June, if you would like to see the entries please have a look online!



Language Captains

Hoxton Garden Language Captains have been practising how to do the register and write the date in Spanish this week. This is part of their efforts to help embed Spanish across the curriculum at school!



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM 1 (2024)

Science & Technology Day / Science Fayre
Wednesday 22nd May

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.



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 24th May	Friends of Hoxton Garden
Date	EYFS Workshop
Monday 20th May	SALT : Using technology to support language development

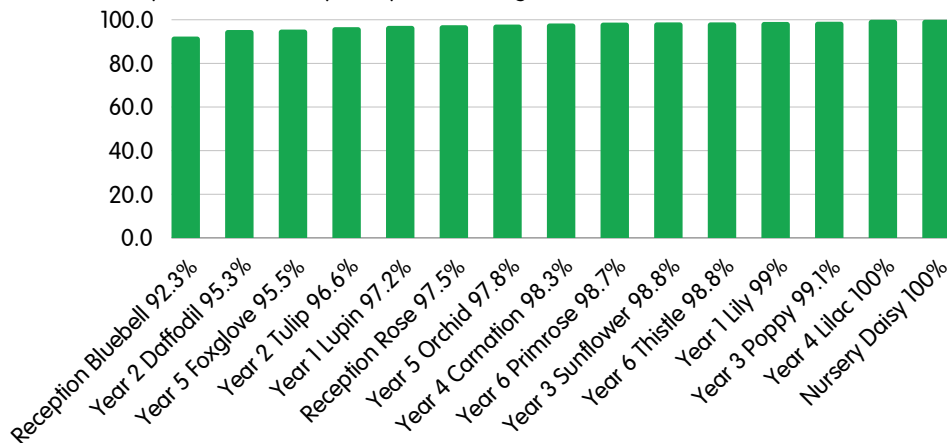
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 97.5%

Well done to [Nursery Daisy Class](#) and [Year 4 Lilac 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.



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