



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

15th November 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have received the curriculum newsletter for the second half of the Autumn Term. These detail the learning for the year group including PE days. Physical Education (PE) is a statutory part of the curriculum and essential for both physical and mental well-being. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit each week to enable them to access the learning comfortably and safely.

Today children came to school wearing odd socks in to mark the end of the Anti Bullying Alliance national focus week. Children learn regularly through the curriculum and assembly delivery about the different types of bullying, how to know the difference between bullying and unkindness, the role of bystanders and how to report any concerns they have to an adult. As a school we have a range of preventative systems in place to ensure happy playtimes and that children build the necessary social skills for positive interactions. This includes zoned playgrounds, peer mediators, lunchtime clubs and regular training for staff so they are equipped to resolve any identified incidents of unkindness in order to ensure this does not become a repeated behaviour.

A letter inviting you to parents evening on Thursday 12th December, along with details of the online booking system, will be sent home to you next week. We are keen to make sure that all parents meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress as well as take up the opportunity to look through their workbooks and celebrate their hard work, so if you haven't seen the letter, or are finding it difficult to make an appointment please call the school office so that we can help.

Reception school places are allocated in a cross London scheme which is organised by our local authority, Hackney Education, not the school. This admissions process is for children aged 3 and 4 (born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021) who will start Reception class at primary school in September 2025. All parents should apply by the 15th January 2025, even if your child is already in the Nursery Class. More information can be found on the Hackney website: <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/primary-before-you-apply?guidebook=188> As we move towards the month of December, we have a range of seasonal events and concerts lined up. We have listed some of these on the back of this newsletter but please also look out for posters on gates and information on our website and social media. We will of course be teaching a full timetable until the holidays and children are expected to attend school every day until then.

We are delighted to share with you that our websites have been upgraded to support an even better user experience on a PC, tablet and mobile phone. The websites are due to go live early next week so do have a look!

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Rachael Carr - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher

Reminders

School Shoes

Smart, black shoes for school please.



Punctuality

Be on time... school starts at five to nine.



Speedy Counting

This week in EYFS, children have been practising their subitising (counting with our eyes) skill. They have been rolling dice and identifying the different numbers followed by writing it down to remember. They have also been using this knowledge to count everyday objects. They are super speedy counters!



Addition and Subtraction

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been developing their understanding of addition and subtraction. This week they learned to use deines. This helped them to add and subtract groups of ten from a two digit number.



Gardening

This week, Year 5 had their second gardening workshop. They used the flax that they had retted last time, they then put it through the scutching process, followed by the heckling process and finally the spinning stage to make their thread! It has been so satisfying for them to see their thread come together!





Viridis Spelling Bee

This week, children from across the federation met at Orchard for the Viridis Spelling Bee! They impressed with their spelling skills, tackling challenging vocabulary. Hoxton Garden won the LKS2 round but Orchard took the overall trophy after the final face-off! Congratulations to all who took part.



Design & Technology Day

This week, Hoxton Garden children enjoyed celebrating Design & Technology Day. From seasonal items such as igloos and castles to dips and phone cases, children enjoyed getting creative. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came in to support pupils with their projects!



Key Dates

Orchid Class Assembly

Wednesday 20th November at 9:15am - Middle Hall

Foxglove Class Assembly

Wednesday 20th November at 9:15am - Top Hall

Carnation Class Assembly

Wednesday 27th November at 9:15am - Middle Hall

Lilac Class Assembly

Wednesday 27th November at 9:15am - Top Hall

Year 6 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'

Thursday 5th December at 2:45pm

Year 5 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'

Friday 6th December at 2:45pm

Winter Fayre

Friday 6th December at 3:30pm

EYFS Production 1

Monday 9th December at 9:30am

Year 4 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'

Monday 9th December at 2:45pm

Year 3 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'

Tuesday 10th December at 2:45pm

EYFS Production 2

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm

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.

Date	Focus
Friday 22nd November	<u>Spelling and Vocabulary</u> : How do I help my child to learn their spellings ready for their weekly spelling test?
Friday 29th November	<u>Wellbeing</u> : What tools and strategies can I teach my child to support their mental health?
Friday 6th December	<u>Eco</u> : How do we teach children about sustainability?
Friday 13th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 20th December	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2</u>
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 21st November	<u>Maths</u> : How can I develop my child's mathematical understanding at home?

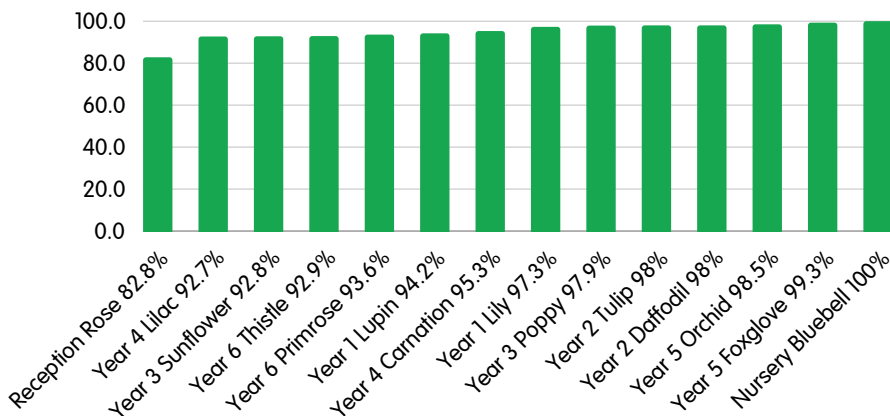
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 94.7%

Well done to Nursery Bluebell Class, last week's winners with 100%

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 autumn term ends on Friday 20th December 2024 at 2:00pm.

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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