



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

25th October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this half term. World Week celebrations were again a great success and included a fantastic turn out of families at our international food evening. Thank you for joining us to celebrate the rich diversity in our community.

As the weather changes across the next few weeks, children will be bringing more items to school including hats and gloves as well as coats and jumpers. Please make sure that your children's things, even distinctive items, are named to give us the best chance of your children being reunited with any lost property.

The dark evenings make it even more important that children keep safe, particularly when crossing roads. There is a new online support for parents looking for more information about keeping children safe including a collection of articles, tips, expert advice and resources designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing on-line. Take a look at <https://www.rospa.com/policy/road-safety/active-travel-hub/parents-and-carers>.

Our Year 6 parents will now be thinking about secondary school options. The deadline for secondary school applications is the 31st October. We have members of staff on hand to help so if you need support, please call the school office.

During the first few weeks of the school year we have continued to ensure a focus on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding as well as knowledge of key maths skills such as essential confidence in times tables recall. Please support us by making sure that children practise these at home by using Mathletics and Timestable Rockstars. You will also have received the half term holiday project information to support children in getting ready for the new half term of learning and we look forward to seeing the creative outcomes worked on at home when children return on Monday 4th November 2024 at 8.55am.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Reminders

PE Kit

Please ensure children have the correct PE kit to take part in physical activity learning.



Book Bags

Children should bring their book bags to school each day – please make sure these are of a reasonable size. School book bags can be purchased through our uniform provider.



Doctors

In EYFS, the children explored the role of doctors as part of their 'understanding the world' topic. To expand their knowledge, they visited a local pharmacy, where the children learned about the importance of medication safety. They also compared different types of medications and discussed how they are used to help people feel better.



Senses

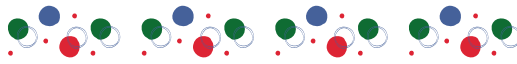
This week, Year 1 have been learning all about their senses in Science. The children had fun exploring their sense of smell and touch through various activities, such as feeling hard, soft, cold and fluffy textures. They particularly enjoyed sampling difference sweet and salty flavours!



Amazing Me

This week, Year 5 enjoyed a workshop called 'Amazing Me' where they learned about self esteem and how to be an upstander if we see people being unkind to others based on how they look. They learned about the importance of appreciating everyone for their differences!





International Evening

Hoxton Garden celebrated International Day this week. Children came to school dressed in their cultural dress. During International Evening, parents, carers, families, teachers and children came together to celebrate our cultural diversity. We ate traditional food, listened to the live band, and showcased our projects and class stories.



Democracy Day

Democracy Day was an exciting day for all at Hoxton Garden. Year 6 candidates delivered speeches, persuading the school to give them their vote. Then, each class elected their own class councillor. Finally, the ballot box was put out for the children to cast their vote and select their Head Boy and Girl. Stay tuned to find out who the new leaders are!



Key Dates

Individual School Photographs

Tuesday 12th November

KS2 D&T Day

Wednesday 13th November at 1:30pm

Lupin Class Assembly

Wednesday 13th November at 9:15am - Middle Hall

Lily Class Assembly

Wednesday 13th November at 9:15am - Top Hall

EYFS & KS1 D&T Day

Thursday 14th November at 1:30pm

Anti-Bullying Day

Friday 15th November

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

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 |
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| Friday 8th November | <u>Phonics</u> : What are the different phases of phonics and how can I support my child at home? |
| Friday 15th November | <u>Behaviour and Culture</u> : How does the school promote a culture of kindness? |
| 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? |
| Date | EYFS Workshop |
| Thursday 21st November | <u>Maths</u> : How can I develop my child's mathematical understanding at home? |

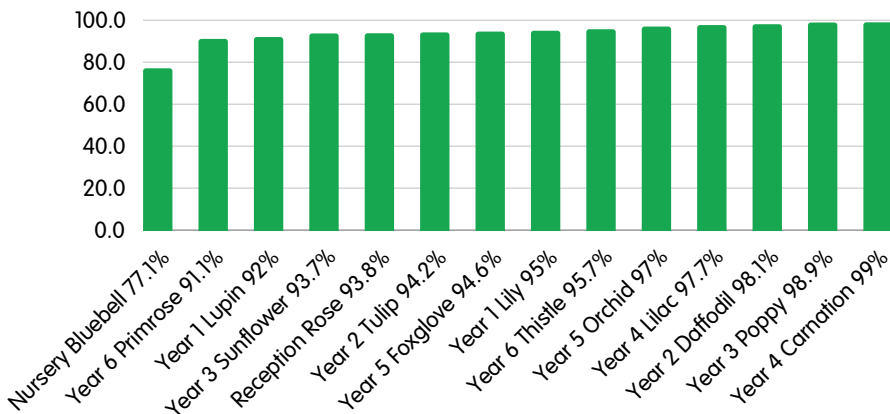
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95%

Well done to Year 4 Carnation Class, last week's winners with 99%

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

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