



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

29th November 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you will now have booked your parent consultation appointment in order to discuss your child's first term of the new academic year. You will have received a letter home with instructions explaining how to book online or alternatively, please call the school office who will be able to support you. Learning at home continues to be of high importance and ways in which you can ensure your child is maximising their learning opportunities in school include making sure there is time for reading every day, practising times tables (counting in steps for younger children) and the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6 are learned.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. As the weather gets colder please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are uncomfortable when sitting on the carpet and can compromise safety when playing on equipment outside. Please also ensure children are bringing a book bag to school rather than a large rucksack as space in classrooms for storage is limited. Book bags can be purchased through our uniform supplier: <https://www.mapac.com/>.

As part of our wider offer, all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 access cycling lessons. Many people in Hackney cycle, and the borough has the highest number of people cycling to work in London and the second highest number in England (after Cambridge) by total numbers. Cycling is a healthy, low cost and environmentally friendly way to travel and we believe learning to cycle at primary school will support our next generation of safe cyclists. Each school has a bike bus taking place each week led by our cycling team. If you are interested in joining this, look out for posters on the gates or speak with the school office for more information.

Children have accessed a range of trips and workshops across this term to enhance their learning experiences. If you have not already done so, please follow us on Twitter and Facebook to see weekly updates of all the exciting things going on in our school!

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Reminders

PE Kits

Please make sure children have the correct PE kit to comfortably take part in lessons.



Reading

Reading for 15 minutes each day supports fluency, comprehension and vocabulary development. Making this part of a daily routine at home also ensures children develop a love of reading!



Handa's Surprise

This week, EYFS have been reading Handa's surprise. They discussed why places are important to the people around them and why they might visit certain places. They visited Hoxton Garden fruit market during the week and they explored the textures and smells of the different fruits.



City Farm

This week, Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Spitalfields City Farm! The children loved learning about the different farm animals on site and thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to feed and stroke a variety of furry and feathered friends.



Carnival

This week, Year 5 attended the Making Carnival session at the Hackney Museum. This interactive workshop celebrated the rich and diverse Caribbean culture that exists in Hackney. They learned all about the most vibrant elements, music and dance and enjoyed making carnival inspired art!





Reading Champions

Hoxton Garden reading champions held assemblies to introduce themselves to KS1 and KS2. They shared what their role is as a Hackney reading champion and a little about the challenges they hope to fulfil this year. They are looking forward to encouraging their peers to take pleasure from reading this year.



Apollo Music

This week, Year 4 had their 4th Apollo Music workshop visit. The children were very impressed by the brass instruments and learned many facts about how they were made and played. They are excited about the upcoming Apollo Chamber Orchestra trip!



Key Dates

Year 6 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Thursday 5th December at 2:45pm

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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 and KS1 in-school Pantomime
Tuesday 10th December

EYFS Production 2
Wednesday 11th December at 2pm

Parents Evening
Thursday 12th December

Year 2 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Friday 13th December at 2:45pm - Middle Hall

Year 1 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Monday 16th December at 2:45pm - Middle Hall

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 6th December	<u>Eco</u> : How do we teach children about sustainability? (Children can attend)
Friday 13th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (Children can attend)
Friday 20th December	<u>Parent Reading Celebration for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2</u>

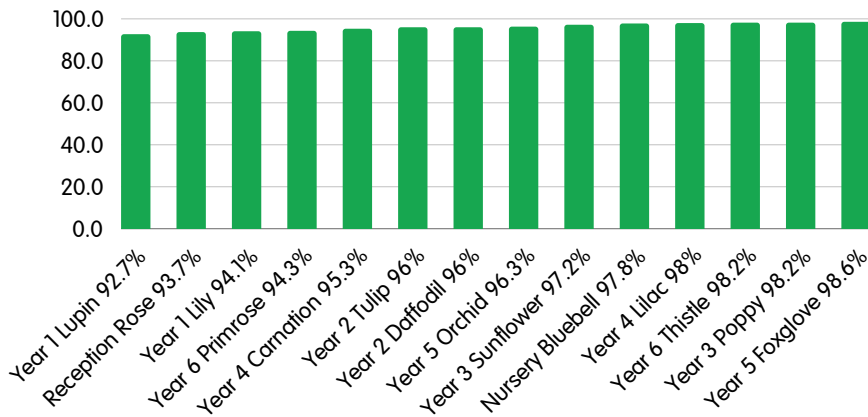
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.1%

Well done to Year 5 Foxglove Class, last week's winners with 98.6%

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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