



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year! All children have now started their new topics. You will have received a year group leaflet explaining the topics we are covering over the first half of the Spring Term and any help that you can give from home is always very welcome. Thank you to those parents who helped with creative projects over the holidays which have helped to make fantastic classroom displays.

From Monday 27th until Friday 31st January, we will be undertaking 'Work and Enterprise Week' where children will be finding out all sorts of things about the world of work. Some year groups will be finding out what it is like to work in the community as a doctor or a fire fighter, while others will be thinking about how people can realise their ambitions. Following pupil feedback from last year, we have included some new sectors including digital and creative roles. All classes will go on a visit to a place of work or have a visitor from someone who works in the community. If you would like to speak to the children about your own job, please do speak with your child's class teacher.

Work and Enterprise Week forms part of our personal, social and health curriculum, which encompasses life skills and ways to be safe, healthy and happy. If you are interested in knowing more about our curriculum themes, there is more information, including a full topic map of the year on our new website. Following parent feedback, we have updated the website to make it easier to use and find the information that you need.

The world around us has changed very quickly and whilst new technologies offer so many opportunities and exciting new knowledge and ways of communicating than ever before they also hold risks, particularly to children. We work hard to ensure that children understand how to stay safe while using the internet; whether through a computer, telephone or game, and the risks of sending images or being in contact with people they do not know online. You can also help to protect children from putting themselves at risk by monitoring their use of online technologies and restricting access to social media. A gentle reminder that the recommended age for using Whatsapp is 16+. There are many places to seek further advice and information on the ever-changing world of online technologies and the risks to young people. A particularly useful source of information, which contains information as well as activities for parents and children of all ages is www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Last of all, a reminder about 'School Streets' which is the council's pioneering programme to transform roads outside schools so that pedestrians and cyclists are prioritised at the start and end of the school day. The scheme tackles congestion and improves air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school. Roving enforcement cameras are regularly parked outside the school and infractions can carry a penalty charge. We encourage all families to walk, scoot or bike to school. There are designated scooter and bike racks in our playgrounds but please ensure you use an appropriate lock to secure anything left on the school site during the day.

Thank you for all of your support.

Ms Rachael Carr - Headteacher | Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher

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Reminders

Punctuality

Please make sure children arrive in good time to line up in the playground with their class. School starts at 8.55am and every minute counts.



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.



Role Play

This term, children in EYFS have settled in wonderfully and are engaging enthusiastically in their activities. Their role-play area has been transformed into a birthday celebration space, where children enjoy celebrating each other's birthdays with cakes and party food!



Fact Files

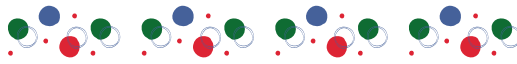
Year 2 have started the term by looking at fact files. To start off, they concentrated on learning about sub headings and how they help to organise information in a clear and structured way. They practised by selecting paragraphs and matching them to sub headings, they then wrote their own pieces of text!



Gardening

Year 6 have been enjoying gardening workshops this week. They started with a Science lesson in class where they identified the parts of a flower by dissecting it. Then, they were able to apply what they had learned in class to a practical task in the school garden.





Books

Last term, children at Hoxton Garden were given a book from our librarians! Children picked their favourite books from a wide selection of history books to football and adventurous novels! This week, we were excited to hear all the reviews and discussions that followed. The children shared their thoughts, recounting adventure, facts and more!



Bike Bus

Parents and children have been enjoying a brisk bike ride to school with Hoxton Garden's bike bus. This has been running every Monday at 8:25am sharp, gathering families at various points along the route. Please come along and join us, for more information please contact the school office.



Key Dates

Year 6 Primrose Class Assembly

Wednesday 22nd January - 9:15am - Middle Hall

Year 6 Thistle Class Assembly

Wednesday 22nd January - 9:15am - Top Hall

Work & Enterprise Week

w/b Monday 27th January

Children's Mental Health Week

w/b Monday 3rd February

Year 3 Poppy Class Assembly

Wednesday 5th February - 9:15am - Middle Hall

Year 3 Sunflower Class Assembly

Wednesday 5th February - 9:15am - Top Hall

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February

Year 2 Daffodil Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th February - 9:15am - Middle Hall

Year 2 Tulip Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th February - 9:15am - Top Hall

Children break up for half term

Friday 14th February at 3:30pm

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 31st January	<u>Children's Mental Health Week</u> : How can I support my child's wellbeing through developing positive connections? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 14th February	<u>Online Safety</u> : How can I support my child to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively?

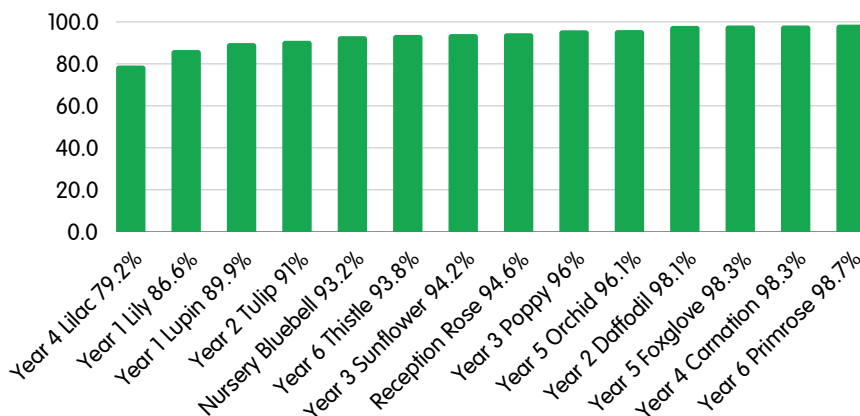
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.4%

Well done to Year 6 Primrose Class, last week's winners with 98.7%

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 spring term ends on Friday 14th February 2025 at 3:30pm.

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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