

Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

31st January 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been our Work and Enterprise week. We have been encouraging children to explore the world of work and to think about and develop their own aspirations for their future careers. Different year groups have experienced either a visit to a work place or a visitor to the school to speak about the job that they do. All year groups have taken part in the Enterprise Fayre, designing and making a product to sell. A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. Enterprise education helps children to develop specific skills in negotiating, influencing, innovating, and problem solving. Although we do not have room to show photographs of all of the events here, please do look at our website, Twitter and Facebook page to see what the children have been up to!

At the very beginning of each school day, children get straight to tasks whilst the teacher completes the register. These tasks often involve rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. When children arrive to the classroom late, they miss out on their own learning time and this is disruptive for other children in the class. Please help us by making sure that children are on time and in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am so that they can come into school with their class. The school gates close at 9:00am and pupils may be classed as late if they arrive after this time.

You will have noticed that the weather has been colder recently, although we did manage to avoid the worst of Storm Eowyn. We are keen that children get fresh air by playing outside every day, so please make sure that children bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. Remember we expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons, as well as to make sure they are comfortable when in class. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but we still expect all children to have a white t-shirt and plain black shorts or jogging bottoms as their PE kit.

Many thanks for all of your support.

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

Reminders

School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please.



PE Kits

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



Forming Numbers

This week in EYFS, they have been focusing on developing number formation. To make the learning process engaging, the children did a fun activity using chalk, water and paint brushes. The children took turns in rolling the dice and then practising the numbers they saw by forming them in the ground.



Musician Workshop

Year 2 were visited by the singer/songwriter Mychelle as part of their Work Week exploration of careers in the arts. They prepared carefully and asked her interesting questions to find out more about her life and inspiration. At the end, she treated them to a live performance!



Garage Band

This term in their Music lessons, children in Year 6 have been using Garage Band to compose electronic and hip hop style music. Garage Band is an app that producers use to create backing tracks and songs. They have also enjoyed using the audio recorder to record their own voices!





Art Ambassadors

This week, the Art Ambassadors met and used their artistic skills to make a fun and eye catching recreation of the Bike Bus route map! They are hoping that these new designs will help attract more children, parents and carers to join the weekly Bike Bus that takes place every Monday!



Reading Champions

Reading Champions across the borough met at Hackney Town Hall for their second meeting. The champions discussed the next challenge of increasing book knowledge in schools. They also received some books to help them spread the joy of reading with their peers. The next meeting in February will be preparing for World Book Day 2025!



Key Dates

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 14th February	<u>Online Safety</u> : How can I support my child to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively?

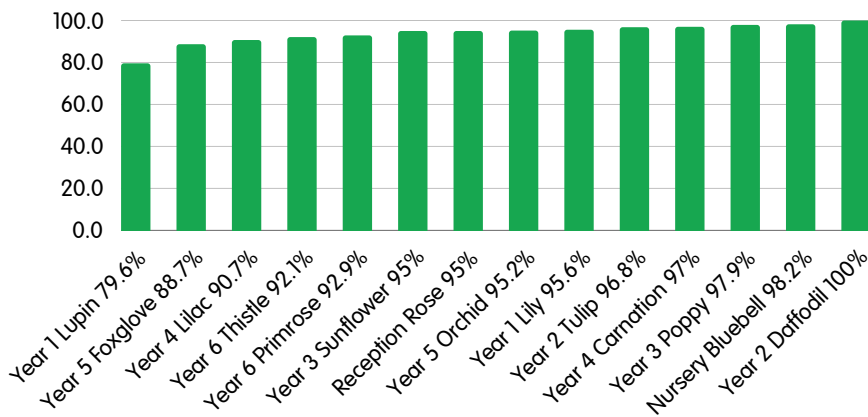
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.7%

Well done to Year 2 Daffodil 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 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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