

The Shoreditch Park Scoop

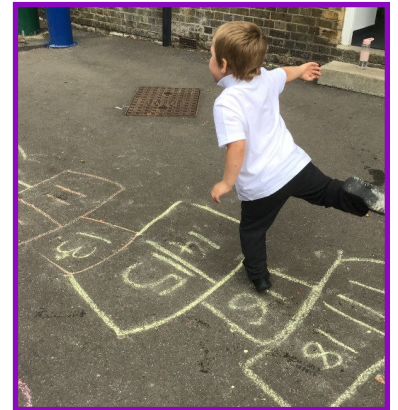
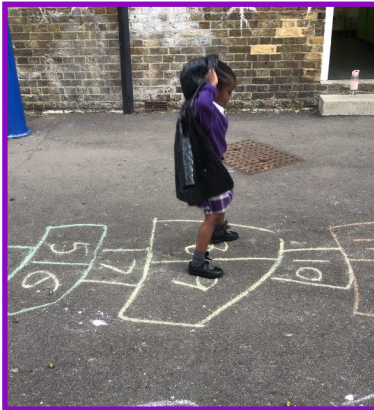
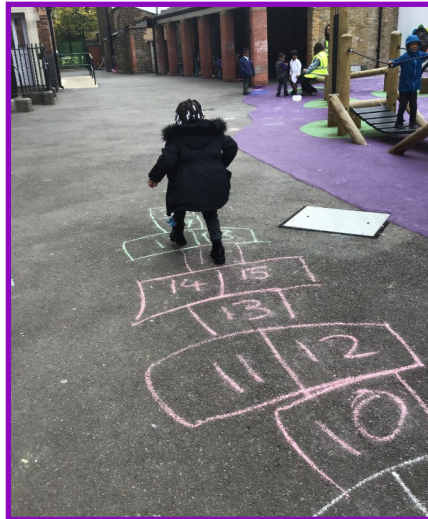


Year 6 NPG trip- Milligan



Milligan class had a great time visiting the National Portrait Gallery this week. We explored the contemporary portrait galleries to gather inspiration for our own self-portraits. We loved spotting some famous faces; we saw royals, musicians and authors! After the galleries we had a look at the exhibition for the Portrait Artist of the Year and voted for our favourite artist; we enjoyed discussing why we liked certain portraits and what made them special. We saw both abstract and realistic portraits which will really help us create our surreal Frida Kahlo inspired portraits in a few weeks' time.





EYFS-PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This week, our Reception children have been on the move — jumping, balancing, skipping, and hopping their way through fun and engaging activities that support physical development, one of the Prime Areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework.

Physical development is not just about building strength and coordination — it's also vital for children's confidence, independence, and overall well-being. From hopping along obstacle courses to carefully balancing on beams, every movement helps children improve their gross motor skills, develop spatial awareness and learn to manage risks safely.

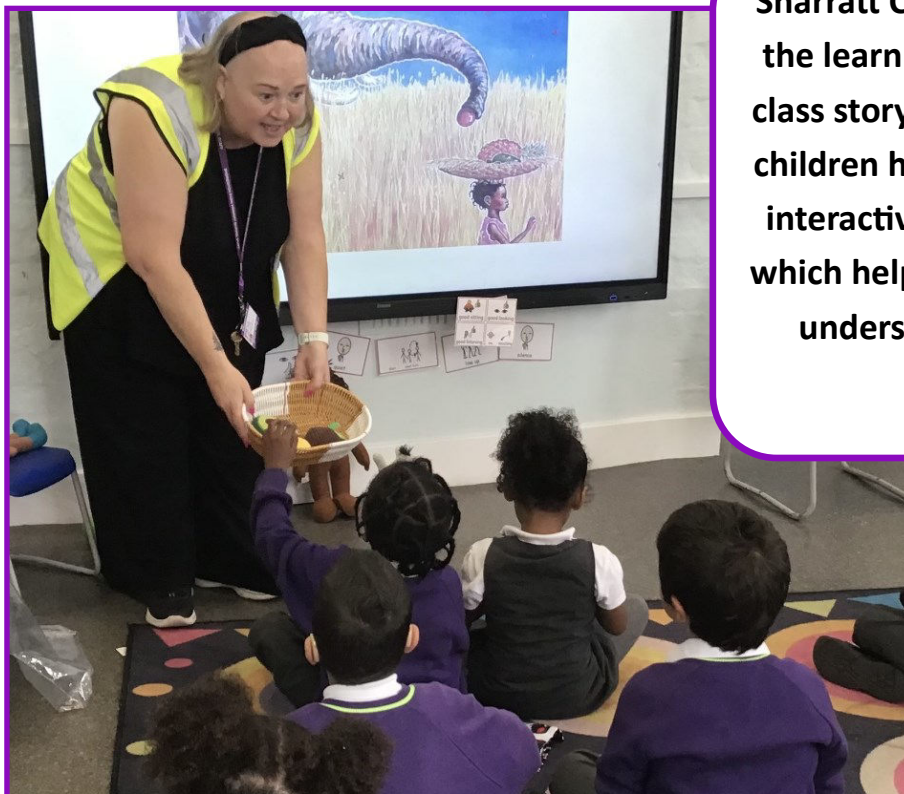
Dr. Zoe Tweedale, our WAMHS link professional, led a workshop for parents on supporting their children to settle into primary school.

It was a lovely opportunity for our Reception parents to meet one another and share their experiences of their child's transition to primary school.

WAMHS WORKSHOP



ARP LEARNING



Sharratt Class are really enjoying the learning which links to their class story, Handa's Surprise. The children have been taking part in interactive storytelling sessions which help them to develop their understanding of the story.





FAMILY FRIDAYS



Every Friday morning, our Reception classrooms come to life with the buzz of Family Fridays — a special time where parents and carers are invited to join their children for shared activities and play-based learning.

Families stepped into our very popular role play hairdressers, where children took on the roles of stylists, clients, and receptionists.

Family Fridays are a wonderful way to strengthen the home-school partnership, giving grown-ups a chance to see first-hand how learning happens through play and to enjoy precious moments with their children in the classroom.

Thank you to all the families who joined us - we love having you in!



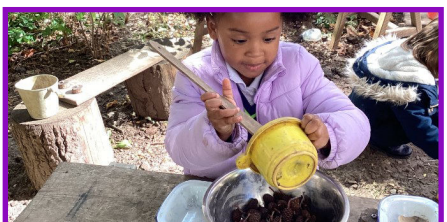
FOREST SCHOOL

Forest school has begun in Reception and the children have had a fantastic time exploring the garden as the season changes. They learned about Autumn and all the different seeds that can be found now in the garden and the park. The children found and felt the shiny, hard conkers and collected tiny alder cones to use to make ink for next week.

The children noticed the leaves changing colour and enjoyed collecting some of these to make prints, using their veiny sides. They cut around their prints and made decorations with them, practising scissors skills and learning how to use a hole punch. Other leaves were used to thread onto string to make autumn leaf garlands.

There are many mini beasts in the garden and the children were thrilled to find centipedes. They talked about their many legs, their habitat and who else might be in their centipede family. The children also discovered a big green frog under a log and everyone had a close look at it. They were interested to watch it breathing and were excited to see it jump very high, very quickly!

Forest school will continue next week and all children will have had access to weekly lessons by the end of Reception.





SCHOOL GARDENS

As we continue through the autumn term we can see lots of changes in our gardens. Children have noticed different plants turning to seed and learned how we can use the seed pods to sow plants for next year.

We have been enjoying the last of the fruit and vegetable harvest, particularly the grapes and tomatoes.

Our school chess club on Thursdays has been very popular with pupils. The club gives children the chance to learn all about the exciting game of chess from the rules and strategies to thinking ahead and problem-solving.

Chess is a fantastic way to boost strategic thinking and resilience and we are thrilled to see so many young players developing their skills each week.

CHESS CLUB



Online safety workshops for parents

Miss Karatay (ICT Lead) is delighted to welcome parents to a workshop on online safety.



Miss Karatay

The session will cover:

- How you can talk to your child about how to stay safe online
- Practical ways to keep children safe (e.g. restricted access, parental controls)
- Common online safety concerns and what families can do to address them
- Useful online safety resources

Location: Parent Community Room

Date: 22nd October 2025

Time: 9am-10.00am



ONLINE SAFETY

The NSPCC has great resources for parents to support their children to stay safe online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Miss Karatay will be running a workshop on online safety on the 22nd October, 9-10am in the parent and community room.



Regular school attendance is a key factor in student success. When students attend school consistently they are more likely to stay on track with their learning so that they are able to reach their full potential. Missing even a few days can add up quickly and lead to gaps in understanding that are hard to catch up on.



ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance %
Rosen AM	93.3
Rosen FT	93.8
Donaldson	92.4
Browne	95.2
Grey	93.2
Deacon	98.6
Jeffers	95.0
Hoffman	99.3
Briggs	96.6
King-Smith	97.0
Almond	85.7
Morpurgo	89.7
Tan	95.3
Dahl	94.6
Milligan	96.0
Zephaniah	89.6



This academic year, we are rewarding all children who achieve our school target of 96% attendance or above. Children will be awarded with a special badge and certificate to celebrate this achievement.

CONGRATULATION to the classes with the best attendance this week...

BROWNE class in EYFS

HOFFMAN class in KS1

KING-SMITH class in KS2

Bronze award- awarded to all children for 96% or above attendance for one full term.

Silver award- awarded to all children for 96% or above attendance for two full terms.

Gold award- awarded to all children for 96% or above attendance for three full terms.

Children will be able to wear their Bronze, Silver and Gold badges to school every day.

