

The Shoreditch Park Scoop



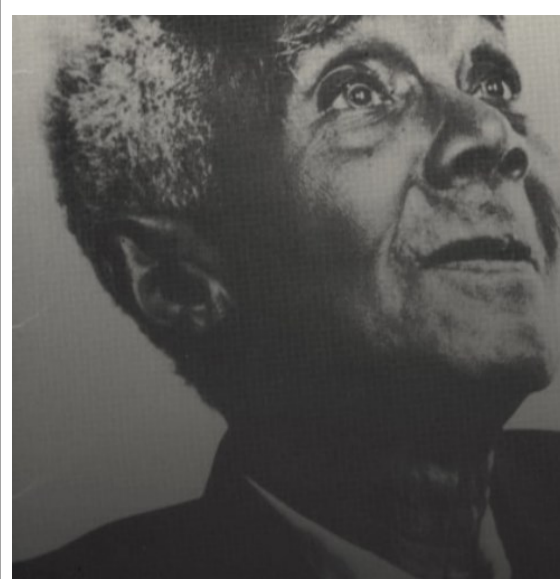
Black History Month



This month, classes have chosen an inspirational person of colour to learn about. Pupils have been exploring the lives, achievements and lasting impact of these individuals through creative and thoughtful projects. Each class will then share what they've learned with their partner class, encouraging collaboration and discussion across the school.

We look forward to sharing some of the projects in the next edition of the scoop.

Hackney Libraries have some great, free, half-term activities related to Black History Month: <https://www.lovehackney.uk/black-history-365-events/>



**BLACK
HISTORY
SEASON**
OCT/NOV
2025

Including special events
marking the 40th anniversary
of the naming of
Dalston CLR James Library

The Year 4 children had a wonderful time at the Khalsa Jatha Gurdwara. They learned more about the Sikh faith, they were shown the religious holy book and had a vegetarian meal (Langar). It was amazing to see how beautiful and respected their holy place of worship is. They were shown how Sikhs pray, listened to a performance in Punjabi and were taught more about the history of Sikhism. We were also taught how Sikhs meditate and how peaceful this can be. The children really enjoyed the experience!

YEAR 4 - KHALSA JATHA BRITISH ISLES, CENTRAL





SCHOOL GARDENS

The gardens have been a hive of activity this week. We have been looking at the habitats within the garden and found lots of creatures including frogs, woodlice and ladybirds.

We ate the delicious cucumbers that have been growing in the garden and harvested seeds to grow next year.

We have been looking at the different parts of plants, including looking at root systems up close.





YEAR 5 - HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD



Year 5 had a fantastic school trip to the Hackney School of Food, where they learned new skills and worked together to make delicious Moroccan kofta. They learned how to be safe in the kitchen, chop and dice vegetables, and the science behind making food taste great. They carefully chopped courgette, shallots and bell peppers, before grinding tomatoes, olives and herbs into a rich paste. The children shaped their own kofta and learned how to caramelise the meat in the pan, before combining the sauce and vegetables to finish off the dish. After the meat was fully cooked, they served their creation over some couscous they had dressed with pomegranate seeds, lemon juice, and chives. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, independence, and teamwork, and we know how proud they are of what they've created.



EYFS - TRIP TO SHOREDITCH PARK

Our Reception children were excited to embark on their first class trip this week. Each class headed out to Shoreditch Park to take part in a nature walk where they searched for signs of Autumn. Clipboard in hand, the children worked with their partners to tick off the objects they found, such as fallen leaves, acorns and conkers. The children enjoyed describing what they had found to their friends and teachers and ended the trip with an Autumn themed storytime in the park. As we have been learning about repeated patterns in maths, some of the children brought back sticks and leaves that they had collected, which they used to create repeated pattern artworks in the classroom.





HACKNEY READING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following Y6 pupils who have been selected to act as Reading Champions at Shoreditch Park following their successful applications for the role.

Messi, Arman, Amin, Joshua, Emily, Zuzu, Noah T, Ayesha, Kaira, David and Nusaiba

This is a Hackney wide initiative to encourage pupils to take a leading role in promoting Reading for pleasure in school. Over the coming months the Reading Champions will be allocated year groups to work with to discuss books, listen to children read and raise the profile of how reading can help you to develop a whole host of wider skills. Keep a look out over the coming weeks for our Reading Champions as they will be recommending books and setting up whole school reading challenges!

On Wednesday three of the Reading Champions attended Hackney Town Hall for the launch. They looked at some of the different ways they can take a leading role in reading for enjoyment in school and had the chance to present

a book of their choice to Reading champions from other Hackney schools. The afternoon also included an inspirational session from writer and rapper Christian Foley.



SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK

NSPCC PANTS resources

The NSPCC's Talk PANTS resources are an excellent way to open discussions with younger children on staying safe and consent. Children are taught that they have a right to say "no" and that if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/>

What are the PANTS rules?

Talking to children about their body



ZONES OF REGULATION PARENT WORKSHOP

Last week, Miss Deegan led a parent workshop on the Zones of Regulation, a whole-school approach we use to support children's emotional literacy and self-regulation.

The Zones of Regulation framework helps children to identify their feelings and develop strategies to manage their emotions in a safe and supportive way. Emotions are grouped into four colour-coded zones- Blue (low energy, sad, tired), Green (calm, focused, ready to learn), Yellow (excited, worried, silly), and Red (angry, out of control, overwhelmed).



Blue Zone	Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Red Zone
 sad	 tired	 calm	 happy
 silly	 worried	 screaming	 mad
 sick	 bored	 ready to learn	 good
 excited	 confused	 angry	 terrified

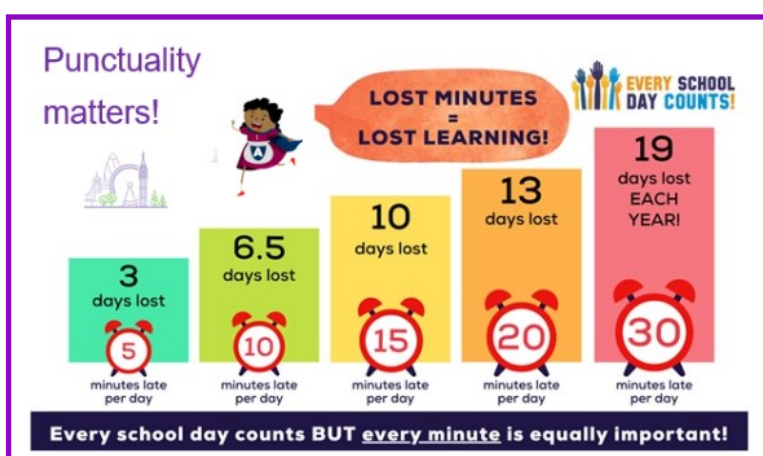


In school, children are supported to check in using visual prompts, class discussions, and Individual regulation tools. Staff support children to talk about their emotions and to choose appropriate strategies to help them return to the Green Zone, where they are best able to learn and engage. The workshop gave parents insight into how the Zones are used in the classroom and how this language can be mirrored at home to support consistency and emotional development.

Thank you to all the parents who attended.

Good attendance isn't just about being at school every day, it's also about being on time. Arriving late can disrupt your child's learning and the learning of others. Even being 5-10 minutes late each day adds up to hours of lost learning over a term.

At Shoreditch Park Primary ASPIRE mornings begin at 8.45am. Aspire mornings help children start the day calmly, confidently and ready to learn. They support our ASPIRE values by encouraging self-awareness, pride, and respectful routines. These quiet, structured starts build strong relationships, boost focus, and create a positive mindset for the day ahead- helping every child thrive. We encourage all children to be in school at 8.45am so that they have the best possible start to the school day.



Class	Number of lates
Rosen AM	1
Rosen FT	1
Donaldson	2
Browne	6
Grey	13
Deacon	4
Jeffers	4
Hoffman	7
Briggs	9
King-Smith	0
Almond	10
Morpurgo	5
Tan	0
Dahl	4
Milligan	5
Zephaniah	5

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

BROWNE class in EYFS

DEACON class in KS1

BRIGGS class in KS2

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance %
Rosen AM	91.4
Rosen FT	94.6
Donaldson	90.0
Browne	94.7
Grey	95.5
Deacon	97.5
Jeffers	96.3
Hoffman	96.7
Briggs	97.3
King-Smith	95.3
Almond	94.8
Morpurgo	93.8
Tan	89.3
Dahl	93.6
Milligan	94.7
Zephaniah	93.3



SCHOOL STREETS

School Street at Shoreditch Park Primary School (SS35)



The scheme operates on:

Bridport Place, from the junction with Penn Street to the cul-de-sac end of Grange Street, and **Northport Street** and **Gopsall Street**, from the junction with Penn Street

Monday - Friday during term time:
8:30-9:30am and **3:00-4:00pm**

School Streets tackle congestion at the school gates and help improve the environment for walking and cycling to school.



Find out more, including how to register
for an exemption, here:
hackney.gov.uk/school-streets



A reminder to all that Shoreditch Park Primary is part of a School Streets Zone. Please respect this so that our exit from Bridport Place is safe for children and families. After discussions with Hackney School Streets and following requests from parents, we will be reopening the Bridport Place gate from Monday 20th October.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

As a school community, we are preparing to respectfully commemorate Armistice Day on Monday, 11th November. This important occasion marks the end of World War I and provides us with a moment to remember and honour all those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present.

At 11:00am, we will observe a two-minute silence across the school to reflect on the significance of the day. In addition to the silence, pupils will engage in activities which will help them to engage with the meaning of remembrance.

We encourage families to talk with their children at home about the importance of Armistice Day and the values it represents- peace, resilience, and gratitude.

We have the following items for sale in the school office, all funds go to the Royal British Legion.

Poppy reflectors - £1

Bracelets - £1.50

Poppies - £1

Snap bracelets - £1.50

Enamel poppies - £3

