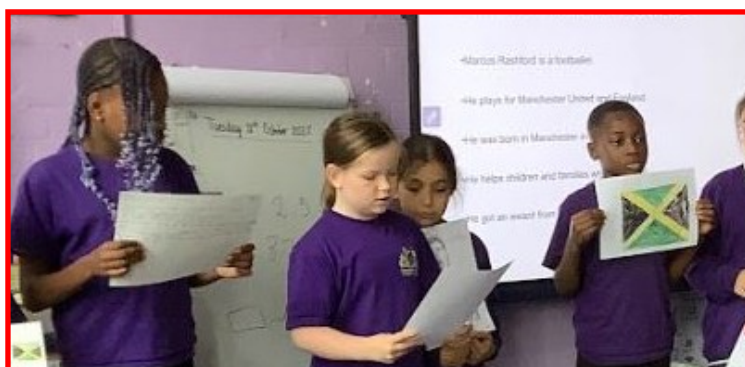


The Shoreditch Park Scoop



Black History Month

2nd edition



This October, our school marked Black History Month with enthusiasm and creativity. Each class explored the life and achievements of an inspirational person of colour, learning about their contributions to society and the positive impact they've made.

The children created wonderful projects on figures such as Marcus Rashford, Floella Benjamin and Benjamin Zephaniah. They then shared their work with their partner class, taking pride in presenting what they had learned and discovering even more from their peers.

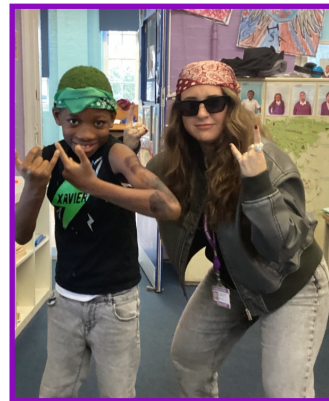
It was a fantastic celebration of learning, diversity, and inspiration. The children really enjoyed the experience and gained a deeper understanding of the importance of equality, resilience, and using your voice to make a difference.





TTRS DRESS UP AS A ROCKSTAR DAY

What a day! It was amazing to see so many of the children getting into the Rock Star spirit for our Times Tables Rock Star Day on Wednesday 22nd October. The children enjoyed taking part in the live challenges during their Maths lessons and the school was transformed into a real life School of Rock with so many highly creative costumes and props. Thank you to everyone who got involved- parents/ carers we appreciate your efforts! Now the real work begins. Please check that your child (Y1-6) has a login for TTRS and that they are using it to practise their times tables each week. We will be setting challenges over the coming weeks so watch this space for competitions coming up!



SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK

Encourage Open Conversations at Home

Make time each day to talk with your child about their day. Creating a safe, non-judgemental space at home helps children feel comfortable sharing anything that's worrying them- whether it's about friendships, school or online experiences. A simple "What was the best and trickiest part of your day?" can open the door to thoughtful discussions.

The NHS has some great guidance around this: <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/talk-to-children-about-feelings/>

FREE CYCLING LESSONS THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM!



Looking to learn how to ride a bike or ditch those stabilisers? Sign up for our free cycling lessons this October half term! Bikes are provided, and each 2-hour session is designed for beginners. We're running 10 courses throughout the week — one every morning and one every afternoon — with space for up to 5 learners per course.

Children age 6 and above.

Visit the website for full details and to book your place!

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

free

There are lots of engaging half term activities in Hackney, many of which are **FREE**

Young Hackney has a great range of activities, many of which link to Black History Season: <https://www.younghackney.org/latest/>

Hackney Libraries have arranged an excellent half term programme with lots of engaging activities: <https://www.lovehackney.uk/october-half-term>

Hackney City Farm is free to visit: <https://hacknecityfarm.co.uk/>

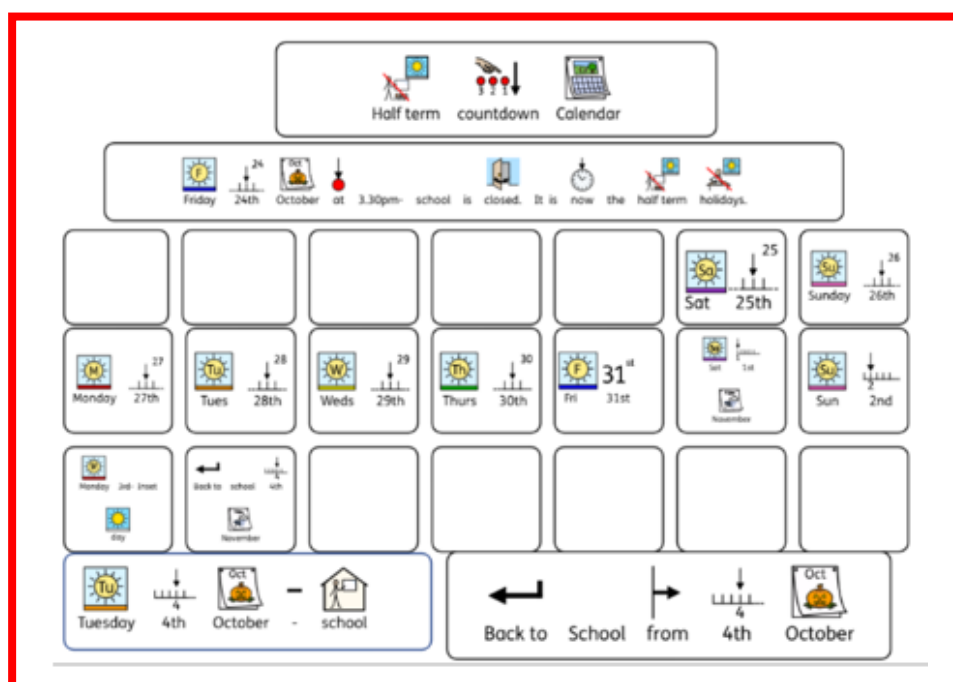
London Village Network has lots of free activities for older KS2 children: <https://www.lvn.org.uk/signposts>

HALF TERM COUNTDOWN CALENDAR

See the school website for a half-term countdown calendar:

<https://www.shoreditchpark.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1448#sitelive-viewer/>

Using the calendar can help your child to understand how long the holidays last for and prepare for returning to school on 4th November.



ATTENDANCE

We are aware that it can be difficult to decide whether to keep your child off school when they have certain symptoms; the NHS has useful guidance to help you to make the decision: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Class	Attendance %
Rosen AM	73
Rosen FT	89.9
Donaldson	92.0
Browne	89.7
Grey	95.5
Deacon	97.9
Jeffers	98.3
Hoffman	99.0
Briggs	84.7
King-Smith	92.0
Almond	91.4
Morpurgo	73.1
Tan	96.0
Dahl	94.6
Milligan	94.3
Zephaniah	89.6



Class	Number of lates
Rosen AM	1
Rosen FT	0
Donaldson	3
Browne	6
Grey	11
Deacon	5
Jeffers	6
Hoffman	5
Briggs	14
King-Smith	3
Almond	12
Morpurgo	12
Tan	0
Dahl	6
Milligan	7
Zephaniah	7

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

DONALDSON class in EYFS

HOFFMAN class in KS1

TAN class in KS2



SHARATT CLASS- FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Pupils in Sharratt Class have been taking part in a range of activities to help develop their fine motor skills. These activities help to develop the muscles in the hands and fingers that children use every day for fastening buttons, using cutlery, and, importantly, for writing. By squeezing, rolling, pinching and threading, children are strengthening these crucial muscles and developing their hand-eye coordination.



CALENDAR FOR AUTUMN 2

Get ready for an action-packed half-term! Autumn 2 is bursting with performances, trips and whole-school events that will bring our school community together and celebrate all the fantastic learning happening across the school. Please see the calendar on the school website:

<https://www.shoreditchpark.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1453#sitelive-viewer/>

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

We understand that times are challenging for many families right now and we want to remind our school community that help is available.

Wellbeing support

Dr. Zoe Tweedale is based in Shoreditch Park every afternoon as part of the WAMHS project. Zoe can offer parents a space to talk about their child's mental health and wellbeing and is often able to signpost to appropriate local services.

Our Family Practitioner from Place2Be can offer PIPT (Personalised Individualised Parenting Training) for families. PIPT is a supportive programme designed to help parents and carers strengthen relationships with their children and build positive parenting skills.

If you would like more about WAMHS or PIPT please contact the Inclusion Team via the office.

Cost of living support

The Shoreditch Trust has a list of places where free hot meals are available every day:

<https://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/assets/Uploads/ShoreditchTrust-HackneyFoodBank-FreeLocalFood-Folded-A4-Download-3.pdf>

There are designated warm spaces around Hackney, many of which offer activities and refreshments:

<https://www.warmwelcome.uk/find-a-space>



Dr Zoe Tweedale
WAMHS Link Professional





GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP



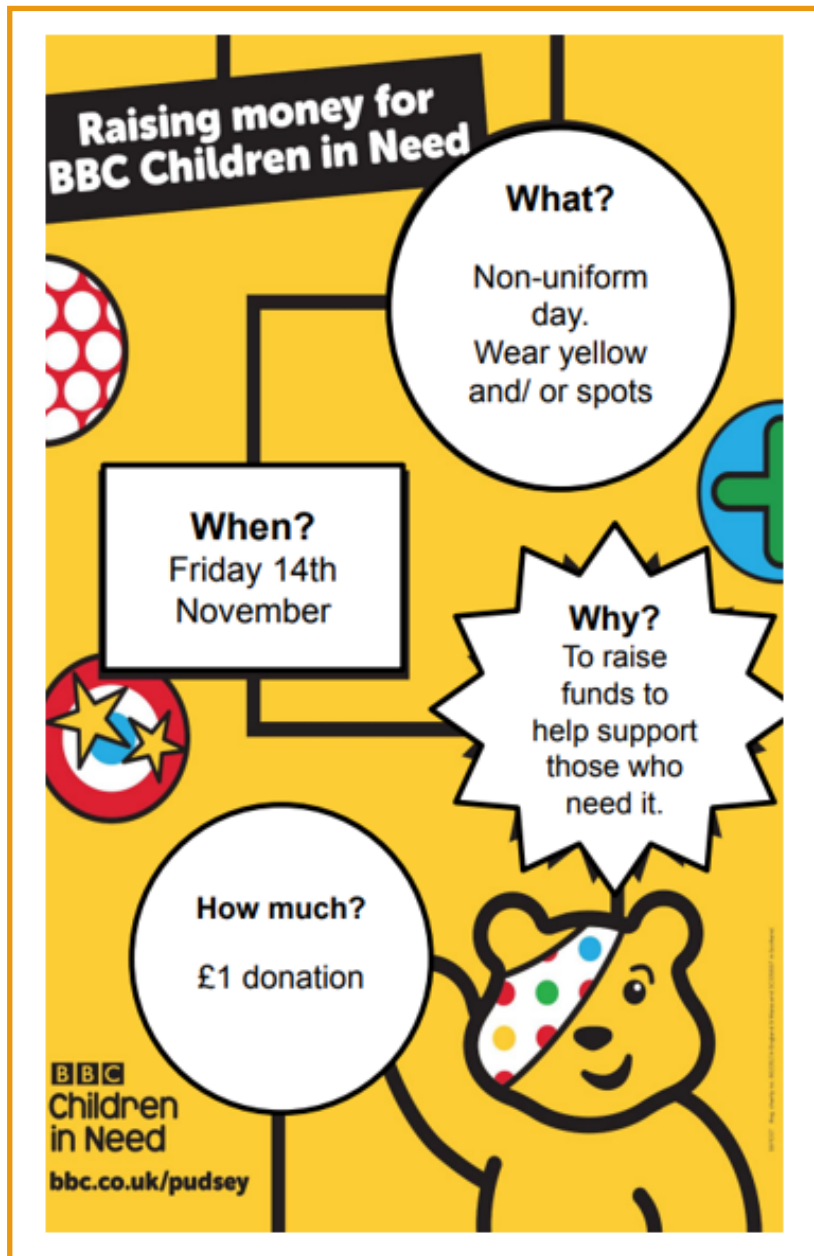
CHILDREN IN NEED

We are delighted to announce that our school will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 14th November in support of BBC Children in Need.

Please try to wear yellow and/or spots.

Pupils are invited to come to school in their own clothes and make a voluntary donation of £1 (or whatever you can give) to help raise money for this wonderful cause, which supports children and young people across the UK.

Thank you for your generosity and support – together, we can make a real difference!



YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM



Year 3 enjoyed an exciting visit to the Natural History Museum, where they explored a range of activities and exhibits linked to their science topic Rocks. In the Earth Hall, pupils were fascinated by the incredible displays of minerals, gems, and fossils, deepening their understanding of how rocks are formed and classified.



WINTER FEST

We are delighted to share that Winter Fest 2025 will take place on 11th December between 3.45pm-5.15pm.

Each year, our raffle is hugely popular and we have started to seek prizes for this. If you have any connections in the community to local businesses who could donate an experience, product or service as a prize, we would be hugely grateful and would love to hear from you.

The tombola stall is another highlight of the event. We are asking your support to ensure the tombola prizes are better than ever. We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 28th November, for which we would appreciate donations of any nut-free chocolate or bottles to go towards the tombola.



ASPIRE AMBASSADORS



Every year pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 are given the opportunity to apply to be an ASPIRE Ambassador. Application forms will be sent home with pupil today. In the application pupils should reflect on why they would be a good choice for the role and explain why ASPIRE is important to them.

ASPIRE ambassadors are involved in pupil voice meetings, assemblies and often meet with external visitors to explain why ASPIRE is a vital part of school life at Shoreditch Park.

ODD SOCKS DAY

We're excited to be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November as part of Anti-Bullying Week!

On this day, pupils and staff are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and special. It's a fun and simple way to remind everyone that it's okay to be different and to encourage kindness and respect for others.

There's no need to bring any money- just your brightest, silliest, or most mismatched socks and a big smile!

Let's celebrate our individuality and show that being different is something to be proud of!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

As we prepare to commemorate Remembrance Day in school, you may want to do the same at home. The following websites have some lovely Remembrance Day activity ideas:

<https://www.redtedart.com/remembrance-day-activities/>

https://www.jaqueslondon.co.uk/blogs/posts/remembrance-day-activities-for-kids?srsId=AfmBOoq9Bxf6z6t4BCDKAtp_m0uXYRL8Qi3y-iY7Y-OrWHPIGu9cXBRD

<https://www.bakerross.co.uk/craft-ideas/category/kids/occasions/remembrance-days/>

A reminder that we have the following items for sale in the school office, all funds go to the Royal British Legion. Please ask Karen for more information.



Poppy reflectors- £1

Bracelets- £1.50

Poppies- £1

Snap bracelets- £1.50

Enamel poppies- £3