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The Shoreditch Park Scoop



Goodbye Miss Karatay!

We would like to share Miss Zeynep Karatay, Assistant Headteacher, will be leaving Shoreditch Park Primary School on 22nd May as she begins her maternity leave. Miss Karatay plans to take a career break to enjoy time with her children and will not be returning to Shoreditch Park Primary School.

Miss Karatay joined Shoreditch Park Primary School in September 2021 and, during her time here, has held a number of important roles including Class Teacher, ICT Lead, Maths Lead and Senior Teacher. She has made a significant contribution across all areas of school life.

Miss Karatay is a highly valued member of our team who has had a lasting impact on pupils, staff and the wider school community. She will be greatly missed by us all. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to the school and wish her all the very best for the future.



VIOLIN CONCERTS

Our pupils performed in two wonderful violin concerts this week, showcasing their musical skill and commitment. Pupils from Year 1 through to Year 6 took part, demonstrating impressive musicality, focus and confidence. It was a joy to see their hard work come to life in such accomplished performances, and we loved welcoming parents into school to share in the experience.



YEAR 5 TRIP– SCIENCE MUSEUM (FORCES)

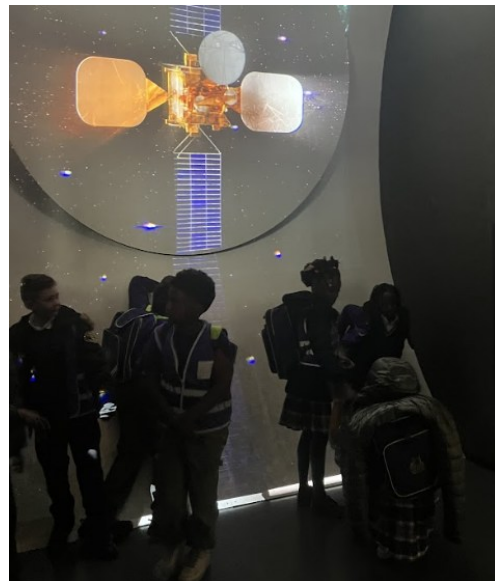
Year 5 pupils had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum this week. During the visit, they explored push and pull forces through a range of exciting interactive activities and investigations. Pupils were also fascinated by the enormous plane models on display, learning about aircraft from across the 20th and 21st centuries. The trip was a wonderful opportunity to bring classroom learning to life and spark curiosity in science and engineering.



YEAR 4 TRIP– SCIENCE MUSEUM (LIVING

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum to enrich our science learning. During the visit, we explored a range of exciting exhibitions that linked closely to our topic on living things and how the human body works.

We worked collaboratively in groups, discovering fascinating new facts, asking thoughtful questions, and enjoying a variety of fun, interactive activities throughout the day.



SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK

It's important that every child has someone they trust that they can ask for help. You might need to start a difficult conversation because you have to:

- break some bad news
- ask about something you're worried about
- ask about topics you find uncomfortable
- ask your child if they're worried or scared by something
- ask your child about a new behaviour.

How to talk to children about difficult topics

Feeling confused or anxious shouldn't stop you from having tricky conversations. It's what your child needs you to do.

The NSPCC has great guidance on starting difficult conversations with your child: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/talking-about-difficult-topics/?utm_old=difficulttopic

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY RAFFLES

Each week we hold attendance and punctuality raffles to celebrate pupils who attend school regularly and arrive on time. Good attendance and punctuality help children make the most of their learning and ensure they do not miss important parts of the school day.

The raffle is a positive way to recognise and reward the efforts of our pupils and families. We also celebrate the classes with the best attendance and punctuality each week, encouraging everyone to work together and take pride in their class's success.



The EYFS raffle winner



The KS2 raffle winner



The KS1 raffle winner

ATTENDANCE FOR 27TH APRIL-1ST MAY

Group	% Attendance
NUR- Rosen	94.07
REC - Donaldson	90.7
REC - Browne	98.7
Y1 - Grey	93.4
Y1 - Deacon	98.6
Y2 - Jeffers	98.7
Y2 - Hoffman	96.7
Y3 - Briggs	98.0
Y3 - King-Smith	95.9
Y4 - Almond	96.0
Y4 - Morpurgo	92.1
Y5 - Tan	92.1
Y5 - Dahl	98.2
Y6 - Milligan	96.0
Y6 - Zephaniah	95.9



Lifting the EYFS



Lifting the KS1

Group	Lates
NUR- Rosen	2
REC - Donaldson	3
REC - Browne	4
Y1 - Grey	11
Y1 - Deacon	3
Y2 - Jeffers	2
Y2 - Hoffman	6
Y3 - Briggs	11
Y3 - King-Smith	1
Y4 - Almond	7
Y4 - Morpurgo	7
Y5 - Tan	1
Y5 - Dahl	5
Y6 - Milligan	6
Y6 - Zephaniah	11



*Lifting the KS2
attendance trophy*

Gold standard punctuality goes to...
King-Smith Class and
Tan Class

**Congratulations to the classes
with the best attendance.**

**Browne Class in EYFS
Jeffers Class in KS1
Dahl Class in KS2**



PLAYGROUND PALS

Our Playground Pals recently took part in training to help them develop the important skills needed for their role. They learned about checking equipment levels, supporting other pupils in the playground and helping to keep the playground organised and ready for everyone to enjoy.

We have been incredibly impressed by the commitment, responsibility and care shown by our Playground Pals throughout the training. They are already making a positive difference across the school community.

Well done to all of our Playground Pals!



PLAYGROUND PALS

“Playground pals help each other and all the children in the school. They keep the playground tidy and look after the equipment.” Juddi– Year 3



SCHOOL GARDENS

The school gardens continue to flourish, with beautiful flowers blossoming across the site. Many members of the Shoreditch Park Primary School community have enjoyed taking a stroll through the gardens, listening to the birdsong and appreciating the signs of spring all around us.

Spring is a wonderful time for spotting wildlife and bird spotting can be a fun activity for families to enjoy together. When you are out in the community, can you spot any common British birds such as robins, blackbirds, blue tits or pigeons?



blackbird



blue tit



house sparrow



robin



magpie



starling



great tit



goldfinch



wren



chaffinch



long-tailed tit



wood pigeon



IMMUNISATIONS

STAYING INFORMED, STAYING HEALTHY



IMMUNISATIONS NEWSLETTER 2026

Measles and meningitis outbreaks in spring 2026 have reminded us of how quickly infections can spread in education settings, including schools and nurseries. Diseases like measles and chickenpox are highly contagious and can spread rapidly among unvaccinated children and young people.

The good news is that these diseases are preventable with vaccines, which are offered free of charge through the NHS and as part of the routine immunisation programme for children.

This newsletter answers some of the most frequently asked questions about vaccinations. It also includes information on where and how you can get up to date if any doses have been missed.

WHY ARE IMMUNISATIONS IMPORTANT?

Vaccines are essential medicines that protect individuals from serious diseases by teaching the immune system to recognise and fight harmful pathogens. They are the safest way to protect against diseases like diphtheria, polio, measles and meningitis. These diseases can be extremely serious, causing long-term complications, disabilities, and even death.

WHAT IS THE ROUTINE VACCINE PROGRAMME?

Staying up to date with [routine vaccinations](#) provides the best protection against serious diseases.

NHS childhood vaccinations are free. Your GP will contact you when your child is due. You may receive an invite by letter, phone call, text or email. Anyone in England can register with a GP surgery for free. You do not need proof of address, immigration status, ID or an NHS number.

The routine childhood immunisation programme starts from 8 weeks old, with key pre-school boosters at 1 year and 3 years 4 months. Vaccines are also given to young people at school during Years 8 and 9. These protect against preventable diseases, including some cancers, and illnesses more common in young people, such as meningitis.

You can check your child's Red Book or contact your GP to make sure they are up to date. Your GP can also provide any missed vaccines.

**ACCESS
SUPPORT**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS RESOURCES
AND LINKS TO SUPPORT YOUR HEALTH AND
WELLBEING.
INFORMATION ON VACCINATIONS IS UNDER THE
'IMMUNISATION' COLUMN**

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HOW DO VACCINES WORK?

Each vaccine works slightly differently, but all aim to give the body long-term protection against disease.

Vaccines contain a harmless form of the bacteria or virus that causes the disease. This allows the immune system to recognise it without making your child ill, and to produce a response to fight it off. The immune system then remembers it, so if your child is exposed in the future, their body can respond quickly and prevent infection.

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IS IT BETTER TO GAIN IMMUNITY THROUGH INFECTION?

The immunisation schedule has been carefully designed to protect your child before they are likely to be exposed to serious diseases. It is based on how the immune system develops at different ages and when children and young people are most at risk.

Delaying vaccines can leave your child vulnerable at a time when they are most likely to experience serious complications.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE VACCINATION SCHEDULE?

- No. Gaining immunity through infection means your child would need to become ill first. This can pose serious risks, including severe illness, long-term complications, and in some cases, death.
- Infections such as measles and meningitis can also spread to others, increasing the risk to family and the wider community.
- Vaccination allows your child to build immunity safely, without becoming ill or passing infections on.

WHERE TO GET IMMUNISATIONS IN CITY AND HACKNEY

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GET UP TO DATE WITH MISSED VACCINES. CATCHING UP HELPS ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS FULLY PROTECTED. IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL, YOU CAN ALSO BOOK A CATCH-UP CLINIC WITH VACCINATION UK ON 0207 101 2026 OR BY VISITING [HTTPS://WWW.SCHOOLVACCINATION.UK/CATCH-UP-CLINICS/HACKNEY](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics/hackney)

Can receiving multiple vaccines overload the immune system?

No. Your child's immune system fights off millions of germs every day.

The amount used in vaccines is very small in comparison, and does not put extra strain on the immune system.

Even if several vaccines are given at once, only a tiny fraction of the immune system's capacity is used.

What causes vaccine side effects, and what does this mean?

Like any other medicine, vaccine side effects can occur - these are normally mild and short-lived. This reaction is a natural response and is a sign that the body is building protection and developing long-term immunity.

What is a booster vaccine and why does my child need one?

A booster is an extra dose that strengthens the immune response. Protection from some vaccines can reduce over time, so boosters help maintain strong, long-lasting immunity. Keeping up to date with boosters ensures your child stays fully protected.

WHERE TO SEEK HELP

- School Nurse
- GP
- Health Visitor
- Vaccination UK

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>



Scan the QR code to access resources and links to support your health and wellbeing. For vaccination information scroll to the 'Immunisations' Tab

[Healthy Schools Padlet](#) for more tips and resources!

 **Hackney**