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The Shoreditch Park Scoop



CULTURE DAY

Our Cultural Day on Thursday was a wonderful celebration of the rich diversity within the Shoreditch Park community. It was incredible to see pupils proudly wearing cultural dress and celebrating their unique identities with such confidence and joy. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of exciting activities including Irish dancing, cultural presentation, flag making and food tasting. The school was filled with music, colour and opportunities for pupils to learn more about one another's cultures and traditions. We are incredibly proud of the respect, curiosity and pride shown by our pupils as they embraced the spirit of the day and celebrated what makes our community so





HEADTEACHER'S END OF HALF TERM MESSAGE

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term at Shoreditch Park Primary School, I would like to thank our pupils, families and staff for their continued support, positivity and commitment to our school community.

This half term has been filled with exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences across the school. Pupils have enjoyed a wide range of visits and workshops including trips to the British Library, Science Museum and Hackney Museum, alongside our wonderful Spring Celebration event which brought our community together so successfully. We have also been incredibly proud to see pupils taking part in violin concerts, Forest School sessions, curriculum workshops and World of Work Week activities.

A particular highlight of the half term has been the incredible attitude shown by our Year 6 pupils during SATs week. We could not be prouder of the maturity, resilience and determination they demonstrated throughout the week. The pupils approached each day with positivity and gave their very best effort, showing exactly what it means to be part of our ASPIRE community. Regardless of outcomes, we are immensely proud of every single pupil for the hard work and commitment they have shown not only this week, but throughout the entire year.

Across the school, it has also been wonderful to see pupils continuing to demonstrate our ASPIRE values of achievement, self-awareness, pride, inclusivity, respect and enquiry in their learning and interactions each day. Thank you to our families for your ongoing partnership with the school and for supporting strong attendance and punctuality this term.

We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming pupils back for another exciting half term of learning and enrichment



MISS KARATAY'S LEAVING ASSEMBLY

On Thursday we came together as a school community for a very special assembly to celebrate Miss Karatay as she begins her maternity leave and prepares for an exciting new chapter with her family.

The assembly included kind messages, memories and celebrations of the many ways Miss Karatay has helped our school community.

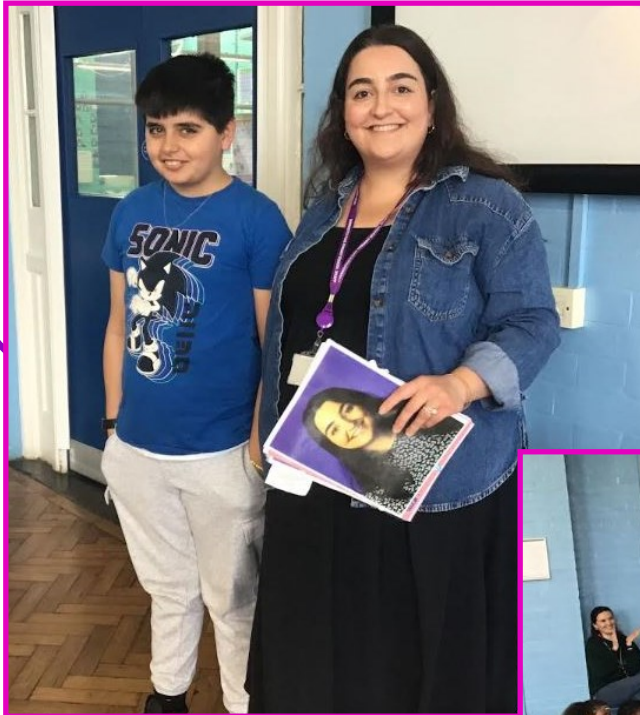
We know that Miss Karatay will be greatly missed by everyone at Shoreditch Park and we thank her for everything she has done for our school. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

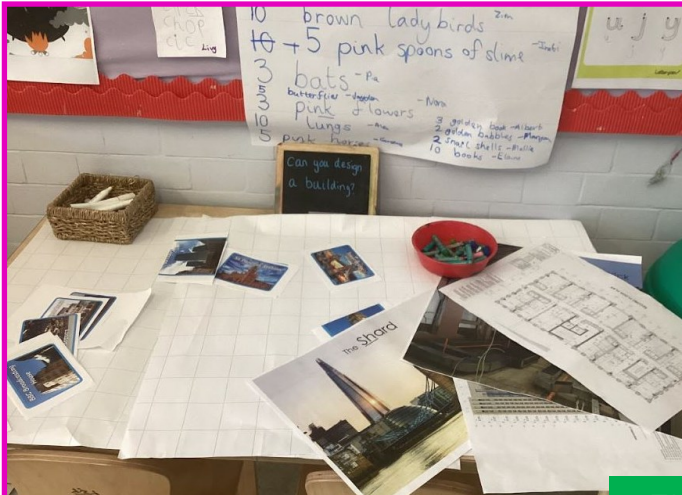
For the remainder of the academic year Miss Karatay's responsibilities will be allocated to the following staff members.

* Year 4 lead- Miss Byrne

* Year 5 lead- Miss Green

* Maths and computing- Miss Green and Miss Ketchell





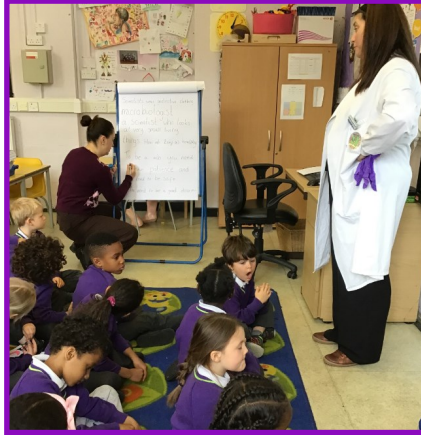
EYFS: WORLD OF WORK WEEK

Children in Browne Class were delighted to welcome Mrs Seligman, who works as an architect, to talk to us about her exciting career. She showed us some of her blueprints and building plans, explaining how architects carefully design structures before construction begins. We also learned about the importance of safety on building sites and had the chance to see and wear the protective clothing she wears while working onsite.

Mrs Seligman brought in small-scale models of buildings, which helped us understand the different stages of the design process and how ideas develop from sketches into real buildings. The children were fascinated to hear about some of the projects she has worked on, including famous buildings such as The Shard, as well as social housing apartments designed to provide homes for people in the community.

The visit was both inspiring and informative and the children enjoyed asking questions and learning more about the world of architecture.



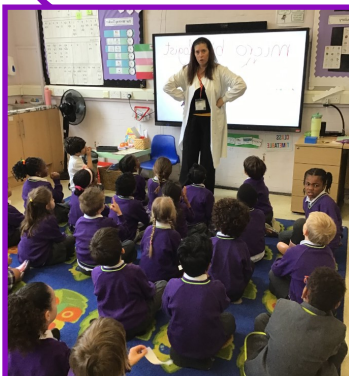


YEAR: 1 WORLD OF WORK WEEK

Year 1 have had a fantastic WOW Week learning all about different careers and the important roles people play in our communities. The children explored jobs including firefighters, police officers, hospital workers and scientists, asking thoughtful questions and learning how these roles help others every day.

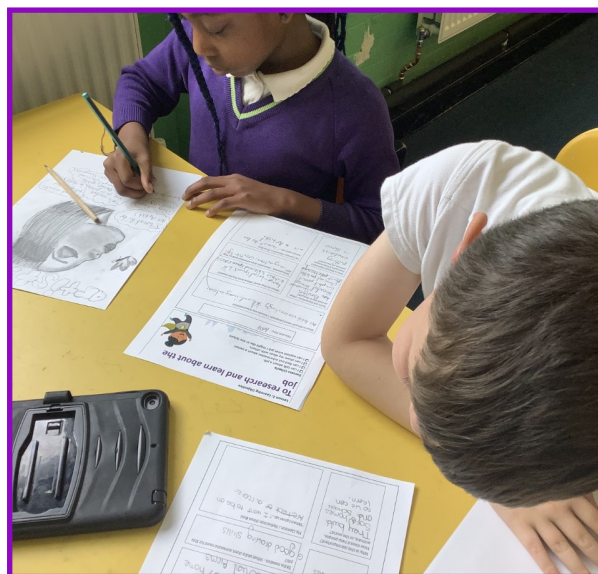
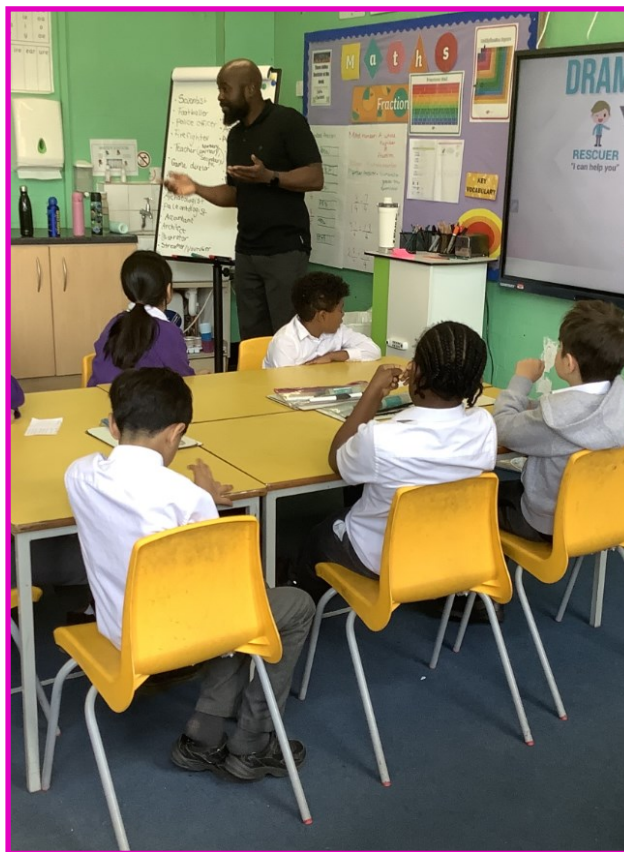
We were lucky to have visits from two special guests during the week. Ms Tajadura spoke to the children about her job as a microbiologist, teaching us all about germs, laboratories and how scientists help keep people healthy. We also welcomed Mrs White, who shared her role as an editor and showed the children real magazines, helping them learn about publishing, fact checking and how magazines are created.

The children showed fantastic curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the week, and it was wonderful to see them inspired to think about their own future aspirations!



YEAR 4: WORLD OF WORK WEEK

For World of Work Week, Year 4 explored a range of creative careers and learned about the skills needed in different jobs. Two volunteer visitors spoke to the children about their work and experiences. The children also researched a career of their choice and created informative posters to present their ideas.



LET'S GET READY FOR SUMMER!

The weather can change,
so please help us keep
everyone safe, happy
and ready to learn.



CHECK THE WEATHER BEFOREHAND

Please check the forecast
to make sure your child is
dressed for the day.



SUNSCREEN EVERY DAY

Apply sunscreen before
school and send in an
extra, labelled bottle
so they can reapply.



WATER BOTTLE

Please make sure your
child has a water bottle
to stay hydrated
throughout the day.



SUN HAT

A sun hat helps protect
from the sun – please
send one with your child
on sunny days!



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EYFS HOXTON CHURCH VISIT

Reception children visited St Ann's Hoxton Church as part of their learning about places of worship and the local community. During the visit, the children learnt about what people do in a church, including praying, singing and helping others through charity work such as running a food bank.

The children listened carefully to the story of the Good Samaritan and discussed the importance of kindness and helping others. They also had the opportunity to explore the church building, ask thoughtful questions and learn about special objects used in worship, including candles, incense, the font and the pulpit.

The children were enthusiastic and curious throughout the visit and thoroughly enjoyed discovering more about the church and its role in the community.



ATTENDANCE FOR 11TH MAY - 15TH MAY

Group	% Attendance
NUR-Rosen	94.8
REC - Donaldson	92.7
REC - Browne	95.0
Y1 - Grey	91.0
Y1 - Deacon	97.2
Y2 - Jeffers	96.0
Y2 - Hoffman	98.0
Y3 - Briggs	95.3
Y3 - King-Smith	97.2
Y4 - Almond	97.3
Y4 - Morpurgo	93.1
Y5 - Tan	99.7
Y5 - Dahl	97.9
Y6 - Milligan	99.3
Y6 - Zephaniah	95.2

Group	Lates
NUR-Rosen	1
REC - Donaldson	8
REC - Browne	15
Y1 - Grey	8
Y1 - Deacon	2
Y2 - Jeffers	3
Y2 - Hoffman	4
Y3 - Briggs	9
Y3 - King-Smith	3
Y4 - Almond	8
Y4 - Morpurgo	14
Y5 - Tan	1
Y5 - Dahl	8
Y6 - Milligan	5
Y6 - Zephaniah	4



Browne Class lifting the trophy



Hoffman Class lifting the trophy



Tan Class lifting the trophy

Gold standard
punctuality goes
to... **ROSAN & TAN**
class



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

BROWNE class in EYFS
HOFFMAN class in KS1
TAN class in KS2



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.



COUNTDOWN CALENDAR

Our There is a countdown calendar for the May half-term on the school website:

<https://www.shoreditchpark.hackney.sch.uk/news>

Using the calendar can help your child understand how long the holidays last for and when they need to come back to school. It can help your child settle back into school quickly as they are prepared for starting school again.



May



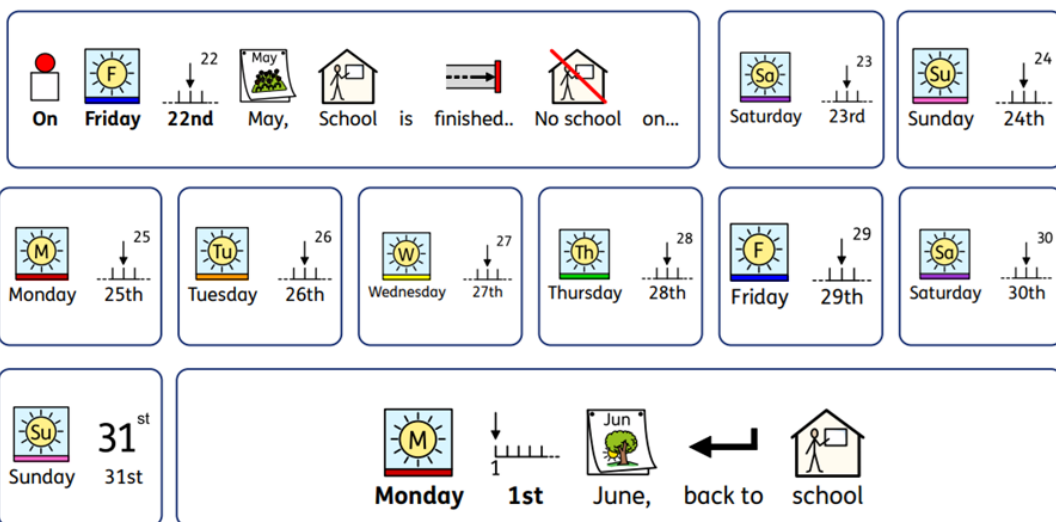
Holiday



Countdown



Calendar



UNIFORM STANDARDS

Over recent weeks, we have noticed a slight decline in the consistently high standards of school uniform across the school. As part of our ASPIRE vision, we encourage all children to take pride in themselves and in being members of the Shoreditch Park Primary School community. Wearing the correct school uniform, including PE kit, helps to promote this sense of pride, belonging and readiness for learning.

To support families, we will be sending home a uniform reminder letter where needed. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school in the correct uniform each day.



GREEN SCREEN INSTALLATION

Over the half term, we are excited to announce a fantastic new development in our main playground — the installation of green screen walls. This addition will provide instant greening to the area while also enhancing security and privacy around the school grounds.

Green living screens offer many environmental benefits. They help to boost biodiversity, contribute to noise reduction in busy urban areas, and improve the overall appearance of the playground. The natural vegetation will also provide shade, improve air quality, and create a healthier, more sustainable environment for our pupils and staff. In addition, the plants act as a natural filter by trapping dust and absorbing pollutants, which is especially beneficial in urban environments.

Below is a map showing where the new green screens will be installed around the playground, along with an illustration of how they are expected to look as the planting becomes established over the coming months. We are excited to see this area transform into a greener, healthier, and more

Green Screen Locations



FOOTBALL SUPERSTAR

Year 6 pupil Amelia has made sporting history as part of the Hackney District Girls Team football squad! Over the weekend, the team travelled to Oxford to compete in the Southern County Cup — one of the biggest competitions in district football. After an incredible day of matches, the team were crowned champions, becoming the first ever Hackney district girls' team to reach the semi-finals and go on to win the cup.

This latest success marks the team's fifth trophy and another historic achievement for the squad. We are incredibly proud of Amelia for her dedication, teamwork and sporting success. She is a fantastic ambassador for both her team and Shoreditch Park Primary School. Well done, Amelia!



SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK

Teaching children from a young age how to respond in an emergency can help keep them safe and build their confidence. Parents are encouraged to talk to children about what emergencies are and who they can go to for help if they ever feel lost or unsafe.

Children can learn to identify trusted adults, such as police officers, security staff, or parents with children. Practising these situations through role play and simple discussions can help children feel prepared without becoming worried.

Families are also encouraged to create a simple home emergency plan for situations such as fires, medical emergencies, or severe weather. Practising drills and ensuring children know important emergency numbers can make emergencies feel less frightening.

Barnardos has great guidance on this:

<https://families.barnardos.org.uk/child-and-family-safety/teaching-children-what-do-emergency>

Teaching children what to do in an emergency

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