

The Shoreditch Park Scoop



COFFEE MORNING

Raise vital funds for people
affected by cancer

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We enjoyed another wonderful Macmillan Coffee Morning at Shoreditch Park this week. Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Twiner have ensured that this important tradition has continued at our school for many years, bringing our community together while supporting a fantastic cause.

Staff enjoyed taking some time to come together over a slice of cake and a cup of coffee, all while raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A huge thank you to Ms Caton, Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Twiner for organising the event once again, and to everyone who contributed, baked, donated and joined in!



Together
we can
make a
difference



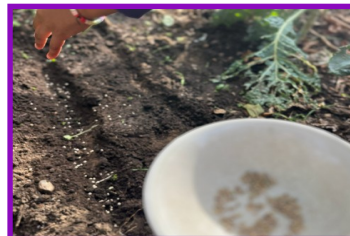
SCHOOL GARDENS - THE GARDEN CLASSROOM

It's been a highly productive start to the year in the school garden where we've been reaping the rewards of all the hard work put in over the growing season.

After school club have harvested and tasted grapes, tomatoes, spinach, cucumber, broccoli flowers and nasturtium while homegrown chillis, chives, thyme, sage, rosemary, basil and more delicious tomatoes - all picked by our lunchtime garden volunteers - have made their way into the school kitchen. Thanks to everyone who has lent a hand, a pair of scissors or a watering can in the garden during their lunchbreak and well done for keeping to our new 5-at-a-time garden rule.

Frogs, green stink bugs and plenty of squirrels have been spotted enjoying our vegetable garden too. And elsewhere around the school grounds, our planters have come alive with hardy herbs, alliums, succulents, sea kale, grape, shrub fig and strawberry trees that will attract plenty more bees and other pollinating insects to our school community.

After school club have also been thinking about our garden's future, saving tomato, poppy, French bean and pumpkin seeds in our seed library and autumn sowing rocket and spinach in the beds for spring harvest. And they've been finding out more about the UK's largest seed produced by the horse chestnut tree at this time of year - the conker. Not to be confused with sweet chestnuts, conkers are toxic to humans but they contain the chemical compound saponin which creates a lather when mixed with water, making them perfect for making.....soap!

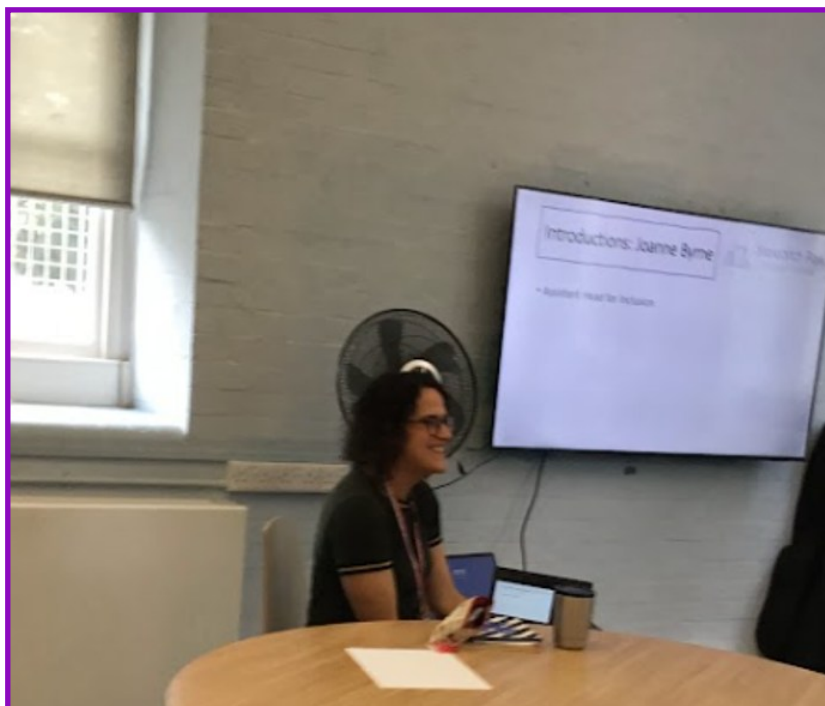


LUNCHTIME FUN IN THE GARDEN

The Garden Classroom has been running lunchtime sessions in our school garden. Pupils have had lots of fun exploring the space and making rubbings of different plants and textures they discovered. It has been lovely to see their curiosity and creativity in action!



SUPPORTING RECEPTION CHILDREN WITH THE MOVE TO SCHOOL



Thank you to the Reception parents and carers who joined a workshop led by our WAMHS link professional, Dr Zoe Tweedale. She shared practical ideas for helping children settle into school, build confidence and talk about how they are feeling. We hope families found the tips useful as their children continue to adjust to Reception.

SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK: KNOW YOUR SAFE

A simple conversation can make a big difference.

With many of our older children travelling to and from school independently, take a few minutes this week to talk about their journey to and from school.

Ask your child:

What route do you usually take?

Where could you go if you felt worried or unsafe?

Which trusted adults could you ask for help?

Do you know how to contact someone you trust if your phone isn't available?

Remind children that if something doesn't feel right, they should move to a busy, safe place and tell a trusted adult. They should never worry that they are "making a fuss" by asking for help.

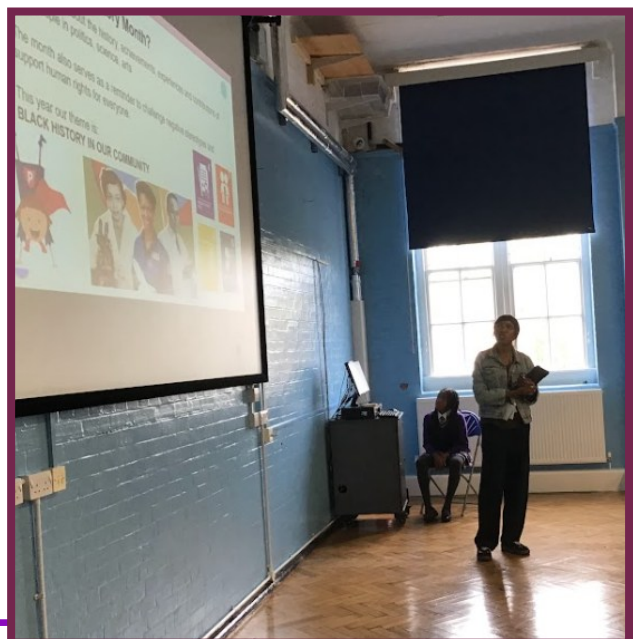
This week's challenge: Walk or talk through your child's usual route together and identify two safe places or trusted adults they could go to if they needed help.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLY

Our History Lead, Miss Francis, led an assembly introducing this year's theme, "Honouring Our Communities." Pupils explored how places close to school can tell stories about Black history and the people who have shaped Hackney.

We discussed BRAFA Square, outside Britannia Leisure Centre, which is named in honour of the British Reggae Artists Famine Appeal. We also looked at Veronica Ryan's sculptures of a custard apple, breadfruit and soursop in Hackney Central. The artworks celebrate the Windrush Generation and were inspired by the artist's childhood visits to Ridley Road Market. The assembly encouraged pupils to look more closely at the history all around them.



SHARE YOUR HACKNEY STORY – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year our BHM celebrations will focus on Significant individuals with local links to Hackney or Britain. We will finish our celebrations with a in-school carnival with each year group creating something to contribute e.g. costumes, instruments etc. As part of our celebrations, children will also take part in an African dance and drumming workshop delivered by local group Mbilia Arts.

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we would love to hear from our parents/carers and families about your experiences of growing up and living in Hackney.

Do you have a story to share about what Hackney was like when you were growing up? Perhaps you remember coming to Hackney from another country or part of the UK, celebrating Hackney Carnival, visiting the markets, playing in the local parks, going to school, or spending time with family and friends in the community.

Your story could be a special memory, a family tradition, a place that was important to you, or simply something that captures what Hackney means to you.

We want to celebrate the different experiences, memories and stories that have helped shape our community.

If you have a story you'd like to share, we would love to hear from you! You can write it down, send us a photo, or speak to a member of staff who can help record your story.

We also welcome if you have any ideas, suggestions or input on how we celebrate Black History Month this year to share your views via this link:

<https://forms.gle/nGQFg5vW76c4YFTi6>



Thank you for helping us celebrate and preserve the rich history of our Hackney community.

GROWING IN OUR SCHOOL GARDENS

We have been making the most of the last warm, sunny days in our school gardens. There are plenty of chillies, tomatoes and basil growing, and pupils have enjoyed exploring their different colours, smells and flavours. It has been lovely to see them so curious about the food growing right here at school.

DONATIONS



Play
Explore
Imagine
Together!



Shoreditch Park
Primary School

OPAL DONATIONS NEEDED

We are developing our playground as part of the OPAL programme and we need your help!

We are looking for donations of good quality, clean and safe items to enrich playtimes and inspire imaginative play.

Loose parts

Pipes, planks, reels, rope, buckets, pots, pans and other small parts for creative play.



Fabric and textiles

Duvet cases, sheets, curtains, old saris (silk is great!), netting and gauzy materials.



Costumes and dress up

Children's and adult costumes, hats, dressing up clothes and accessories.



Crates and trays

Plastic crates, bread trays, milk/bottle crates and sturdy trays.



Soft toys

Teddies, stuffed animals and dolls.



Soft loose parts

Tarpaulins, sofa cushions, soft suitcases, yoga mats, foam padding and pool noodles.



Chalk

Large playground chalks (we go through lots!).



Kitchen/café items

Pots, pans and utensils (near water and mud kitchen). Various sizes.



Water play

Hoses, guttering, cans, pipes and trays.



Gardening items

Trowels, spades, plant pots, trays, watering cans and garden tools.



Music and sound

Outdoor music players (e.g. Makita, DeWalt, DAB+, Radio). Child portable (battery).



Mud and digging

Spades, sand, tarps or raised beds/planters.



Small world toys

Figures, animals, dolls, vehicles, people, construction sets and accessories.



Thank you for supporting play at Shoreditch Park! ♥

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POPPY APPEAL

As we look ahead to Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November, we will be taking time as a school community to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present.

To support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, we have a range of poppy merchandise available to purchase from the school office. All proceeds will go directly to the Royal British Legion, supporting members of the Armed Forces community and their families.

Pin badges, snap bracelets, reflectors and lanyards are available for a suggested donation of £1 each.

Traditional paper poppies are also available – please donate as much as you can.

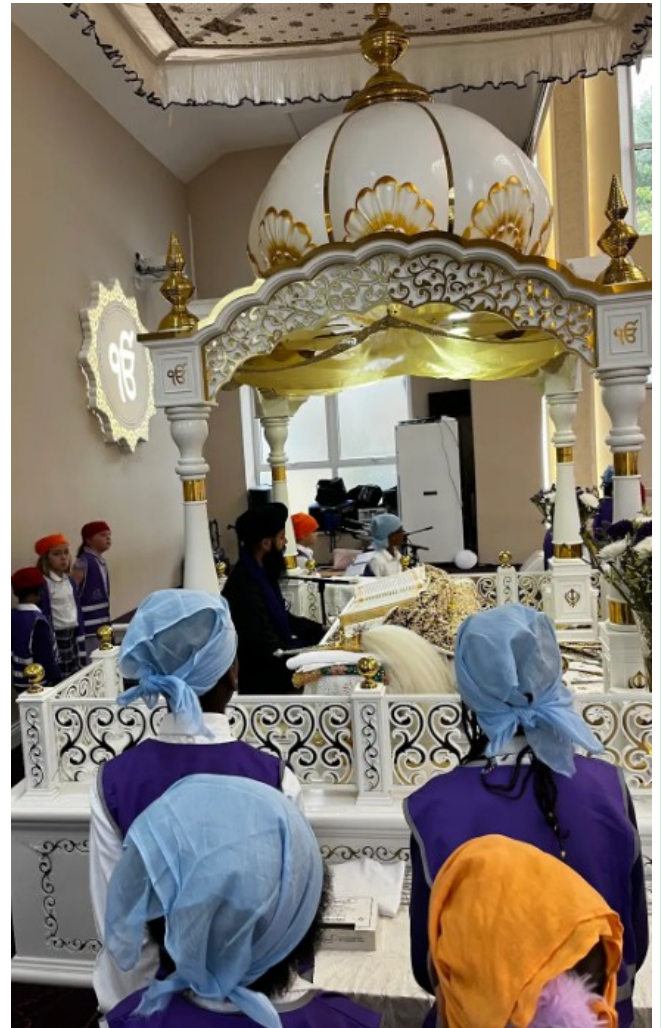
We would be very grateful for your support of this important cause. Thank you to all our families for helping us mark Remembrance Day and supporting the Poppy Appeal.



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

It was lovely to welcome the Scholastic Travelling Book Fair to Shoreditch Park this week. Pupils enjoyed exploring the books and sharing their discoveries with friends and family. Thank you to everyone who visited and supported the fair. We hope the stories you chose bring lots of reading enjoyment at home!





ALMOND CLASS TRIP TO KHALSA JATHA BRITISH ISLES

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Shepherd's Bush to visit Khalsa Jatha British Isles Gurdwara. On arrival, the children removed their shoes and wore head coverings as a sign of respect for Sikh worship. They enjoyed listening to Sikh hymns and watching performances, including some impressive drumming. The children also learned more about Sikhism and its key beliefs, helping to bring their RE learning to life.

The day ended with a visit to the Gurdwara's langar, the community kitchen, where everyone experienced the warm hospitality for which Sikhs are renowned. The food was a huge hit, with some children even returning for thirds! It was an amazing and memorable day that provided a valuable insight into Sikh faith and culture.

URBAN FOREST SCHOOL

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have been having a wonderful time at Urban Forest School in Shoreditch Park, exploring the outdoors and getting creative in nature. These sessions provide fantastic opportunities to build confidence, spark curiosity and enjoy learning together.

We are still seeking donations of waterproof jackets and wellies to help pupils make the most of these experiences in wet weather. If you have any outgrown items in good condition, please bring them to the school office. Thank you for your support!



OPAL BINGO IS UNDERWAY!

Our OPAL Bingo challenge is now underway, and we are excited to see which class will be the first to shout “Bingo!” and earn extra OPAL playtime!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items. Each donation helps classes complete their bingo cards and brings more opportunities for creative, adventurous play. Please check your class’s card to see how you can help. Let’s keep those donations coming!

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO

Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic 
Dress up items 	Cars 	Dinosaurs 	Pans 	Plastic dolls 
Lego 	Small balls 	Scooter 	Plastic tubes 	Tarpaulin 
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Skateboard 	Cardboard tubes 
Guttering 	Wooden planks 	Helmet 	Aprons 	Chalk 

BINGO!

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance by	
Class	Attendance
Rosen	85.90%
Browne	98.50%
Donaldson	98.90%
Deacon	98.70%
Grey	95.70%
Hoffman	96.90%
Jeffers	93.90%
Briggs	96.00%
King-Smith	96.70%
Almond	91.40%
Morpurgo	95.70%
Dahl	94.50%
Tan	95.60%
Milligan	96.60%
Zephaniah	95.20%



Attendance and punctuality-21st September-25th September

Congratulations to the classes
with the best attendance.

DONALDSON class in EYFS

DEACON class in KS1

KING-SMITH class in KS2
well done

Gold standard
punctuality goes to...
ROSEN Class with
no lates.
Well done



Lates by class	
Class	Number of lates
Rosen	0
Browne	1
Donaldson	2
Deacon	8
Grey	3
Hoffman	6
Jeffers	4
Briggs	5
King-Smith	3
Almond	2
Morpurgo	6
Dahl	4
Tan	7
Milligan	9
Zephaniah	7

Lateness by Class