

The Shoreditch Park Scoop



HOPPERS WORKSHOP AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S VISIT

We had a truly special day at Shoreditch Park this week as we welcomed some fantastic guests to our school: Karan Gokani (Co-Founder and Creative Director of Hoppers), Joanne McCartney (Deputy Mayor of London) and Dame Meg Hillier (Member of Parliament for Hackney South and Shoreditch).

It was a fascinating and memorable day, giving our pupils the opportunity to meet our visitors, ask questions and take part in a range of exciting activities.

A real highlight was an amazing lassi-making workshop led by Karan Gokani. Our pupils became chefs for the day, exploring different flavours and experimenting with a wonderful selection of ingredients to create their very own lassis. They combined fragrant spices such as cinnamon and cardamom with delicious fruits including mango, pomegranate and raspberries.



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ASSEMBLY LED BY KARAN GOKANI



Karan Gokani also led a truly inspiring assembly, sharing the story of his career and his journey into the world of food and restaurants. He spoke to pupils about what it takes to run a successful restaurant, from developing exciting ideas and creating delicious food to working as part of a team and providing a great experience for customers.

Karan encouraged the children to be ambitious, creative and curious, explaining that careers do not always follow a straight path and that being willing to learn, try new things and follow your passions can lead to exciting opportunities. Pupils were fascinated to hear about life behind the scenes in the restaurant industry and particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to ask Karan questions about his experiences and career.



Q&A WITH DAME MEG HILLIER AND JOANNE MCCARTNEY

Joanne McCartney, Deputy Mayor of London, and Dame Meg Hillier, our local MP, led a fascinating and engaging question-and-answer session with pupils. The children had the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions about what it is like to work in politics, the responsibilities of elected representatives and how important decisions are made. Both visitors shared interesting insights into their roles, their careers and how they work to make a positive difference in their communities. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn more about democracy, leadership and the importance of having a voice. We were particularly proud of the curiosity, confidence and enthusiasm shown by our pupils throughout the session!

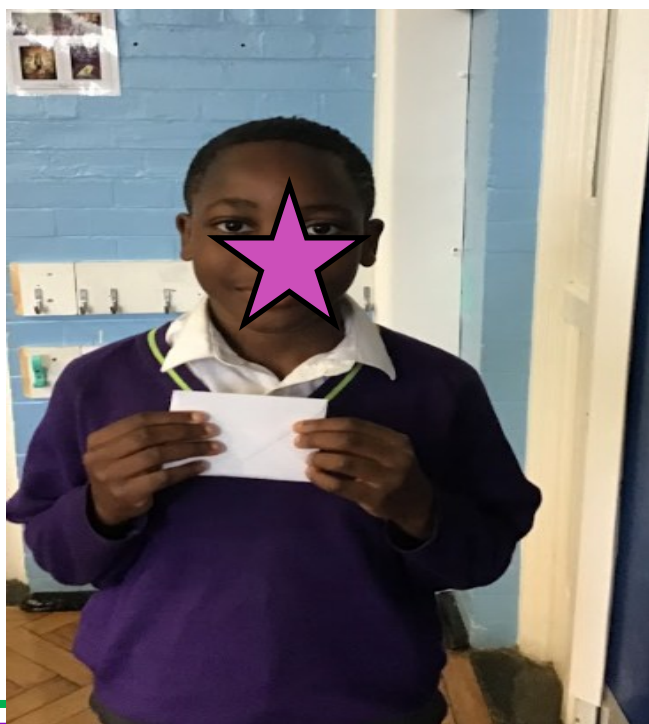


ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Celebrating Our Annual Attendance Awards!

Our annual Attendance Awards were a wonderful opportunity to celebrate pupils who achieved good, excellent and 100% attendance. We also shared how we recognise pupils with the most improved attendance, celebrating the effort and progress they have made.

Attendance is improving, and this reflects the commitment of our pupils, families and staff. Well done to the whole school community—every day in school brings opportunities to learn, build friendships and succeed!



SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK

Many games allow children to chat with people they do not know. Ask your child who they play with and remind them never to share their name, school, address or photos in a game chat. Check the game's privacy settings together, and let your child know they can tell you if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable or asks them to keep a conversation secret.



REMINDER: END OF DAY GATES

A reminder to all families that **the school gates now open at 3.25pm**. This change has been introduced to support calm and organised end-of-day routines, allowing pupils and staff to prepare for dismissal safely and smoothly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us ensure a positive and safe end to the school day.

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.



OPAL BINGO– THANK YOU



OPAL UPDATES– BOXES OF FUN

Who Knew Boxes Could Be So Much Fun?

Our OPAL playtimes have been full of imagination as children transform cardboard boxes into cafés, castles, helmets and even a slide! It has been wonderful to see them working together, sharing ideas and finding creative ways to play. Such simple materials have sparked so many adventures—we have had so much fun!



OPAL UPDATES– BOXES OF FUN



OPAL UPDATES– DRESSING UP

A costume and a little imagination can lead to a whole world of adventure! Children of all ages have loved dressing up during our OPAL playtimes, creating characters, inventing stories and stepping into new roles. It has been wonderful to see pupils from different year groups joining in together, with plenty of laughter and creativity along the way!



OPAL UPDATES– DIGGING

Digging into OPAL!

Our digging area has been a hive of activity, with children having great fun excavating, shifting soil and seeing what they can discover! Working together, they have been sharing tools and practising their digging skills. We are also learning to use equipment safely, giving each other plenty of space and following guidance from the play team.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Class	Attendance 28.9-2.10
NUR - Rosen	96.3%
REC - Browne	98.5%
REC - Donaldson	88.5%
Y1 - Deacon	98.0%
Y1 - Grey	100.0%
Y2 - Hoffman	98.6%
Y2 - Jeffers	95.1%
Y3 - Briggs	100.0%
Y3 - King-Smith	96.7%
Y4 - Almond	92.0%
Y4 - Morpurgo	96.7%
Y5 - Dahl	97.9%
Y5 - Tan	96.3%
Y6 - Milligan	99.0%
Y6 - Zephaniah	99.3%



Briggs, Grey and Hoffman Class lifting their key stage attendance trophies!

Congratulations to the classes
BROWNE class in EYFS

GREY class in KS1

BRIGGS class in KS2
well done

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



Registration Form	Late marks
NUR - Rosen	0
REC - Browne	5
REC - Donaldson	6
Y1 - Deacon	5
Y1 - Grey	13
Y2 - Hoffman	13
Y2 - Jeffers	5
Y3 - Briggs	4
Y3 - King-Smith	4
Y4 - Almond	3
Y4 - Morpurgo	13
Y5 - Dahl	7
Y5 - Tan	9
Y6 - Milligan	10
Y6 - Zephaniah	7

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Some of our upper KS2 pupils represented Shoreditch Park at a recent tournament. Although we didn't win, our pupils showed excellent sporting dispositions, demonstrating determination, resilience and teamwork throughout. They encouraged one another and treated their opponents with respect, displaying fantastic sportsmanship.

Well done to everyone who took part—you made us proud!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

This year's celebrations provide a fantastic opportunity for families to explore Black history, culture, art and music together. Across Hackney and London, museums, libraries and community organisations are hosting a range of exciting events, including storytelling sessions, creative workshops, exhibitions, performances and family activities.

We encourage all our families to get involved, discover something new and celebrate the diversity that makes our community so special!

Find out what's happening near you:

[Hackney Council](#) – Explore local Black History Month celebrations and community events.

[Museum of the Home](#) – Discover exhibitions and family activities exploring people's lives, homes and cultural heritage.

[London Museum](#) – Explore London's diverse history through exhibitions and family learning opportunities.

[Black History Month UK](#) – Find events, resources and inspiration for celebrating Black History Month.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MENU

A Taste of Black History Month

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, pupils and staff enjoyed a delicious menu featuring Jamaican stew, rice and peas, and plantain. The meal was enjoyed by all and offered a lovely opportunity to celebrate Caribbean flavours and food traditions. A big thank you to our catering team for preparing such a tasty lunch!



RECEPTION FOREST SCHOOL

Our Reception children have been having a wonderful time at Urban Forest School in Shoreditch Park, enjoying the opportunity to explore, discover and learn in the great outdoors.

Each session is organised as a carousel of activities, allowing children to self-select and spend time exploring the activities that interest them. We also come together to play a group game, before having plenty of time to investigate, create and enjoy the natural environment around us. We finish each session with a delicious snack and a story together.

Our activities have included bird spotting with binoculars, searching for bugs using magnifying glasses, painting with natural paints made from ingredients such as spirulina and beetroot, relaxing and swinging in a hammock, and imaginative play in the outdoor mud kitchen. The children have particularly enjoyed getting hands-on and curious about the world around them!

Back at school, the children in Donaldson Class, who enjoy Forest School with Ms Clarke, complete their activities in our school garden area - they have also been busy observing the frogs in our school pond area. They were very excited this week to see how the tadpoles they saw at the start of the term were now frogs! They even rescued one and carefully nurtured him back to health over the week before releasing him safely back into his pond habitat.

Forest School provides wonderful opportunities for our children to develop their independence, confidence, curiosity and care for nature, while having lots of fun along the way!

We would appreciate parent helpers each week who could support us - it is also a great opportunity for parents to see what we are learning and also learn too so that you can continue the activities at home.



MORPURGO GURDWARA VISIT

As part of our RE learning about Sikhism, Year 4 Morpurgo Class were delighted to visit the Khalsa British Isles Gurdwara. We had a fascinating tour and learned more about Sikh beliefs, traditions and the importance of the Gurdwara within the community. The children particularly enjoyed experiencing Langar, the free community meal shared by everyone. The visit was a wonderful opportunity to deepen our understanding of Sikhism and see our classroom learning brought to life.



YEAR 5– HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Hackney School of Food, where we became chefs for the day! We learned new cooking skills and worked together to make delicious lamb koftas with couscous. The children enjoyed preparing the ingredients and cooking their food. The trip also provided a great link to our Science learning about mixtures and separation, as we explored how different ingredients can be combined and separated. It was a fun and memorable day filled with teamwork, practical learning and new culinary skills!



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!





DONATIONS



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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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