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The Shoreditch Park Scoop



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Pupils enjoyed taking their lessons into the fresh air as we celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day. Learning beyond the classroom gives children opportunities to explore, investigate and connect their learning to the world around them. It can spark curiosity, encourage creativity and teamwork, and support wellbeing—helping children feel engaged and ready to learn.

We also had great fun at our sponsored bounce! There was plenty of energy, laughter and encouragement as pupils bounced to help make our OPAL playtimes even better.

Thank you to everyone who supported the day and sponsored our bouncers. Your generosity will help us create even more opportunities for outdoor play and learning.









OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY- SEUSS CLASS

In Seuss Class, we had lots of fun creating and comparing numbers and objects through practical, hands-on activities. We used a range of natural resources, including leaves, sticks and stones, to represent 3-digit numbers and explore concepts such as more and fewer. This engaging activity helped us develop our understanding of place value and build confidence when working with numbers. We had fun!



















OPAL SPONSORED BOUNCE

Our OPAL Sponsored Bounce brought pupils together for space hopper fun, encouraging everyone to get active, persevere and cheer on their friends.

Children worked in pairs, taking turns to bounce and count, with certificates recognising achievements including Most Bounces, Best Team Player, Most Creative Bouncer and Brilliant Bounce Buddy. There was plenty of enthusiasm, teamwork and determination!

Thank you to our families for supporting the event through sponsorship, donations and items from our Amazon wishlist. Your generosity helps us develop our OPAL provision, making playtimes even more creative, inclusive and exciting for every child.















THANK YOU TO SHOREDITCH PARK FAMILIES!

A huge thank you to our wonderful families for your generosity in supporting our OPAL Sponsored Bounce! We raised over £500 in cash donations, with many more families ordering items from our Amazon wishlist. We are so grateful for your support.

Every pound donated and every wishlist item will help enrich our pupils' playtimes, creating more opportunities for imagination, adventure, teamwork and fun. Your contributions will make a lasting difference to the experiences children enjoy every day.

Thank you, too, to our enthusiastic bouncers and the staff who helped make the event such a success. We are so lucky to have such generous and supportive families at Shoreditch Park.

Miss Smith



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY-YEAR 1

As part of our OPAL outdoor learning day, Year 1 became Materials Detectives! We explored the Shoreditch Park garden, searching for everyday objects made from different materials. We identified wood, metal, plastic, brick and rock, discussed their properties and recorded our findings through drawings and writing.



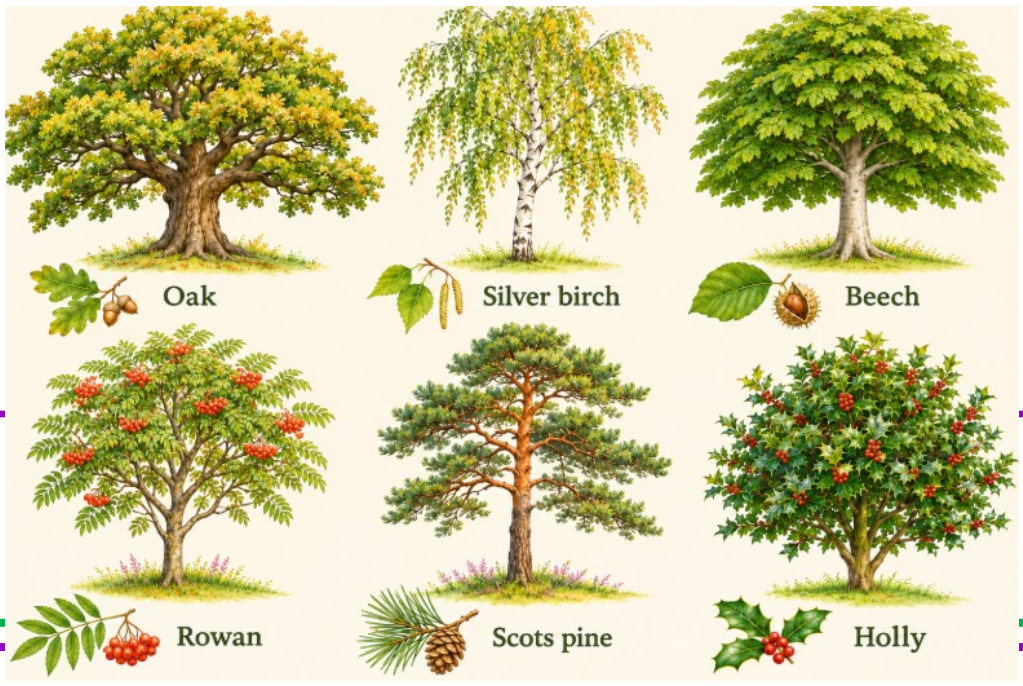
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY- YEAR 3

We brought our new science unit, forces, to life with our outdoor learning! We identified three key contact forces: pushing, pulling and twisting. We applied these forces to everyday activities that we do in the playground, such as with hula hoops, balls and cones! We also challenged ourselves to apply multiple forces at once, for example pushing and twisting a ball!



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY- YEAR 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time embracing the outdoors during our Outdoor Learning Day! We enjoyed an autumn walk, gathering inspiration and ideas for our own autumn poetry. Using the outdoor space and chalk, we created role-on-the-wall activities to explore characters' thoughts and feelings. We also put our maths skills to the test by calculating the area and perimeter of the school playground. Combining science and maths, we investigated biodiversity in our school garden, identified deciduous and evergreen plants, and created graphs to present our findings. It was a wonderful day of learning, teamwork and discovery!











MUD KITCHEN- OPAL– MARVELOUS MUD

Our OPAL mud kitchen offers endless opportunities for imaginative, hands-on play! From mixing mud pies to serving up leafy soups, children can become chefs, café owners and potion makers, using natural materials to bring their ideas to life.

As they scoop, pour, stir and measure, children develop coordination, practise problem-solving and explore different textures. Playing together also encourages conversation, sharing and teamwork—all while enjoying the outdoors.

A little mud, lots of imagination and plenty of fun!

SCHOOL GARDENS

With the long hot summer now a distant memory, after school club have been busy keeping up with the changing of the seasons in the growing garden; harvesting the last of the tomatoes and chillis, digging for potatoes and carrots, clearing the beds of tender annuals to make room for hardier winter crops and repurposing acorn cups into pieces of jewelry and fallen leaves into autumn tinsel.

They've also been discovering more about compost. We need a good balance of 'green' (nitrogen) and 'brown' (carbon) organic matter, helped by the heroic digestive action of worms, other shredders and billions of microorganisms like bacteria and fungi, to recycle school kitchen and garden waste into nutritious compost which will feed the soil in our growing garden, helping all its plants thrive. And to put this to the test, we've buried a 100% cotton pair of underpants in one of the beds. We'll dig them up in the new year to see what state they're in – the more they've fallen apart, the healthier our soil is!

Thanks to the lunchtime volunteers who have helped in the garden too. And thank you for bearing with us while we closed for maintenance. We will re-open the growing garden on Thursdays and Fridays 11.45-1.30 after half term.














BUILDING DENS, BUILDING SKILLS!

As Den building is bringing creativity, teamwork and adventure to our OPAL playtimes! Children are working together to create their own hideaways, sharing ideas and finding ways to make their structures stay standing.

Along the way, they are developing problem-solving skills, communication and resilience-adapting their designs and trying again when things don't quite go to plan. Our play assemblies help children learn how to use the equipment safely, care for resources and tidy everything away, ready for the next adventure!









REMEMBRANCE DAY: A STORY FROM OUR SCHOOL'S PAST

As we prepare for Remembrance Day, we have been looking back at the experiences of children who attended our school during the Second World War, when it was known as Gopsal Street School.

One particularly moving account comes from Bill Smith, who grew up in Shoreditch and was just eight years old when he was evacuated from London in 1939.
Bill remembers arriving at school with his gas mask and a brown paper bag containing a banana, an orange and a bar of chocolate. For weeks, the children practised lining up and walking around the playground. Then, one day, instead of returning to their classrooms, they were led out through the school gates.

On the other side of the road, their mothers were standing, crying and waving goodbye. Bill had not been told he was leaving London. His older sister, Maudie, knew what was happening and had been asked to look after her brothers.

The children travelled by train to Bedford, wearing labels with their names and addresses attached to their coats. When they arrived, local families came to choose children to take into their homes. Bill and his cousin were the last two children left waiting.
Bill's memories remind us that war affected ordinary children and families, including those who walked the very same streets as our pupils today.

As we mark Remembrance Day, we remember not only those who fought and lost their lives, but also the children whose lives were changed by war.

Imagine being eight years old, leaving your family without knowing where you were going or when you would see them again. How might you have felt?
You can read Bill's fascinating firsthand account in full here: BBC - WW2 People's War - The Evacuee part 1



TIMES TABLE ROCK STAR AND NUMBER BOTS DAY!

We are excited to be adding Numbots to our Times Table Rockstar online Maths learning platform. The Numbots programme is designed to support number fluency and recall of addition and subtraction facts. It is aimed at Year 1-4 but available to all year groups. Pupils use their TTRS login to access.

Back by popular demand, on Thursday 19th November we will be having a launch day where children (and staff) are invited to dress up as either a Rock Star (TTRS) or a Robot (Numbot). Across the day there will be an assembly for pupils and online activities in class. There will also be 2 parent workshops to demonstrate the programme and go through the activities: lower hall at 9.05am and again at 3.35pm. If you cannot attend the workshops, all the information you need including instruction videos and other useful tips is available on the school website. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of SLT.



SPPS - WORDSEARCH

SHOREDITCH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our class wordsearch

15 classes. 15 names. Can you find them all?

Look across, down and diagonally - forwards and backwards.
King-Smith appears as KINGSMITH in the grid.

C	K	T	Q	J	S	D	Y	D	O	V	M	A	X	X	B	I
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D	H	K	G	H	C	N	R	S	O	L	Q	A	A	T	A	U
R	X	I	X	L	A	U	H	Y	A	U	K	E	M	G	N	Z
Y	R	N	B	L	P	I	K	L	T	Q	G	E	W	H	O	P
B	N	G	D	R	E	J	N	T	Z	S	R	O	P	O	F	G
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I	T	E	K	I	V	M	N	G	O	W	G	H	L	L	Y	O
M	L	A	C	V	O	G	A	A	F	N	O	C	A	E	D	K
C	G	R	O	S	C	Y	Q	N	D	L	Y	G	X	D	N	K

FIND OUR CLASSES

- ☐ Rosen
- ☐ Donaldson
- ☐ Browne
- ☐ Deacon
- ☐ Grey
- ☐ Hoffman
- ☐ Jeffers
- ☐ King-Smith
- ☐ Briggs
- ☐ Almond
- ☐ Morpurgo
- ☐ Tan
- ☐ Dahl
- ☐ Zephaniah
- ☐ Milligan



Aspire, Higher, Together



THE SCOOP

SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK – FIREWORKS NIGHT

We Stay safe this Fireworks Night!

As many of our families will celebrate Bonfire Night this weekend it is important that we all follow these important rules.



Enjoy Bonfire Night and stay safe!

SPPS - CROSSWORD

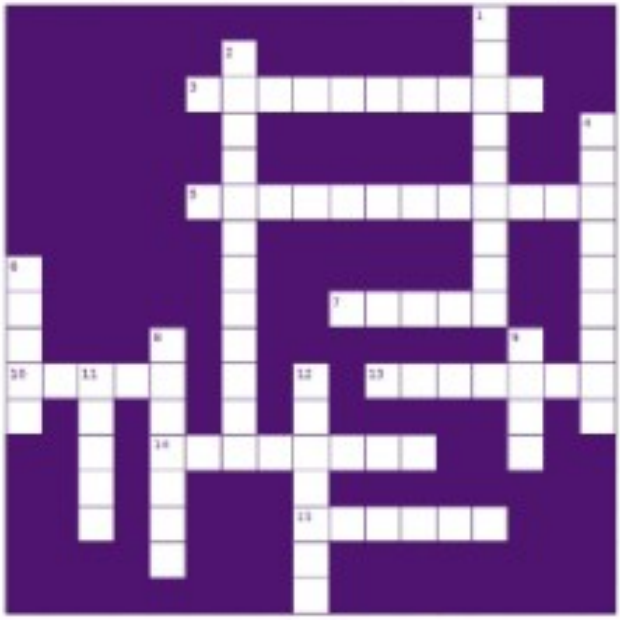
SHOREDITCH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school crossword

Aspire, Higher, Together

How well do you know SPPS? Take the family challenge!

One letter per white square. Leave out spaces and apostrophes.



ACROSS

3. What celebration do we have at school before the Christmas holidays? (10)

5. Year 2 enjoys a Christmas theatre trip here. Where is it? (7, 5)

7. Full of questions! Which ASPIRE character loves enquiring? (5)

10. Which ASPIRE character encourages us to keep achieving? (5)

13. Bring a bucket and spade! Where can you dig and build at playtime? (7)

14. Which playground game uses a square divided into four smaller squares? (8)

15. Six special characters help us live these school values. What are they called? (6)

DOWN

1. Who do children in Key Stage 2 often turn to for help? (4, 5)

2. Which author gives our Nursery class its name? (7, 5)

4. Who is the headteacher of our school? (4, 5)

6. Which ASPIRE character reminds us to feel proud? (5)

8. Which London borough do we call home at Shoreditch Park? (7)

9. Tyres, dressing up and den building! Which four letters link our outdoor play? (4)

11. You are reading it right now! What is our school newsletter called? (5)

12. So many stories to discover! Where can local families borrow books? (7)





DIWALI CELEBRATION LUNCH – THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

We will be celebrating Diwali in the dining hall on Thursday 12 November with a special lunch menu! We look forward to sharing a delicious meal together to mark the Festival of Lights.

Please see the attached menu for details of the dishes on offer.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, we remember those who have served and sacrificed in times of war and conflict.

A reminder that paper and enamel poppies, snap bracelets and bike reflectors are available to buy from the school office. All money raised from these sales goes to the Royal British Legion to support the Armed Forces community.

Thank you for your support.



SPPS WINTERFEST





SPPS BREAKFAST CLUB MENU





PLAY DETECTIVES- AUTUMN 1, WEEK 1

This week's Play Detectives were Cassia and Guilia! They kept a keen eye on our OPAL playtimes. Read on to find out what they observed in the playground.



"These children were making dens. They used pegs and different materials. They enjoyed using the different equipment."



"The children are busy sieving mud in our mud kitchen."



"Everyone loves dressing up at lunchtime. There are all kinds of clothes and wigs to wear."



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Class	Attendance
Nursery	77.8%
Browne	93.5%
Donaldson	93.7%
Deacon	96.7%
Grey	95.9%
Hoffman	91.0%
Jeffers	95.3%
Briggs	97.3%
King-Smith	97.0%
Almond	99.3%
Morpurgo	93.7%
Dahl	99.0%
Tan	98.6%
Milligan	94.3%
Zephaniah	97.9%





Congratulations to the classes with the best attendance.

DONALDSON class in EYFS

DEACON class in KS1

ALMOND class in KS2
well done



Gold standard punctuality goes to…
BROWNE Class
Well done

Class	Number of lates
Nursery	2
Browne	0
Donaldson	7
Deacon	6
Grey	8
Hoffman	7
Jeffers	8
Briggs	6
King-Smith	4
Almond	5
Morpurgo	8
Dahl	5
Tan	15
Milligan	5
Zephaniah	10

Lateness by Class