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# The Shoreditch Park Scoop

## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS & NUMBOTS DRESS-UP DAY!

Shoreditch Park was rocking on Thursday as pupils and staff dressed up as rock stars to celebrate our Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) and NumBots Day! From colourful wigs and leather jackets to sunglasses and inflatable guitars, everyone embraced their inner rock star! The day was all about celebrating maths, building confidence and encouraging children to develop their number fluency through TTRS and NumBots.

KS1 had their NumBots launch and the children took home their login details and instructions. KS2 had their TTRS Battles and enjoyed competing against their partner class. Please support your child with this online learning. All further guidance can be found on the school website under the Maths Highlights section.











# SEUSS CINEMA TRIP

**On Wednesday 18th November, Seuss Class enjoyed a trip to Vue Cinema in Angel, Islington. We watched Kensuke's Kingdom, an animated film based on the 1999 children's adventure novel by Michael Morpurgo. The story follows a young boy's adventures after becoming stranded on a remote island and explores themes of friendship, resilience and survival.**

**We had an amazing time at the cinema and thoroughly enjoyed the film. The children were excited, well-behaved and represented the school brilliantly throughout the trip.**















# RECEPTION - LIBRARY TRIP

**This week Browne and Donaldson class both visited Shoreditch Library. This visit was part of our Topic 'People who help us'. The children enjoyed their walk to the library through Hoxton market; identifying all the different shops and businesses in the community and discussing how they help us. At the library they were read a story by a Librarian, who explained how the library works and how children can visit for free and take books home if they have a library card. The children listened to the story The Ugly Duckling and thought about how we can be kind to others. They had a fantastic time reading different books and talking about our favourite stories. The children were able to select some new books that we wanted to take back to school and read together.**













# WATERPROOFS AND WELLIES INITITIATIVE

This week we welcomed Gina Bradbury Fox and Priscilla Chase from The Healthy Back Bag to Shoreditch Park Primary. It was lovely to introduce them to our pupils and share how we make time for outdoor play and learning through OPAL.

Gina is the CEO of The Outdoor Guide Foundation and co-founded The Outdoor Guide with her sister, TV presenter Julia Bradbury. The Foundation's Waterproofs & Wellies project gives schools outdoor clothing and boots so more children can join in, even on wet and muddy days.

Thanks to sponsorship from Pricilla at the The Healthy Back Bag, our school received 10 sets of waterproofs and wellies in a range of sizes. The kit will stay at school for pupils to use, helping more children get outside with their friends, whether they're exploring in an outdoor lesson or getting stuck into the mud kitchen at lunchtime.

A big thank you to Gina, Priscilla and their teams for visiting us and helping more of our children enjoy the outdoors.








# FAMILY FRIDAYS- RECEPTION TO YEAR 3

It's always a joy to welcome parents and carers into our classrooms for Family Friday. The children love showing you what they've been learning and sharing a little of their school day with you.

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week. We look forward to seeing you at our next Family Friday, from 8.45am to 9.10am.











## MORPURGO CLASS ASSEMBLY – THE GREAT BREAD MYSTERY

**Year 4 Morpurgo Class gave a fantastic performance of The Great Bread Mystery in their class assembly, inspired by their Crime and Punishment topic. The children spoke clearly and confidently, using expressive voices, facial expressions and gestures to bring their characters to life. It was lovely to see them supporting one another and working together as a cast.**

**Well done, Morpurgo Class!**



## KING-SMITH CLASS ASSEMBLY

**King-Smith Class treated us to a wonderful assembly on Friday. The children shared what they had learnt in science about light and shadows, then made thoughtful connections to their RE learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. They brought both topics together by showing how their learning linked to our ASPIRE values.**

**Well done, King-Smith Class, for sharing your learning with such confidence and enthusiasm!as we honoured this important occasion together.**



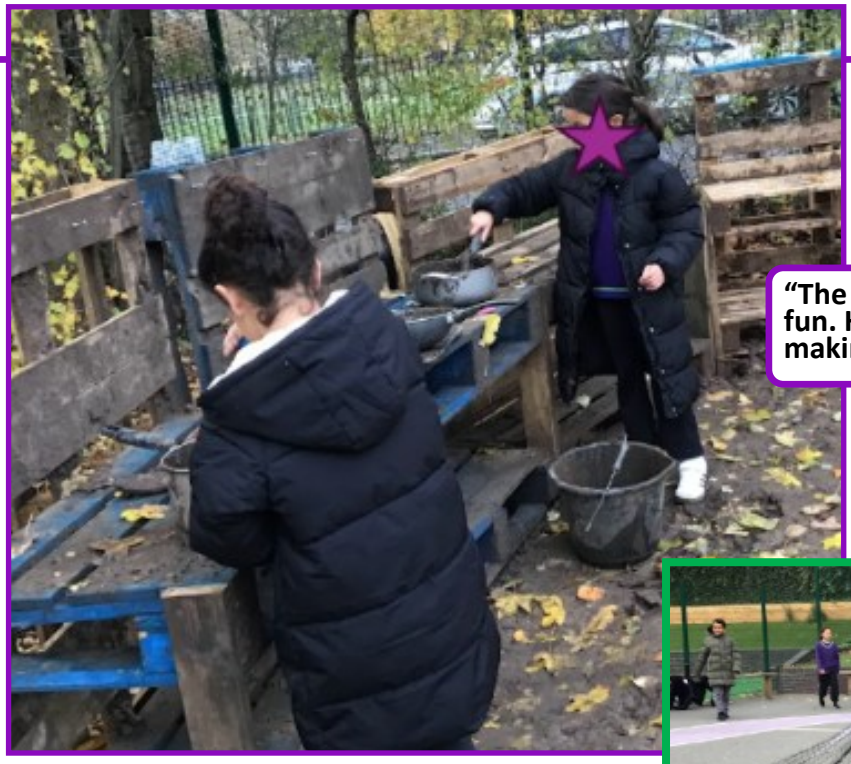






# PLAY PLAY DETECTIVES

**Well done to Maya and Alex, this week's Play Detectives! Their job is to look out for the little things that make playtime better for everyone, like inviting someone to join a game, sharing equipment or helping to tidy up. If you spot a great example of teamwork or kindness at lunchtime, let Maya or Alex know!**



**"The new mud kitchen is really fun. Here are some children making food."**



**"Here is part of the small world area. Children love to play with the dolls' house.**





**"Here are some children playing Kingball. It is very popular with lots of children."**

## SUPPORTING MATHS LEARNING AT HOME – TTRS & NUMBOTS WORKSHOPS

**A big thank you to Mrs Green for leading our parent maths workshops as part of our Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) and NumBots Day!**

**The workshops gave parents practical ideas and strategies to help their children develop confidence and fluency in maths at home. Miss Green demonstrated how TTRS and NumBots support the maths learning taking place in school, including ways to practise number bonds, addition, subtraction and times tables through fun, engaging activities.**

**It was lovely to see parents getting involved and exploring simple ways to make maths part of everyday life. Thank you to everyone who attended and for your continued support in helping our children become confident mathematicians!**

**The session slides and handout have also been uploaded to the Maths page. Moving forward we will be running half termly Maths sessions for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 from Spring term, so watch this space for upcoming dates. If there is a particular topic you would like covered, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support.**





## HEAD LICE – A GENTLE REMINDER

**We have recently been made aware of a small number of cases of head lice in school. We would therefore encourage all parents and carers to check their children's hair regularly using a fine-toothed detection comb.**

**Head lice are very common among primary-aged children and are not linked to poor hygiene. They spread through close head-to-head contact.**

**If you find live lice, please begin treatment promptly and check other members of your household. Children with head lice can continue to attend school as normal.**

**Further advice about checking for and treating head lice is available on the NHS website:** Head lice and nits - NHS

**Thank you for your support in helping to minimise the spread.**

# ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

| Attendance by class 9th November-13th November | |
|---|---|
| Class | Attendance |
| Rosen | 72.9% |
| Browne | 94% |
| Donaldson | 93.8% |
| Deacon | 99.3% |
| Grey | 97.9% |
| Hoffman | 97.2% |
| Jeffers | 94.0% |
| Briggs | 98.3% |
| King-Smith | 92.7% |
| Almond | 93.1% |
| Morpurgo | 96.0% |
| Dahl | 95.3% |
| Tan | 91.4% |
| Milligan | 99.0% |
| Zephaniah | 94.8% |




| Number of lates by class 9th November-13th November | |
|---|---|
| Class | Number of lates |
| Rosen | 4 |
| Browne | 2 |
| Donaldson | 10 |
| Deacon | 9 |
| Grey | 8 |
| Hoffman | 4 |
| Jeffers | 4 |
| Briggs | 3 |
| King-Smith | 1 |
| Almond | 3 |
| Morpurgo | 9 |
| Dahl | 5 |
| Tan | 11 |
| Milligan | 6 |
| Zephaniah | 2 |

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

**BROWNE class in EYFS**

**DEACON class in KS1**

**MILLIGAN class in KS2**
**well done**



Gold standard punctuality goes to…
**KING-SMITH**
Well done

# A GLIMPSE INTO OUR SCHOOL'S PAST: GOSPAL ST SCHOOL 1910

**This wonderful photograph takes us back over 115 years to around 1910, when our school was known as Gopsall Street School.**

**The photograph shows a class of boys proudly posing with their teacher outside the school building. One pupil is holding a board displaying 'Standard IV', the name given to their class at the time.**

**Education was very different in those days! Following the 1876 Education Act, children who passed their Standard IV examination at the age of 10 and had attended school regularly for five years could qualify for three years of free education.**

**Look closely at the photograph and you might notice the boys' smart clothing, including stiff, starched collars, quite different from our school uniforms today!**

**Our school has seen many changes over the years, from Gopsall Street School to Whitmore School and now Shoreditch Park Primary School. It is wonderful to look back at the generations of children who learned and played here before us.**

**Can you imagine what a school day might have been like for these pupils over a century ago?**

## Help Us Discover More of Our School's History!

**We are beginning to run out of photographs from the archives, but we would love to continue sharing stories and memories from our school's fascinating past.**

**Did your parents, grandparents or even great-grandparents attend our school? Perhaps you have old school photographs, reports or memories that have been passed down through your family.**

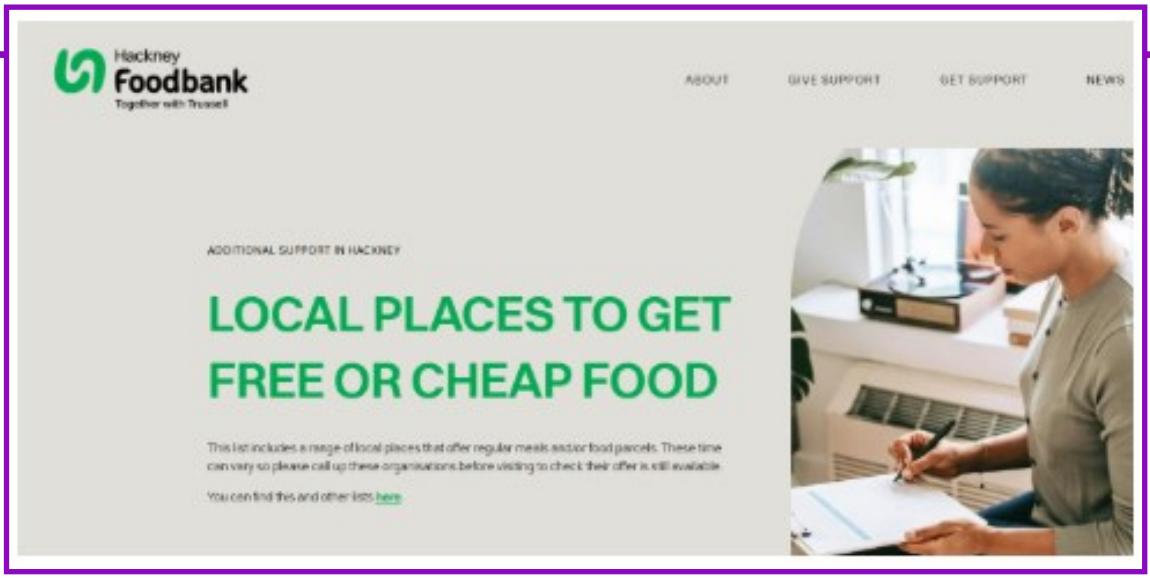
**We would love to hear from you! Please get in touch if you have anything you would be happy to share. It would be wonderful to uncover more of our school's history and celebrate the generations of families who have been part of our community.**



# FOOD SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN HACKNEY

**If your family could use some help with food costs, Hackney Foodbank has put together a day-by-day guide to local places offering free or low-cost meals and food parcels. Please call the venue before visiting, as opening times and what's available can change.**
**https://www.hackney.foodbank.org.uk/local-places-to-get-free-food?utm_source=chatgpt.com**

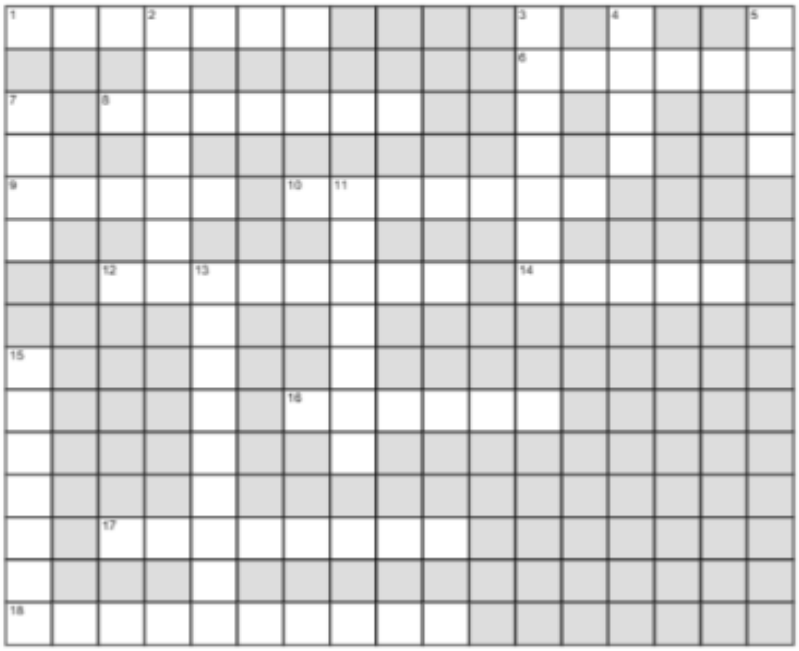
**If you would like support, please contact the school office. They can put you in touch with a member of our Inclusion Team for a confidential chat about what help is available.**






# SPPS - CROSSWORD

## Shoreditch Park Crossword



### ACROSS

1. An instrument with a needle that points north. (7)

6. The six-letter name of our school dispositions. (6)

8. A place where you can borrow books. (7)

9. The parts of a plant that take in water from the soil. (5)

10. The force that pulls objects towards Earth. (7)

12. A number that represents part of a whole. (8)

14. Round rubber objects we can use to build at playtime. (5)

16. The capital city of England, where our school is. (6)

17. A flat shape with three straight sides. (8)

18. The first word in our school's name. (10)

### DOWN

2. An artist who makes pictures using paint. (7)

3. The natural home of a living thing. (7)

4. The four-letter name of our outdoor play programme. (4)

5. A word that can describe an action, such as jump. (4)

7. The second word in our school's name. (4)

11. A colourful arc sometimes seen when sun shines through rain. (7)

13. A word that describes a noun. (9)

15. Waterproof boots we wear for wet or muddy play. (7)






## SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK |

## TALK PANTS WITH PANTOSAURUS

**The NSPCC's Talk PANTS resources help parents and carers talk to children about body boundaries in a simple, age-appropriate way. The message is that your body belongs to you, and you can tell a trusted adult if anything makes you feel worried or uncomfortable. nspcc.org.uk**

**You may want to try watching the Pantosaurus song together. Afterwards, ask your child, "What did Pantosaurus want us to remember?" It's an easy way to start the conversation and hear what your child has understood.**






**SPPS - WORDSEARCH**

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# Opal wordsearch

**18 playtime items. Can you find them all?**

Look across, down and diagonally - forwards and backwards.
Spaces between words have been left out of the grid.

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**FIND THE PLAYTIME ITEMS**

- ☐ Tyres
- ☐ Wellies
- ☐ Spades
- ☐ Chalk
- ☐ Tarpaulins
- ☐ Bubbles
- ☐ Mud Kitchen
- ☐ Waterproofs
- ☐ Balls
- ☐ Guttering
- ☐ Crates
- ☐ Vehicles
- ☐ Space Hoppers
- ☐ Buckets
- ☐ Bats
- ☐ Watering Cans
- ☐ Dressing Up
- ☐ Marble Run

