

A warm welcome back to all of our pupils, staff and parent/carers. In this month's Newsletter we will recap on all of the exciting events leading up to the Christmas holidays as well as keeping you posted on the most recent 'goings on' and what's to come.

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## Our Scientists Win a Staggering Seven Awards!

This term some of our Year 6 pupils attended 'Teen Tech' a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) competition at the Emirates Stadium. Before attending the pupils had to design and make their own 'City of Tomorrow'. They designed a collection of buildings which could together form a futuristic city. The models were judged at the event by a group of judges, including two celebrity judges: Maggie Philbin OBE and Dallas Campbell. The judges were particularly impressed with how confident and articulate the pupils were when presenting their ideas. We went on to win awards in a staggering seven out of the twelve categories, including 'Best Domestic Space', 'Most Environmentally Friendly Building' and 'Most Innovative Building'. Throughout the rest of the day the pupils enjoyed a stadium tour and various STEM activities including learning how to code the game Minecraft, playing Tetris using electronic watermelon controllers and engineering a giant dome. Well done to our budding scientists - we are very proud of you all! Why not visit the school website to see more pictures of the incredible 'City of Tomorrow'



## Wakefield Fundraiser – Diversity Day

A huge thank you and congratulations are due to all pupils, staff and parents/carers who helped to make our Diversity Day and our International Café such a success. The level of generosity and the quality of home cooked foods was outstanding! We managed to raise a fantastic £516. Half of these funds will be donated to Wood Green Animal Shelter, the remaining half will go towards United World Schools.

Our next House Fundraiser will be hosted by Tull on Friday 17th March.

## Year 5 & 6 Athletes

This term a team of 13 determined athletes made their way, through what seemed like a blizzard, to Heartland's Secondary School to compete in a range of indoor track and field events for the Haringey Primary Athletics Competition. All members of both the girls and the boys team had the opportunity to perform in a variety of different events. Despite feeling exhausted we approached the final event with plenty of optimism and attained a respectable 5th place. Although our athletes felt disappointed we are all very proud of every one of you for representing our school and we are confident that you will make it to the finals next time. Mr Davami would like to thank our young athletes for such a pleasurable experience, well done!

## 100% Attendance

Congratulations to the 65 pupils who achieved their 100% Attendance Award for coming to school every day during the Autumn Term (September–December). If you didn't get yours this term then you can still try for the 'Spring 100% Attendance Award' or maybe even the 'Most Improved Attendance Award', all you have to do is come into school every day and do your best to take any appointments outside of the school day.



## Art Exhibition

What an outstanding collection of artwork we had on display in our end of term exhibition! Thank you to all of the family and friends who came along to support and celebrate the success of our extremely talented pupils. A selection of the work shown is now on long term display in the school. If your work didn't make it this time then be sure to get thinking on what incredible 3D models you could make for your homework passport project!



## Best decorated classrooms:

Well done to everyone who took part in our annual Christmas Crafting Event, the classrooms looked fantastically festive. A huge thank you is due to the army of parents who came along equipped with their crafting donations, this was the best turnout we have had in the history of this event. Although every classroom looked incredible there could only be one winning class in each phase, they were:

**EYFS:** Pearl Class

**Y1 & 2:** Emerald Class

**Y3 & 4:** Crystal Class

**Y5 & 6:** Ammolite Class

You can see pictures of our Christmassy crafts online!

## Winning House – Autumn Term

Congratulations to **Tull** the winning House for Autumn Term. For all of their hard work the members of Tull were rewarded with a trip to the Bernie Grant Centre to see the colourful pantomime, Robinson Crusoe. What an enjoyable afternoon they had, with plenty to sing along to. The children were an excellent audience.



## Afterschool Club

All afterschool clubs are now up and running, there are still spaces available on some of the clubs, please contact the office for more information about which available spaces are suitable for your child. Remember your child can only attend afterschool club once your payment of £10 is made.

Infrequent attendance and lateness on collection will result in loss of your place. See more or download an application form at:

<http://devonshirehill.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Extended-Learning-Clubs-list-Spring-2017-1.pdf>

## Important Dates in February:

**Tuesday 24th January**  
Amber Class Swimming

**Wednesday 25th January**  
Tea & Coffee Morning

**Thursday 26th January**  
Parents Evening Reception – Y6

**Monday 30th January**  
Chinese New Year Assembly  
Parents/Carers Welcome 9-10am

**Tuesday 31st January**  
Amber Class Swimming

**Wednesday 1st February**  
House of Commons Trip  
Selected Year 6 pupils

Book Fair in Main hall  
3:30pm - 3:45pm

Ward Panel Meeting 4pm– 5pm

**Thursday 2nd February**  
Turn I.T On Workshops

Book Fair in Main Hall  
3:30pm - 3:45pm

**Monday 6th February**  
Into University Focus Week Y6

Book Fair in Main Hall  
3:30pm - 3:45pm

**Tuesday 7th February**  
Amber Class Swimming -  
Last Session

**Friday 10th February**  
Tottenham university Workshop @  
Risley Primary School - Year 6

Homework Passport Tasks to have  
been completed & presented

Last Day of Spring 1 Term

**Half Term**  
Mon 13th - Fri 17th February

**Monday 20th February**  
Start of Spring 2 Term

Afterschool clubs resume as usual

**Tuesday 21st February**  
Coral Class Swimming -  
Start of lessons

Check the school website  
calendar for more details and  
regular updates.