

We are now 3 weeks into the Summer Term now with plenty to report.  
Here are our latest updates with important dates for your diary, enjoy!

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## The Rocket Seeds Are Here!

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After spending months orbiting around planet Earth the rocket seeds have landed at Devonshire Hill! Six lucky pupils have been selected to act as our Rocket Scientists. These pupils will be responsible for: watering the seedlings, recording their growth rate and reporting to other pupils what they observe.



So far the Rocket Scientists have planted and labelled all two hundred seeds. The seeds arrived in two packets, one red and one blue. Only one of the packets has been into space, but to ensure the experiment is non biased we do not know which packet this is. As the seedlings begin to grow our Rocket Scientists will carefully measure and record their growth rate in order to determine if one batch of seeds will grow more successfully than the other. Can you predict how being in space will affect the growth rate of the seeds? Good luck Rocket Scientists! Let's hope you are all green fingered!

## Sporting Stars– by Mr Fox

### Quad Athletics:

After a lengthy trialling process, involving 35 children from Years 5 & 6, our top 8 athletes were chosen to represent the school at New River, competing against a record entry of 31 other schools in the borough. Our athletes sprinted, jumped and threw their way to a very respectable top-half finish – well done to you all! There were some outstanding individual performances especially from two of our Year 6 pupils who were victorious in their individual sprint races. The team saved their best performance until last, winning silver in their 8 x 50m relay race – an extremely impressive feat against some fierce competition.



### Cross Country – New School Record!

Congratulations to Joshua (Year 5, Quartz) who has beaten his previous best to set a new school cross country record! Joshua's record time of 05:09:13 was set at the beginning of April and will take some beating! Think you could hold the new record? Come and see on Friday mornings at 8.20 – you might surprise yourself!

## Mystery Egg Competition

A huge well done to all of the children who submitted their creative entries about the Giant Egg.

We had a huge variety of ideas for how the egg found its way into our school: from twinkle star galaxies, greedy swans, golden birds and chocolate chickens, some of you thought that the egg was not as friendly as it looked and that we should be cautious that the mysterious egg could have come from another world. Many of you were very generous, suggesting that someone should win the egg to share with their friends or even that we should give the egg to the members of staff for their hard work.

It has now been revealed that Ms Vi was behind this amazing chocolate egg all along. She entered Devonshire Hill into a competition to win it...and we did! The chocolate egg is hand decorated and is worth £650. We have decided to go with your suggestions of giving somebody the opportunity to win this rather expensive chocolate egg by holding a raffle very soon. We will keep you posted.

A HUGE thankyou to Ms Vi for creating all of this excitement. As for those pupils who entered their creative works, you will receive a prize in your next celebration assembly for your egg-cellent ideas.



## Tull House Fundraiser:

The school have received a lovely letter of thanks for the donations made during from the Valentine Fundraiser. The Haringey Phoenix Group have expressed that the monies raised will be used to fund the technology which supports their Talking Newspaper. This facility is used regularly to provide the members with local news in a format that can be heard rather than read. Well done everyone, it is great to hear how your generosity has made a positive impact to other members of our local community.

You can find out more information about The Haringey Phoenix Group by visiting their website: [www.haringeyphoenix.org.uk](http://www.haringeyphoenix.org.uk).



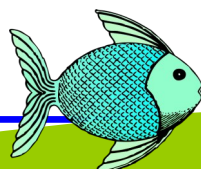
## 100% Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the 150 pupils who received an award for having 100% attendance during the Spring Term this was a massive rise in comparison to the 88 pupils who received their award in the Autumn Term! A big well done also to those pupils who received an award for The Most Improved Attendance, keep up your hard work, perhaps next term you could receive your 100% Attendance Award too!

During the week of 11th April 2016 the school's overall attendance level was an outstanding 97.82%, this is the highest attendance record so far during the current academic year! Let's keep up the hard work parents/carers and children, it really is important to come to school every day in order to persevere in your learning.

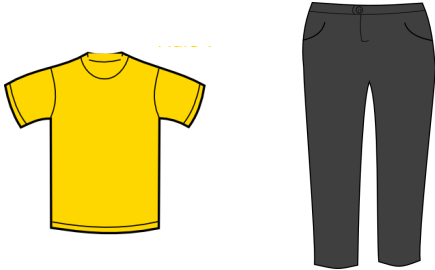
Remember you will only get to take part in your class attendance reward

if your individual attendance is 97%+.



## School Uniform Donations

The school are in need of second hand uniform for use in our medical room. Any items especially bottoms would be gratefully received, please hand your donations to the school office.



## Bike storage:

A reminder to parents/carers and children who use our bike storage facility.

Before leaving your bikes or scooters please ensure that they are positioned away from the railings and that you have secured your bike in place using a lock. This will ensure that your property is as safe as possible.



## E-Safety Workshops

This month our whole school attended some very important workshops to learn about E-safety. These workshops involved discussions around the dangers of internet misuse. Age appropriate topics were covered from online gaming, sharing of personal information, online etiquette and cyberbullying to indecent imagery and online grooming. Thank-you to those parents/carers who attended the E-safety for parents/carers, we hope that you found this workshop to be informative. For those parents who could not attend, if you would like some more information you can read about E-safety on the below web links, there are also links that you can view with your child(ren) under the 'Children' tab on our website.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## Important Dates in May:

**Monday 2nd May**  
School Closed Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 3rd May**  
Ukulele Concert

**Thursday 5th May**  
School Closed for Polling  
Yr6 to attend school only.

**Mon 9th-Thurs 12th May**  
Year 6 SATs exams

**Thursday 12th May**  
Garnet Class Library Visit

**Tuesday 17th May**  
Choir Rehearsals

**Thursday 19th May**  
Nursery Stay & Play  
Reception Come & Read  
Crystal Class Library Visit

**Friday 20th May**  
Tea & Coffee morning for  
all parents/carers

**Wednesday 25th May**  
Nursery Open Day

**Thursday 26th May**  
Onyx Class Library Visit

**Monday 23rd May**  
Homework Deadline

**Friday 27th May**  
Inset day  
School Closed to all  
pupils

**Half Term Break:**  
30th May– 3rd June

## ParentMail

Have you registered to Parent Mail?

### What is Parent Mail?

Parent mail is our new school communication system.

### Why should I register?

By registering your parent mail account you will be able to stay updated with ease by using the Parent Mail app or by logging in online. Once all parents are registered to Parent Mail our school will be able to use a paperless system, school letters and updates regarding afterschool clubs and assembly invites will be sent to you via your parent mail account.

You can register at: <https://pmx/parentmail.co.uk/#core/register>

Please see a member of staff at the main reception if you need assistance.

## Tea & Coffee Morning

Join the discussion:

Parents/Carers are invited to attend our tea discussion morning to talk about your thoughts, ideas and concerns over tea and coffee.

Come along with your questions about the curriculum.

Meet other parents and share your experiences.

## Friday 20th May

9.30am-10.15am in the Main Hall

