



The Devonshire Hill Times

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We would like to offer a warm welcome back to school and hope that everyone has had a well rested half term break. Why not have a read of our latest news and prepare yourself for what's to come!

Work Week

We would like to say a huge thank you to all volunteers who helped out over the duration of Work Week and all of the companies that supported such invaluable workshops. The children had an excellent week of well informed activities aimed at raising aspirations about the opportunities which are available in the working world. Children were able to experience working environments, live projects and engage in discussions with a variety of professionals. They also learned about the value of work, how and why people earn and save money, as well as developing a sense of responsibility, co-operation and problem solving skills. A selection of photos from this very exciting week can be seen on the News Archive of our school website.

Child Genius

Huge success as a former pupil enters the renowned Child Genius Competition hosted by Channel 4. Conor who graduated from Devonshire Hill in 2017 will take part along side twenty other 8- 12 year-olds. Conner states that with '...a bit of **perseverance**, I reckon I could, hopefully, triumph through it'. Everyone here at Devonshire Hill is extremely proud of Connor and we are all following his progress from home. This is a true example of how the journey of a **Successful Learner** can continue after graduation!



Important Dates:

Mon 4th- Fri 8th March
World Book Week

Governors Week

Tuesday 5th March
Dream Centre Trip - Year 5

Launch of Felix Project -
Look out for DH Market Stall

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day - £1 Donation
Prizes for most original outfit!

The Great big Book Quiz
Prizes to be won!

500 Words Competition-
Last Entries Today

Monday 11th March
Last Entries to Strangest Place to
Read Competition.

Tuesday 12th March
Into University Workshop - Year 5

Wednesday 13th March
Cycle Confident Workshop
Selected Pupils - Year 5

Thursday 14th March
Breaking Barriers - Year 5
Godwin Lawson Foundation

Mon 18th - Fri 24th March
Shakespeare Week

Thurs 21st - Tues 26th March
Book Fair - Main Hall - 3.30pm

Friday 29th March
Design & Wear a Hat to School
Donation £1

Mon 8th - Fri 19th April
Easter Holidays

Monday 22nd April
Bank Holiday Monday
School Closed

School Council

The School Council have had a very successful month and have been busy with a variety of projects. Pupils recently met with parents to discuss the importance of Home Learning and to ask for volunteers for the school. They also meet with the School Improvement Advisor to promote the outstanding happenings of our school (pictured to the right). They also had a meeting with the Lunchtime Company to provide valuable feedback with regards to the schools lunch provisions. Pupils on the school council meet every Friday in order to discuss school improvements and to promote pupil voice, they are doing an excellent job!



Godwin Lawson Foundation

Towards the end of Spring 1 term Year 6 had a very important visit from Yvonne Lawson, founder of the Godwin Lawson Foundation. Year 6 listened intently to the 'Breaking Barriers, Building Futures' assembly. During this time Yvonne Lawson told the story of her son Godwin, his success in education and in football and how he tragically lost his life to knife crime. Yvonne's message to our pupils was powerful and clear. Knife crime destroys lives. Godwin was a promising footballer with passion and drive. His life was taken by a fatal stab wound. We hope that by understanding Godwin's story our Year 6 pupils can make the right decisions to keep themselves and their friends safe. Thankyou to Yvonne for coming in to share her story and for delivering such a powerful message to our pupils. If you wish to know more about the Godwin Lawson Foundation please visit their website: www.godwinlawsonfoundation.org/



Eco Reps

This month the Eco Reps have been busy creating a recycling campaign.

Pupils have been designing posters which encourage people to reduce, reusable and recycle. The reps have been discussing the effect of plastic pollution on animals and the environment. Their aim is to reduce the use of plastic and to encourage recycling by raising awareness amongst peers and staff. Pupils will be introducing plastic collection points into the dinner hall in order to monitor and hopefully reduce the amount of plastic which is going into landfill from our school.



Home Learning

A huge well done to all pupils who brought in their completed Home Learning for the end of Spring 1. There was a wonderful selection of projects from pupils across the school, and we cannot wait to see what the submissions for Spring 2 will be.

The next deadline for Home Learning is **Friday 29th March**. Pupils will be presenting their 3D projects in a special Celebration Assembly during the last week of term. All Home Learning is at the start of each half term on the Home Learning Passport. Home Learning is compulsory and should be completed in accordance with the school's Home Learning Policy:

<http://devonshirehill.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Home-Learning-Policy.pdf>



World Book Week

Mon 4th - Fri 8th March

Show your love for reading!

There's lots to look forward to with World Book Day fast approaching.

We will be celebrating our love for reading for a whole week! There will be competitions - including most original outfit, special guests, story telling and creativity throughout.



Thursday 7th March

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character - £1 Donation.

Last entries for 500 words competition

The Great Big Book Quiz

Monday 11th March

Last entries for 'strangest place to read' competition.

Devonshire Hill Market Stall - Felix Project

Don't forget to come over to the pop up market stall and collect up to five free items which have been kindly donated by the Felix project. Items are limited and given on a first come first served basis don't miss out!

