



What a relief this month to be able to welcome back our wonderful families.

For some it had been a whole 5 months since we last saw you. The pupils and staff have settled into the 'new normal' and are back to working hard within their year group 'bubbles'.

Take a look at all of the exciting news from September.

## Music and Performing Arts

Our new Music and Performing Arts room is the perfect space for staff and pupils to be creative and expressive through all things music and performance. As well as having an impressive collection of props and costumes this new classroom contains a broad variety of instruments including: hand percussion, xylophones, glockenspiels, bongo drums, djembe drums, steel pans guitars, and ukuleles. Weekly instrument lessons have now started and will be taking place in the new classroom. Year 3 will learn to play the ukulele with Amber playing in Autumn 1 and Coral Class playing in Autumn 2. In Year 4, Garnet Class will be learning to play the guitar while Crystal Class will be learning the djembe drums. Finally the Year 5 and 6 continuers will apply their existing skills to their instrument of choice, either the guitar or djembe drums.



### Important Dates:

**Mon 1st - Fri 30th Oct**  
Black History Month

**Mon 7th Sept - Fri 23rd Oct**  
TTRS Battle of the Classes

**Friday 2nd October**  
Virtual Coffee Morning

**Thursday 1st October**  
Virtual Y6 Secondary Application

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Virtual Coffee Morning  
Weekly 10am - 11am

**Mon 26th - Fri 30th October**  
Half Term Holiday

**Saturday 31st October**  
Secondary Application Deadline

**Mon 2nd November**  
Autumn 2 Term Begins

## New Library

The new KS2 Library will soon be ready for pupils to choose from hundreds of brand new books. The library will be home to a large selection of books including fiction genres: classic, historic, sporty, adventure, spooky, fantasy, science, comedy, animal and diary stories. There will also be plenty of non-fiction books to support our curriculum interests: science, geography, history, technology, art and culture. Everyone will be allowed to regularly choose a library book to take and enjoy reading at home. By reading for 15 minutes every day you can enhance your learning, strengthen your brain, and support your mental wellbeing. We are asking everyone to make a conscious effort every day to turn off technology and dive into a good book! Remember to record each reading sessions in your reading record and let your teacher know when you have completed ten (bronze award), twenty (silver award), and thirty (gold award) books.

**READ  
15mins  
Every Day**

## Virtual Assemblies

We are very excited to announce that our celebration assemblies are now virtual. Each week Ms D'Abreu will record a new personal message via the Radio Station to acknowledge those who have been awarded a certificate for their success. Pupils can be awarded for:

- demonstrating one of the eight house characteristics
- excelling in a particular curriculum subject
- receiving stars on the star chart for outstanding work

Congratulations to those awarded so far, there will be plenty of opportunity throughout the year to achieve your goals. Always work hard and reach for the stars!

## Virtual Coffee Morning

We are pleased to announce that our weekly coffee mornings will be starting back from Friday 2nd October from 10am - 11am. Everyone can join in our weekly catch-up and discussions from the comfort of their own home, don't forget your tea/ coffee and snack. If you are interested in joining our virtual coffee morning please contact the school office and provide them with your preferred email address so that we can add you to our invitation list. We hope to see you there!



## Head Teachers Awards

You may be aware that children who achieve 50 stars on the star chart are invited to prepare a project for the annual Headteacher's Award ceremony. Due to the COVID pandemic we sadly had to cancel the school's yearly tradition of inviting children and parents to the 2020 Award ceremony. Over the coming weeks all qualifying children will receive a signed certificate and badge to commemorate their achievement. As we were unable to get together to capture your families with your award and projects we are asking you to send in your family pictures with your award and/or project to be shared on the school website and in the next newsletter. Submissions can be sent to [homelearning@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk)



## Mr Numbervator

Our Year 6 pupils have been exercising their mathematical minds in a series of maths workshops hosted by Isaac Anoom also known as Mr Numbervator. These workshops are aimed at finding each child's inner passion for numbers by helping them develop their understanding of mathematical skills and concepts in an exciting and engaging way. Ms Baker says that "Mr Numbervator has been helping Y6 get to grips with different representations of addition and subtracting, for example using bar models, rounding and adjusting and using known facts to quickly answer maths problems."



## March Woods

Our thriving Forest School area, now known as March Wood, has been fitted with its very own 'long drop compost toilet'. Mr Thomas and Mr Joyce can't wait to get their welly boots and waterproofs on and start helping our children to learn exciting new green craft skills and getting up close with nature in our newly planted woodland. Unfortunately, due to the present circumstances we are unable to share the forest school first hand with our parents/carers. We do, however, plan to officially invite you to take a stroll through our fantastic outdoor classroom in the near future. In the meantime, keep a eye out for updates and photographs of the children learning new skills via the school website and the newsletter.



## Accepting Admissions

Our school have a number of places available across the school for which we are accepting new pupil admissions. In light of this we have created a billboard advertisement on the great Cambridge Road to highlight to local families how to find us. If you have any friends or family who you feel would benefit from joining the Devonshire Hill community we would love to hear from them and would be more than happy to support them with an application to our school. In order to offer parent feedback to potential new admissions we would welcome your positive feedback and comments about your experience at Devonshire Hill. Your comments would be shared anonymously with the wider community. Please send your contributions to [admin@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk).



## Secondary Applications 2021

Over the month of October, Haringey are hosting a number of virtual talks to provide support and answer questions regarding 2021 secondary school applications. This includes two exclusive dates for families of Devonshire Hill on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd October. If your child is in Year 6 and you have questions or about the secondary application process, or you need support to complete your application you are invited to attend any of these virtual events for free. For more information about what is on offer and how you can participate please visit [www.haringey.gov.uk/starting-secondary-school](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/starting-secondary-school) or speak to Mr Hilmi Chelebi by contacting the school office on 020 8808 2053.

**Application deadline: Sat 31st October**

Applying for a school place for September 2021 at  
**Secondary School**



Application deadline **31 October 2020**

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