



4TH JUNE 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This term Year 2 and Year 6 have worked so hard to complete National Tests. It has been an absolute pleasure to see how the pupils applied all the skills they have learned at Phoenix, into answering such a wide range of very challenging questions. It has always been our goal to help the children in this school become lifelong learners and to believe in themselves and their abilities; pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 showed such resilience and pride in themselves when they had completed their SATs. They deserve to be proud, as do all the members of staff and parents/ carers who have supported them throughout their education. I feel honoured to work with such wonderful and conscientious pupils every day. Thank you for continuing to work with us to ensure that your children achieve their potential.

Ms Hayes

Key Dates

Rocksteady Concert — Tuesday 2nd July 2019 — 10.00 am

EYFS Sports day — Wednesday 3rd July 2019 — 9.30 am

KS1 Sports Day — Thursday 4th July 2019 — 10.00 am (Southwark Park)

KS2 Sports Day — Friday 5th July 2019 — 10.00 am (Southwark Park)

Parents Open Morning — Wednesday 10th July 2019 — 9.00 am — 9.30 am

Year 6 Performance — Friday 12th July 2019 — 9.30 am and 2.30 pm

Gardening Event

Thank you to all of the families and staff who came to the event on Saturday 11th May. Luckily, the sun shone for the morning and thanks to all the hard work from parents, extended family members and children, the playground has never looked better! The activities inside were so exciting, I hope that the children have enjoyed wearing their hairbands and that the seeds they planted have started to grow. The two wonderful scarecrows have taken pride of place in the raised beds and have been warning off birds from the seeds that were planted. I look forward to seeing the herbs grow just in 'thyme' for the summer.





At Phoenix, we believe that school uniform helps to develop the sense of identity, pride, belonging and community. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform.

Children must wear **grey skirts/trousers** or **pinafore's** (summer dresses are not permitted). Children should wear **black school shoes** (no trainers). For health and safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn to school (small stud earrings/ small chains of religious significance only).

There will be a school uniform sale in the Main Office on **Wednesday 19th June (12.00pm—4.30pm)**

Year 4 have been learning that the environment can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. They have been learning about environmental dangers and endangered species.

Some of the changes in the environment are natural and others are man-made, these can impact on living things. Year 4 went on a local walk of the area around the school to look for man-made changes. The children worked hard to help the environment by clearing the litter that they saw.



Year 1 visited the aquarium at the Horniman's Museum. They learned about life in the ocean and had the opportunity to explore artefacts, dress up as sea creatures and even hunt for a blue lobster and 'Nemo' (clown fish) in the aquarium! They saw a showcase of aquatic environments from around the globe, ranging from the British Pond to Fijian Coral reefs.



The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark



Reception and KS1 children had the opportunity to learn more about nocturnal animals through an exciting display in the school hall. Owls are the most beautiful of creatures and they need to be protected in the wild. The children learned that owls are on the decline at the moment, due to loss of habitat and bad weather conditions. The owls soared through Phoenix's hall and the children had the opportunity to listen to an educational talk, watch a flying display and have hands on experience with the wonderful species.



BE SUN SMART



Protecting your child in the Summer Heat

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing and protection from the sun. Children who are exposed to too much sun may be at increase risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Cover exposed parts of your child's skin with sunscreen, even on cloudy or overcast days. Use one that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and protects against UVA and UVB. Apply sunscreen to areas not protected by clothing, such as the face, ears, feet and backs of hands. Get your child to wear a floppy hat with a wide brim that shades their face, ears and neck. Children have access to water fountains when they are outside and we will encourage them to drink water regularly.