



DKH NEWS

Friday 15th February 2019



Percussion and Brass Festival at the Royal Festival Hall

On Monday the Brass Band students in Year 6 were invited to play as part of the Southwark Music Service Orchestral Day. They participated in a mass orchestra combining children from 11 primary and secondary schools, comprising almost 400 children and staff!

The orchestra played several pieces, including Mambo by Leonard Bernstein and Finlandia by Jean Sibelius. The whole orchestra also took part in an improvised piece created on the day.

It was a fantastic experience for our children and they all performed wonderfully. Our Brass Band was even given the opportunity to perform our own piece in the concert - Yellow Submarine!



Lily May and the DKH Brazilian percussionists blew us away with their exhilarating performance at the Royal Festival Hall on 31st of January 2019.

Our children were joined by other schools and radiated their vibrant talent to a packed audience.

We are hugely grateful to Lynn Mullins and the parents who joined us for their invaluable help.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HALF TERM HOLIDAY!



Congratulations to the children who have demonstrated one of our school values
This week's value is: **Respect**

Year	Class	Name
1	Oak	Sikemi
	Birch	Caroline
2	Cherry	Olivia
	Willow	Marlow
3	Elder	Jadon
	Palm	Candace
4	Beech	Eliza
	Eucalyptus	Jasmine
5	Sycamore	Blessing
	Rowan	Michaela
	Hazel	Ava
6	Maple	Isadora
	Elm	Muhayed

Attendance

95.7%

(96% is the expected minimum standard of attendance)

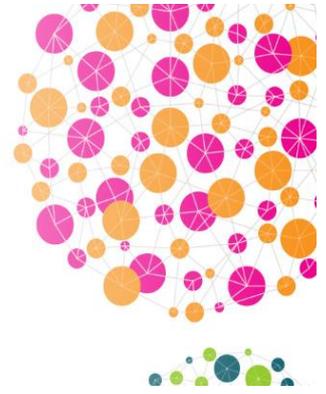
Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery	93.8%	98.2%
Butterfly	97%	99.1%
Caterpillar	92.5%	94.9%
Birch	96.3%	97.6%
Oak	99.6%	99.6%
Cherry	93%	98.8%
Willow	98.9%	98.4%
Elder	96.2%	98.2%
Palm	96.6%	98.2%
Beech	95.4%	97.6%
Eucalyptus	99.5%	99.5%
Hazel	94.2%	98.6%
Rowan	98.1%	97.2%
Sycamore	94.2%	99.1%
Elm	93.1%	99.2%
Maple	93.7%	96.6%

Reminder from the office

If you need to collect your child for an appointment, please ensure you phone the office beforehand and notify them of the time you will need to pick your child up. The office is extremely busy during the day and it saves time if the staff have prior knowledge of any appointments

Please bring a copy of the appointment letter or text message as confirmation.

There are still a few DVDs of the Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Concert available for sale in the school office. They are £3 and the money will be used for the Y6 end of year celebrations



Science Week

As Science Week is fast approaching, I hope you are all getting excited for a fun-filled week! We are thrilled to announce that this year's theme will be based on Sustainability and the importance of preserving the planet for our future generations.

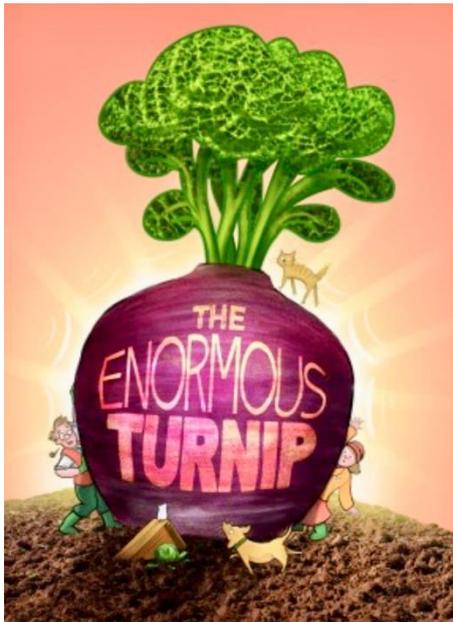
We will be asking the children to take part in a whole school project of 'Jazzing up your Junk'. Pupils will design and create remodelled junk into something wonderful to prevent it going into a landfill site. Stay tuned for more information coming up via the newsletter.



Willow Class Assembly

Willow class really enjoyed their retelling of the Enormous Turnip in their class assembly this week. The children loved bringing their learning to life as they had the opportunity to showcase their creative talents in the dramatization of the traditional tale.

Some quotes from the actors themselves..."Everyone loved our story, they clapped for us at the end." by Zion. "My favourite part was when the turnip popped out!" by Ava.





A big thank you to our gardening teacher Diana Wallace and the parents who joined the Big Dig this morning. We have put more evergreen plants into the ground next to the school car park, as these mature they will provide a green screen to help mitigate air pollution coming from the busy roads next to our school.

Diana and the parents also met with Vinnie O'Connell of New Leaf Educational Gardens to discuss how we can make sure we block as much road pollution as possible. He didn't recommend ivy screens as we already have a good level of plant growth in the area and instead recommended fast-growing creeper plants, which we will be planting over the next few weeks. Thank you to Miss Davies for putting the Friends in touch with Vinnie.

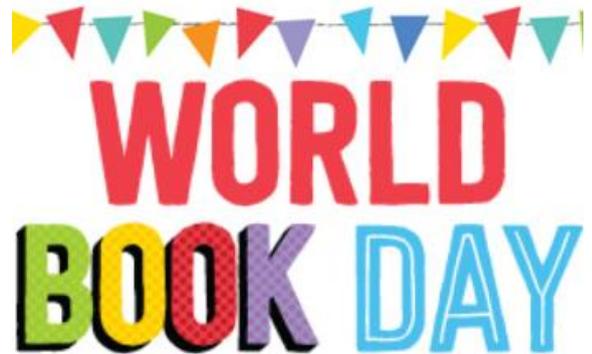
If you would like to help us in the fight against air pollution - both specific measures we can take around our school and more broadly - please email me at dessisings@gmail.com

*Dessi Stefanova, Friends of DKHS,
Environment and Sustainability*



World Book Day

Don't forget to dress up as a book character on the 7th of March!



Year 3 Music Trip

On Monday 18th of March, Year 3 will be singing in a special performance at Cadogan Hall. Dream Time Tales is an oratorio written for primary children telling traditional stories from Australia. They will be accompanied by the London Mozart Players Orchestra. Parents are invited to attend at a cost of £7. Please email Margret Omoniyi directly to book your ticket at: Info@margaetsmusicltd.com
Places are limited.

The cost for the children to participate will be £5 per child
Please look out for the permission letter after half term

Science Museum Trip

Year 5 strapped in and took off to the Science Museum on Monday, giving a great introduction to their upcoming work on Space next term.

We experienced Earth as viewed from the International Space Station thanks to the massive IMAX theatre!

The Wonderlabs also wrapped up our recent Science unit on physics nicely.



Friends of DKH World Book Day Sponsored Read.

Make this half term 'reading for pleasure' by encouraging your children to take part in the
Dog Kennel Hill Big Sponsored Read.

Letters and sponsorship forms will be going into book bags this week and children can be sponsored by the number of books, the number of pages or the number of minutes they read for over half term. For younger children, being read to can count instead - it's all about the joy of reading.

The sponsored read is supported by Usborne Books and each child will receive half the money they raise in the form of a voucher which they can spend at an Usborne Books Fair taking place at the school on 7th of March (World Book Day) while the other half will go to the school to spend on updating books for classrooms and the library. The more money you raise, the more free books Usborne books will donate to the school. So hit up the extended family for sponsorship over half term and let's get reading!

New Drama Class

A new LAMDA drama class for year 2 to year 4 children will be starting after half term on Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:45. The class will develop acting skills through games, improvisation and learning texts to perform.

Please email info@margaretsmusicltd.com for more information

Beech Class Assembly

In their assembly on 8th February, Beech class shared some of the work they have been doing this half term. As the school children entered, they were able to see some artwork the children created. The skills learnt were working with perspective and using watercolours. We linked the art theme to our topic on rivers. Also in the slide show were some posters of work the children had created on rivers. Children then re-told the story of Matthew Henson - the first man to make it to the North Pole - part of their literacy topic. They did so with a mixture of narration and acting, with Junior making an excellent Henson, and Peary being played by a very authoritative Dylan! There were also appearances from a polar bear (Romy) and a penguin (Theo). The children finished off by explaining the differences between states of matter: solids, liquids and gases.

Year Six

All the children of Elm and Maple class are invited to a film showing on the first Friday after half term, 1 March, in the lower hall between 3.30 and 5.30pm. £3 entry. Refreshments will be sold. Parents/carers, please keep an eye out in book bags early that week for a letter with more details about the film and the permissions we need from you. All the money raised will fund the leavers' party and yearbook.

School Uniform

Please note that school uniforms will be available for sale at the school office each **Friday** morning from 8:30 – 10:30 only.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



DATE	EVENT
18th Feb	HALF TERM
26th Feb	Year 3 Tate Museum photography project
28th Feb	Rowan Class assembly at 9:10 in the bottom hall
1st Mar	Year 6 Cinema Night – bottom hall
4th Mar - 6th Mar	Parents' Evenings
6th Mar	DKH guitarists performing in assembly at 9:00 – parents are invited
7th Mar	WORLD BOOK DAY Science Boffins' assembly
8th Mar	Eucalyptus Class assembly at 9:10 in the bottom hall Science Week starts Year 6 Science Workshop
15th Mar	Hazel Class assembly at 9:10 in the bottom hall Science Fair after school in the bottom hall
22nd Mar	Sycamore Class assembly at 9:10 in the bottom hall
27th Mar	Y5 Coding trip to the Institute of Imagination
28th Mar	Oak Class assembly at 9:10 in the bottom hall
1st Apr	Palm Class assembly at 9:10 in the bottom hall (this date has been changed)
3rd Apr	Y4 trip to the Maritime Museum
5th Apr	Birch Class Assembly at 9:10 in the bottom hall Last Day of School
	EASTER HOLIDAYS
23rd April	Return to school
6th May	Bank Holiday
13th – 16th May	Year 6 SATS



7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

