



Thought of the Week

'Success isn't always about greatness. It is about consistency. Constant hard work leads to success. Greatness will come.' – Dwayne Johnson

A message from our Executive Headteacher

At 11:11 on the 11th day of the 11th month, Mr Wales played *The Last Post* in the playground. The school fell silent while children's poppies could be seen in the classroom windows. What an emotional experience. This was followed by a minute of silence in honour of all of our fallen heroes.

A big thank you to Romy in year 6 who enthusiastically agreed to read *Flanders Fields* as part of our virtual Remembrance Day assembly on Monday.

Safety in the playground

During these unusual times, we are trying to maintain a safe school environment, which is as close to how we operated before Covid-19. To ensure social distancing, the playground is currently divided into 6 smaller sections to facilitate separation of bubbles. To ensure a safer playtime, we will be providing children with sponge balls over the next week to use in the main playground and footballs will only be used in the football pitch. Once a week all children in year 2-6 will have an opportunity to play in the football pitch. We will inform children of this change during class assemblies next week. We are asking parents to reinforce this by discussing the need for the change with their children. We will continue to provide other play equipment that is suitable for the smaller spaces.

Parking

We understand drop off and collection times are busy and that parking near the school can be difficult. However, we would like to remind parents / carers to consider our neighbours and parking restrictions when driving to school. Please park **legally** and **considerately**. This not only keeps our children safe but also supports the school's relationship with its neighbours. Please note that traffic wardens are operating in the area.

Maths Week England

Maths Week has been a success at DKH. The children have enjoyed investigating a variety of mathematical problems and puzzles. Here is what some of our children have said about maths week:

I like Maths Week because we are looking at lots of fun equations that I can work out. – Caroline, yr3

I like maths. My favourite part is when I work with my partner. – Seyram, yr1

I love maths because it teaches me lots of things I might need in my later life. – Isis S, yr 4

I love maths and have enjoyed Maths Week because I like the challenges, like Barvember. I feel interested because it is all around us and is great fun! – Theo, yr5

I love maths because it is challenging and hard. – Josh, yr 4

This week's activities gave me different ideas to solve problems, the Maths in Magic lesson showed me different ways to make maths learning fun – Tyrese, yr 6

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 16th November is the start of Anti-Bullying Week at DKH. Children and staff are encouraged to wear their favourite **odd socks** (yes, this means picking out a pair that doesn't match!) It is to symbolise that we are all different and that children should be themselves, accepting of one another and **celebrate differences**.



DKH Cross Country Results



Well done to all of years 3, 5 and 6 who took part in the Southwark Virtual Cross Country event. Check out our leaderboard. You will be impressed by these top times!

Well done to Nojus and David in Year 5 that came 1st and 3rd across Southwark!

Beech Class Leaderboard

Girls	Time	Boys	Time
Caroline	6:13:98	Lansana	6:41:34
Lilly	6:30:33	Ibrahim	7:16:15
Joju	6:42:65	Malakai	7:56:04
Maguette	7:34:87	Ezra	8:07:44
Mercy	7:44:89	Jackie	8:25:60
Mia	7:51:06	Azriel	8:35:36

Rowan Class Leaderboard

Girls	Time	Boys	Time
Michaiah	9:28:23	Gabriel	8:17:36
Elsa	10:17:26	Yusuf	9:54:15
Ines	10:24:01	Avaine	9:58:01
Irene	11:05:27	Paul	10:35:64
Zoe	11:29:07	Andrew	10:36:09
Tolu	11:39:99	Kaeson	10:45:86

Elm Class Leaderboard

Girls	Time	Boys	Time
Mia	9:20:40	Abraham	8:12:67
Ella	9:24:99	Magnus	8:32:98
Ana	10:07:06	Isaac	8:34:54
Melene	10:46:98	Louie	8:43:67
Tracy	10:53:40	Gabriel	8:45:36
Demi	11:20:22	Mohammed	8:50:00

Eucalyptus Class Leaderboard

Girls	Time	Boys	Time
Sikemi	6:26:56	Khiyari	6:34:24
Aamyah	7:05:66	Maleek	7:01:07
Jaylah	7:37:48	Brooklyn	7:21:31
Hillary	8:03:93	Roman	7:22:91
		Miguel	7:48:33
		Ameen	7:50:81

Hazel Class Leaderboard

Girls	Time	Boys	Time
Maya	9:44:14	Nojus	7:01:31
Anaya	9:55:85	David	7:47:97
Layan	10:02:35	Tobi	8:26:40
Princess	10:11:75	Harrison	9:28:99
Bella	10:13:75	Christopher	9:29:98
Amelia	10:44:52	Yuan	9:52:07

Maple Class Leaderboard

Girls	Time	Boys	Time
Romy	9:34:61	Pablo	8:12:72
Divine	10:25:86	Junior	8:47:75
Lola	11:07:35	Javari	9:09:41
Eliza	11:11:36	Emir	9:42:45
Akokor	11:12:52	Jerrell	10:09:15
Karis	11:13:53	Danyal	10:27:08

Dates for the Diary



16.11.2020	Anti-Bullying Week begins - Odd Sock Day
16.11.2020	Year 3 Virtual Money Twist Workshop
19.11.2020	Year 5 Virtual Money Twist Workshop
30.11.2020	Inset Day – NO CHILDREN
1.12.2020	Year 5 PE Challenge Day
3.12.2020	Year 5 Virtual Money Twist Workshop
7.12.2020	Year 3 Virtual Money Twist Workshop
11.12.2020	Year 3 Multiskills
11.12.2020	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.2020	Class Parties
18.12.2020	Last day of Autumn Term – 2:00pm finish
4.1.2021	Inset Day – NO CHILDREN
5.1.2020	Beginning of Spring Term – children back
11.2.2021	Inventors Day
8.3.2021	Science Week begins
19.2.2021	Red Nose Day

Star of the Week!



Well done to these children who have been recognised for their exemplary commitment to modelling our school values.

Cherry	Adam and Fyn
Willow	Lenny and Alicia
Elder	Fawaz and Nathan
Palm	Daniel and Anas
Beech	Lansana and Iqra
Eucalyptus	Maleek and Jaylah
Cedar	Sylvia and Zion
Sycamore	Gabriel and Angel M
Rowan	Kaeson and Yusuf
Hazel	Omar and Lily
Elm	Ana and Dariell
Maple	Lola and Jerrell

School Council

Our first school council meeting took place this week. It was exciting to meet together (at a safe distance) and get to know each other a little bit better. We discussed what the responsibilities of the school council would be this year and thought about the challenges of running a school. We will meet every few weeks from now on!



Curriculum Update

Following DfE guidelines schools were given the responsibility to adapt their curriculum to support the needs of the children in their own setting. The guidance further stated that it expected all schools to return to a broad and balanced curriculum by the Summer Term 2021.



To support children's emotional and social needs, we have prioritised pupil wellbeing, PSHCE and mindfulness through art projects during the Autumn Term. This was a decision the school took in order to support pupils' transition back into school following the partial closures in March 2020. This focus has been incredibly successful and our children have adapted and settled very well because of it. Mrs Kellie-Roberts and Ms Tu, led on these initiatives and they are very much looking forward to sharing with you all the incredible art the children have produced.

We wrote to all parents on the 15th July to inform them that we will be reviewing our Spanish provision and update you on any developments this term. We are excited to announce that Spanish lessons will resume at the start of the Spring Term. Teachers will be following the National Oak Academy's scheme for Spanish for the remainder of the year. The scheme offers fun, engaging lessons that follow the Department for Education's curriculum for teaching modern foreign languages in KS2. Spanish will be taught in year 3 to 6 classes.

We look forward to resuming our Spanish provision and encouraging our children's and teacher's passion for the subject!

Ms Sketchley, Spanish Lead

Attendance

Cherry	90.8%	Cedar	97%
Willow	95.8%	Sycamore	94.2%
Elder	98%	Rowan	97.7%
Palm	95.8%	Hazel	99.2%
Beech	95.7%	Elm	98.1%
Eucalyptus	99%	Maple	97.9%

EYFS Announcements



A reminder to parents and carers: Could you please return your parent review forms as discussed at parent meetings. These are an important part of your child's learning journey and it is wonderful to include parent contributions. **Let's celebrate your child's wonderful achievements!**

The forms have been emailed to you and paper copies have been given out. Please return whichever is easiest for you. Thank you!