

## Thought of the Week

*'Positive thinking must be followed by positive doing.'* - John C Maxwell

## A message from our Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, I am sure you are looking forward to lock down being lifted. Not much will change within our school and I wanted to write to you to share the school's position on the Covid 19 procedures.

At DKH, we will continue to have staggered start and exit times, we will continue to ask parents to queue when collecting their children. This is the safest way to ensure we limit congestion in very narrow pathways. This also helps the staff to ensure that children are handed over to parents and carers safely. As far as possible, we ask that parents continue to wear masks, especially if it is difficult to maintain social distancing outside the school. We ask that parents do not jump the queue and continue to respect other parents waiting.

In recent weeks, we have had several unpleasant and unfortunate incidents regarding parking and dangerous driving outside our school. The school is doing all it can to ensure children's safety but we cannot do this without your help and support. We are facing a national pandemic and we are urging all parents to be tolerant and patient while we navigate Covid 19. We continue to follow the guidelines from the DfE and Southwark Council in the interest of health and safety for all. Please work with us. **A huge thank you to the many parents who have been supportive and following the schools procedures. We appreciate your ongoing support.**

## We Care about Clean Air

Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a workshop sponsored by Idling Action London. Children learned about the importance of air quality. The workshop armed them with the information needed to help them minimise their own exposure to air pollution, engage others to take action and to persuade drivers to switch their engines off. They learned about main pollutants and their sources in London, how idling affects their brain, lungs and heart, made connections regarding pollution exposure and health conditions in young Londoners and thought about their own journeys and the pollution they might encounter. Children were empowered to enact positive change and to address easily preventable pollution. They took part in creating posters to communicate the Idling Action messages. **Their fantastic work will be displayed outside the school, promoting this very important message.** Here are just a few of their great posters!



## Important Reminder

Please note that Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November is an inset day for staff training. **Children will not attend school this day.**

## DKH Dining Experience

We are striving to continuously improve the dining experience for our children and as part of our commitment to listening to, understanding and responding to the views of pupils; we have implemented a voting system in the dining hall. Children in years one to six, who eat a school dinner, will have the opportunity to make their voices heard and count!

Every day children will receive a token, which they can use to let us know what they thought about their school meal that day. This will allow us to work with our catering provider to ensure that lunches are not only nutritious, but that children have had an active part in deciding what is on the menu! **We want every child to enjoy a hot, nutritious and delicious lunch.**



The chicken is good!



I liked it!



I liked the pasta best!

I voted!



Thumbs up!

## Dates for the Diary



30.11.2020	<b>Inset Day – NO CHILDREN</b>
1.12.2020	Year 5 PE Challenge Day
3.12.2020	Year 5 Virtual Money Twist Workshop
4.12.2020	Sycamore Indoor Athletics
7.12.2020	Year 3 Virtual Money Twist Workshop
9.12.2020	Year 6 Speed Awareness Campaign
11.12.2020	Year 3 Multiskills
11.12.2020	Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.2020	Christmas Lunch
11.12.2020	Christmas Performance Recording Day
16.12.2020	Class Parties
16.12.2020	Year 6 Indoor Athletics
18.12.2020	<b>Last day of Autumn Term – 2:00PM FINISH</b>
4.1.2021	<b>Inset Day – NO CHILDREN</b>
5.1.2020	<b>Beginning of Spring Term – children back</b>
11.2.2021	Inventor's 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	Nana and Layla
Willow	Lenny and Johnston
Elder	Amina and Kojo
Palm	Vanessa and Rio
Beech	Azriel and George
Eucalyptus	Sarah and Ella
Cedar	Isis and Sireen
Sycamore	Mariane and Demi
Rowan	Nathan and Raima
Hazel	Yuan and Zakariya
Elm	Melene and Isaac
Maple	Dylan and Javari

## Note from the Office



When reporting your child's absence, please provide us with information regarding the exact symptoms they are experiencing. Absences cannot be authorised if the child is simply reported as unwell.

Parents / carers will be contacted if a child is absent and they have not been reported as absent. You may also receive a follow-up text message. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Save the DKH Allotment

We are speechless! Our GoFundMe page has grown to a jaw-dropping **£845!** Thank you for your incredible generosity.

Every donation, regardless of the amount, is greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate, please use this link and please share widely on social media.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-dkh-allotment>

We are pleased to inform you that Mr Butt has submitted a grant application, which will further support our efforts. We cannot wait to get DKH gardening and your kindness is making it possible! **We are looking for volunteers to build our new plant beds. Please speak with Mr Butt or Miss Ghezzi if you are able to help.**



## Attendance

Cherry	93.1%	Cedar	96.2%
Willow	95.4%	Sycamore	94.1%
Elder	96.2%	Rowan	95.5%
Palm	96.2%	Hazel	98.1%
Beech	97.3%	Elm	96.3%
Eucalyptus	96.4%	Maple	95.3%

## EYFS Announcements



### A message from the DKH Friends Committee

If anyone would like to join the **Reception Parents' WhatsApp Group**, please email your phone number to your class teacher who will pass it on to the class rep or speak directly to the class rep. This group is to help parents stay connected and share important information regarding school communication.



***LET'S PROTECT  
ONE ANOTHER!***



**PLEASE WEAR  
A FACE MASK  
AVOID THE SPREAD**