



## Thought of the Week

'What you think, you become. What you feel, you attract. What you imagine, you create'  
- Buddha

## A message from our Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the Half Term break. The children have most certainly returned to school with enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure to see their resilience and watch them adapt to the changes within school over the last 8 weeks.

**Thank you** to all the parents who have signed up and attended our virtual parent evenings this week. We hope that you have found them informative and that the information shared provided insight on how your child has settled back into school and the progress they have made thus far.

The month of November is most certainly not going to be without challenge due to the second lockdown which started yesterday; but once again, just like before, we will do all we can to reduce the spread of the virus and keep our school community safe. I have emailed a letter with more information regarding the second lockdown. **Thank you** for the support you have shown to the school staff, the kind words of encouragement and most importantly a huge **THANK YOU** for adhering to the safety procedures that we have put in place.

I will keep you updated on any changes and information shared with us by the DfE, government and or Local Authority. Please stay safe, take care and as always stay **positive**. Together, we can do this!!!

## DKH Cross Country Results

Well done to all of year 4 who took part in the Southwark Virtual Cross Country event. Check out our leaderboard. You will be impressed by these top times!

### Cedar Class Leaderboard

Girls	Time	Boys	Time
Hannah	5:30:65	Joel	5:01:66
Anya	7:25:00	Jacob	5:02:91
Seraiah	7:26:00	Kai	5:41:46
Maria	7:30:00	Marlo	6:02:65
Isis	7:46:00	Josh	6:09:74
Sireen	8:08:00	Aarush	6:19:72

### Sycamore Class Leaderboard

Girls	Time	Boys	Time
Angel A	7:13:96	Gabriel	5:06:68
Angel M	7:15:73	Mussa	5:28:14
Zaria	7:28:61	Aiden	5:44:60
Olivia M	7:52:00	Jeremiah	6:05:82
Selorm	7:55:38	Shyeme	6:31:96
Nya-Mai	8:00:05		

## Anti-Bullying Week

Have you seen DKH School Council's Anti-Bullying Competition video on the school website? Check it out!

## Important Reminder

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

## Dining Experience

We know that everyone benefits from a pleasant dining experience and that it encourages positive social behaviour. It has been shown from research undertaken by the School Food Trust, that an improved meal experience can lead to better behaviour in the classroom after lunch. As part of our review of the DKH Dining Experience, we have introduced plate and bowl service for our year 5 and 6 children. This is a more age appropriate eating experience for our older children and supports their developing social skills. Here is what some of our children have said:

*I like that food doesn't go into the cutlery space anymore. Bella, yr 5*

*You are making us feel more responsible. Omar, yr 5*

*I like that I am now able to go back and collect my dessert. Maia, yr 5*

*I like the bowl and plate. It is like being at home. Lucy, yr 5*

*There is less chance of spilling and dropping food. Zac, yr 5*

## Battle of the Bands

Congratulations to **Cedar Class** who SMASHED the battle of the bands with 29,604 correct answers. To celebrate their victory, Cedar Class chose to decorate (and eat) their own fairy cakes as part of their victory celebration.

If your child missed their chance to take part, Maths Week England starts next week and DKH will be competing with other schools across England. Log on to <https://trockstars.com/> and start **ROCKING!**



## Changes

We would like to extend a warm **farewell** to Mr James Komeh who, due to personal reasons, has left his position as safeguarding lead. We would like to thank him for his positive contributions and wish him well for the future.

**Good News!** Ms Sahin is now the proud mother of a beautiful baby girl. We would like to extend our congratulations to her family. Ms Sahin has unfortunately decided to resign as wants to spend more time with her young family. We would like to thank her for all she did at DKH.

We would like to take this opportunity to **welcome** Shirley Waters as our new Safeguarding Officer. Ms Walters has many years of experience in this role and has worked at RPS for over 10 years. We look forward to the positive contributions she will make to our school.

## Dates for the Diary



9.11.2020	Maths Week begins
9.11.2020	Year 3 Virtual Money Twist Workshop
9.11.2020	Year 2 Virtual Fire Safety Visit
11.11.2020	Year 5 Virtual Fire Safety Visit
11.11.2020	Remembrance Day
16.11.2020	Anti-Bullying Week begins- Odd Sock Day
16.11.2020	Year 3 Money Twist Workshop
19.11.2020	Year 5 Money Twist Workshop
30.11.2020	<b>Inset Day – NO CHILDREN</b>
1.12.2020	Year 5 PE Challenge Day
3.12.2020	Year 5 Money Twist Workshop
7.12.2020	Year 3 Money Twist Workshop
11.12.2020	Year 3 Multiskills
11.12.2020	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.2020	Class Parties
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	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	Muhydeen and Daniel
Willow	Hannah and Johnston
Elder	Mikayla and Hanan
Palm	Emmanuel and Andre
Beech	Mia and Qing
Eucalyptus	Hillary and Aamyah
Cedar	Joel and Malia
Sycamore	Isis and Arazu
Rowan	Irene and Gabriel
Hazel	Anaya and Tobi
Elm	Muhim and Magnus
Maple	Darius and Jia Tong

## Note from the Office

If your child is unwell and you leave a voicemail, please specify the reason for absence so that it is recorded accurately. Only valid reasons will be marked as authorised. Please specify clearly why your child is absent.

### Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that the flu immunisation for pupils in Reception to Year 6 will take place on **26<sup>th</sup> November** (8<sup>th</sup> December for Nursery) and you should by now have completed and returned your permission slip. Please remember if you DO NOT consent to your child having the vaccination you MUST complete the form to inform us of this.

## Value Added!

As part of our commitment to wellbeing we were pleased to support Chartwells in delivering a *Healthier Futures – My Young Mind* workshop to year 6 children. Children learned how to nourish their bodies and their minds. The workshop focused on taking a holistic approach to wellbeing. There was some food tasting too!



Mindful tasting was fun!  
Marmite – we either loved it or hated it!  
Chocolate – we love it!



Our continued work towards highlighting diversity was supported by Chartwells Healthier Foods – Global Flavours workshop. Year 4 were able to discover worldwide ingredients and great food. The workshop encouraged children to appreciate and eat freshly cooked food from around the world.



## Attendance

Cherry	88.4%	Cedar	96.6%
Willow	96.2%	Sycamore	90.5%
Elder	100%	Rowan	97.2%
Palm	97.5%	Hazel	99.6%
Beech	100%	Elm	96.8%
Eucalyptus	97.9%	Maple	97.9%

## EYFS Announcements



A reminder to all **NURSERY PARENTS** to apply for your child's reception place for the academic year starting September 2021. Applications must be completed by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

You can do this by logging on to:  
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions>