

Thought of the Week

'Life fails to be perfect, but never fails to be beautiful.' - Anonymous

Watch Your Speed!

You many have noticed that new speed signs, indicating a speed limit of 20mph, have been placed on Dog Kennel Hill Road. These signs are part of a Speed Awareness Campaign, supported by DKH. As part of the campaign, Year 6 had a very special meeting with Will Norman, London Walking and Cycling Commissioner. They discussed how to reduce emissions by considering their journeys to and from school. Walking and cycling (we have a great bike shed for you to use - once Covid guidelines allow) are great ways to reduce our carbon footprint, however the journey must be a safe one. Speeding is the greatest deterrent and risk factor to children and adults walking and cycling more. To highlight this risk Year 6 worked with Road and Transport Police to use hand-held speed cameras to measure the speed of traffic on Dog Kennel Hill Road. It was an eye-opening and exciting experience, making children and drivers more aware of the importance of using our roads safely.

Mrs Cloete, Executive Head, also used this opportunity to highlight, again, our concern regarding the bus stop on Dog Kennel Hill Road and the potential risks it poses during staggered school entry. We are pleased to report that this will be followed up by the London Walking and Cycling Commissioner.



These smiles are a clear indication of a job well done! Go to our blog post [here](#), to see more smiles and satisfied faces. Well done year 6!



Wall of Hope and Thanks

We have loved receiving your messages of hope and thanks. They have put smiles on the faces of teachers and staff at DKH. Here are the messages you wanted to share with your community. Please keep adding to them at <https://forms.gle/sa8iVypMaysxz5cJA>. We will use them to create a banner, sharing your wonderful messages with the whole community.

There's a light at the end of this long tunnel.

Keep safe and strong - and thank you to the Friends, for keeping the home fires burning and raising funds against the odds!

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. - Helen Keller

When you feel lost and don't know which way to turn may faith lead the way. Remember that every storm passes and sunshine and brighter days always follow.

Let us continue to look out for one another. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Bravo to us all!!! Lots of love.

We're in this together!

We are more united! I have respect and gratitude to all people and value the inexhaustible work that all the school's teaching staff do.

Thanks to all the front lines that kept our community safe. Wish you all merry Christmas and happy New Year in advance. Thank you once again.

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Thank you so much!

To a resilient and strong DKH Primary Community. COVID brought us closer together!

Grateful for DKH parents for striving towards an active and inclusive school community. Proud to be member of DKH!

Thank you for the care and support you all rendered in this hard and difficult time as community. I love you all and I am happy to be in this great and wonderful family.

HAVE HOPE, BE STRONG, LAUGH LOUD AND PLAY HARD, LIVE IN THE MOMENT, SMILE OFTEN, DREAM BIG, REMEMBER YOU ARE LOVED AND NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP.

Wear a mask - but don't hide behind one. We're a team.

Dates for the Diary



15.12.2020	Year 5 & Year 6 Healthy Eating Workshop
16.12.2020	Virtual Christmas Panto
16.12.2020	Year 6 Indoor Athletics
16.12.2020	Class Parties
17.12.2020	Last day of Autumn Term
25.12.2020	Christmas Day
01.01.2021	New Year's Day
04.01.2021	Inset Day – NO CHILDREN
05.01.2020	Beginning of Spring Term – children back
18.01.2021	Year 6 Online Awareness Session
08.02.2021	Science Week begins
11.02.2021	Inventor's Day
15.02.2021	Half Term Begins
22.02.2021	Children return to school
19.3.2021	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	Micah and Seyram
Willow	Austin and Alicia
Elder	Anas and Jordan
Palm	Owen S and Enzo
Beech	Ezra and Lansana
Eucalyptus	Roman and Sahaila
Cedar	Maria and Nuran
Sycamore	Naz and Tia
Rowan	Zoe and Michaiah
Hazel	Nojus and Anaya
Elm	Gabriel and Tracy
Maple	Emir and Eliza

Note from the Office



The school will do all it can to support families whose circumstances have changed. If your family's financial circumstances have changed and you need support please contact Carrie Lucas, in the office, for a confidential discussion.

Only children who receive the government's Pupil Premium Funding will receive food vouchers this holiday. To check your eligibility, complete the short form found on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/7eUgMQtn283LuGsN8>.

Last Day of Term

In line with the recent Department of Education and Public Health England guidance, the last teaching day of the Autumn term will be **Thursday, 17th December**.



Thursday, 17th December will NOT be an early finish and parents and carers should collect children at their normal departure times.

We acknowledge the late notice and thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Please note that in order to facilitate this change; there will be one less INSET day in the summer term. Therefore, the last teaching day in the summer term will be 22nd July 2021.

Attendance

Cherry	%	Cedar	%
Willow	%	Sycamore	%
Elder	%	Rowan	%
Palm	%	Hazel	%
Beech	%	Elm	%
Eucalyptus	%	Maple	%

Winter Production

Children and staff have had an exciting week filming the DKH Winter Production. The final production will be a compilation of 46 videos and a similar number of audio tracks. Children's artwork will also be featured and we are very proud to say that it has truly been a team effort. A big thank you to children, staff, Mr Wales and Mrs Omoniyi and her team. We cannot wait to share it with you on **Friday, 18th December**.
Details to follow.



EYFS Announcements



EYFS are recording their own additional Christmas performance on Monday, 14th December. We kindly request that children wear festive outfits. This could be a Christmas jumper, red or green clothes or a sparkly party outfit. We cannot wait to share our recording with you!



A message from Friends of DKH

Have you bought your raffle tickets yet?

There's still time - you can buy them until 7pm on Sunday 13th December and be in with a chance of winning some fabulous prizes - see attached flyer for the full list of prizes!

Buy Tickets here...

<https://raffall.com/151270/enter-raffle-to-win-dog-kennel-hill-winter-raffle-hosted-by-friends-of-dkh>

Plus don't forget to check out our shopify page for some last minute gift ideas and of course the **school calendars!** The calendars feature every child's self-portrait in the month of their birth, plus no need to worry about delivery. They will be sent home with your child

<https://dkh-friends-store.myshopify.com/>

You can also buy gifts, wreaths and calendars after school on Friday 11th and Monday 14th December. Enjoy the festive sounds of the DKH Year 6 Brass Band as you shop! Look out for our stall outside the school gates.