

## A message from our Executive Headteacher

It has been another fun-filled week at DKH. Our wonder Mrs Omoniyi has resumed music lessons and it has been lovely to hear the corridors filled with the children's beautiful singing.

Our year 6 children had a motivational talk by Adrian Tuitt and the thunderous applause clearly indicated his success. You can find photos of the event on our website.

As our first full week draws to a close I wanted to share with you how much children and teachers alike have enjoyed our transitional unit based on the wonderful book, *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers. The whole school has been able to explore the book in a variety of cross-curricular ways, encouraging reading and writing for pleasure as well as engaging in reflections around some of the thoughts, feelings and responses arising from the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has allowed them to reflect on our place on the planet as humans, how we as humans relate to each other, other species and our responsibility towards them, belonging and community and our responsibility as world citizens.

## Well-being

Our Arts Lead, Ms Kelly-Roberts and our PSHE Lead, Mrs Tu have been collaborating and creating some exciting opportunities to further support children's transition back to school. As part of our commitment to children's wellbeing, all children at DKH will take part in a project which will allow them opportunities to reconnect through art whilst reflecting on their experiences and feelings during the partial school closures.

By the end of the project all classes will produce a collection of art linked to four themes. The art work will be celebrated through a school-wide display and hopefully, an exhibition (possibly virtually.)

## We Really Need Your Help

All parents are kindly reminded to arrive at their allotted time to allow us to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Please do not arrive earlier or later than the times stipulated and please move on after delivering or collecting your child to ensure groups do not gather in front of the school. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Retirement

During the summer break and following lockdown, Mrs Parker, who has been at DKH for 20 years, has retired. From mid-day supervisor to teaching assistant, her commitment to the children and school has been exceptional and she will be missed. Please join us in wishing her the best of retirements filled with fun and happiness.

We have also said goodbye to Miss Parrott who has relocated to Bristol to be closer to her family. We wish her the very best in all of her new adventures and new life in the South West.



## Maths with Parents

Years 1 – 3 are able to access Maths with Parents. Children and parents can watch short videos explaining a topic and then play fun games and activities together using items around the home to explore maths in the real world.

Years 2 – 3, please log in and select your child's new class. Year 1, please register with your email address and child's class code.

<https://mathswithparents.com/>

Cherry: 702167

Willow: 389991



## Covid Updates

In line with DfE requirements, all visitors to the school will be required to complete a visitor's safety agreement and wear a mask while in the school building.

The weather is changing and cold and flu season is quickly approaching. Please be vigilant in monitoring your child if they develop a cold. Remember that if your child has a high temperature or a new, continuous cough they will need to stay home and be tested. Call 111 if you need more information.

## EYFS Announcements



Reception have had a wonderful first week back and have enjoyed settling into our environment and making lots of friends!

Miss Kearns and Miss Hulse would love if you could bring in a family photo to share with the class and to make a beautiful 'our families' display!

We look forward to welcoming back some of the nursery children next week!

## Attendance

|            |        |          |       |
|------------|--------|----------|-------|
| Cherry     | 96.1%  | Cedar    | 94.4% |
| Willow     | 88.2%  | Sycamore | 98.1% |
| Elder      | 97.35% | Rowan    | 99.2% |
| Palm       | 90.8%  | Hazel    | 97.2% |
| Beech      | 100%   | Elm      | 98.9% |
| Eucalyptus | 93.3%  | Maple    | 97.8% |

## Star of the Week!



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

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| Cherry     | Seyram & Izzy         |
| Willow     | Samad & Grace         |
| Elder      | Jordan & Mohamed      |
| Palm       | Kai & Z'Niyah         |
| Beech      | Trevane & Chidima     |
| Eucalyptus | Ameen & Chricilia     |
| Cedar      | Precious & Jacob      |
| Sycamore   | Olivia May & Rasheed  |
| Rowan      | Theo & Ines           |
| Hazel      | Candace & Christopher |
| Elm        | Isaac & Caleb         |
| Maple      | Akokor & Pablo        |

## Dates for the diary



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|------------|---|
| 11.9.2020  | Year 6 Transition Webinar at 5:00   |
| 14.9.2020  | Year 1 Meet the Teacher session at 4:00   |
| 15.9.2020  | Year 2 Meet the Teacher session at 4:00   |
| 16.9.2020  | Year 6 Meet the Teacher session at 4:00   |
| 17.9.2020  | Year 4 (Cedar) Meet the Teacher session at 4:00. Year 4 (Sycamore) Meet the Teacher session at 4:30 |
| 5.10.2020  | Diversity Month begins  |
| 19.10.2020 | Creativity Week begins  |
| 26.10.2020 | Half Term break begins  |
| 2.11.2020  | Beginning of second half of Autumn Term   |

We are happy to share with you that DKH is introducing **Zones of Regulation**. This approach teaches self-regulation by categorising all the different ways we feel into four colored zones. It provides strategies to teach children to become more aware of and independent in regulating their emotions and impulses and improve their ability to problem solve conflicts.

## Note from the office

The Local Authority provide free school meals to all children in Southwark but some families qualify for additional pupil premium funding which we use to enhance children's learning. If you have a household income of less than £16,100 per year or are entitled to universal credit please look out for a free school meals application which needs to be completed and returned to the office.