



Thought of the Week

'Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary' – Margaret Cousins

A message from our Executive Headteacher

I cannot believe we have already come to the end of the first half term! Although we faced a very unusual start to the year, I am very proud of all the things that we have accomplished. The children have settled well into their new routines, they have engaged in their creative work, producing fantastic artwork. They have had a successful poetry week (you will hear more about this soon) and celebrated Black History month as part of our diversity drive. **We have so much to celebrate! Well done to all our children who have been absolutely amazing!**

This half term we have been very fortunate that we did not have to close any bubble or classes. We will continue to ensure that all the COVID-19 procedures remain in place after half term. We want to be fully prepared in the event of a potential closure in the future so ask ALL parents to please complete a survey regarding internet access and computers at home. We will be able to plan remote learning more carefully with your feedback. I would like to thank all our parents for working with us and for the positive feedback we have received. Have a lovely half term break!

Parents' Evening

Our parents evening will be held virtually due to current guidelines and teachers are looking forward to meeting with you. **Please see attached login details and ensure that you use your child's name as the display name and join the waiting room.** The teacher will then give you access to the meeting at your allocated time. Appointments are 10 minutes long. The Senior Leadership Team may be dropping in on some meetings at random so please do not be alarmed if there are two staff members present on your Teams call.

Teams meeting details, including confirmation of your allocated time, have been emailed to you. Please check your spam/junk folder if you do not see your email.



Battle of the Bands

Which class will win our half term Battle of the Bands? **Get ready to rock** from Friday 23rd October to Sunday 1st November. Make your points count and your class could win the Battle of the Bands! The winning class will be featured in the newsletter and certificates to be awarded to the MVPs in each class. Please note that only points scored between 7AM and 7PM will be counted. This is your chance to be a **ROCKSTAR!**



Diversity and Creativity at DKH

DKH prides itself on its diversity and inclusivity and we are committed to reflecting this in many ways. November will see the whole school developing their creativity and exploring diversity by working on a form of early art – linking **'the roots that connect us, and how heritage makes us who we are today.'** It will be called **Human Creativity** and by the end of the half term, all of the children will have contributed to an exhibition.

Learning about early art teaches children about culture, supports understanding the importance of art and design in society and the significance of symbols and art forms and how they have influenced modern society. Thus, helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.

We look forward to sharing our learning and creativity with you. Keep checking our art blog, on the website, for updates.



Be Kind Online

Being online is an integral part of children and young people's lives. Social media, online games, websites and apps can be accessed through mobile phones, computers, laptops and tablets – all of which form a part of children and young people's online world. However, it is important that we teach children not only how to be safe online but how to be **kind**.

It has come to our attention that recently there have been a few occasions when children have not been kind to each other online.

As a school, we will address this through PSHE lessons and in anti-bullying week. However, it is important that these conversations take place at home too.

A good way to teach kindness online is to talk to children about what it is like to be in someone else's shoes. Children understand our school values of **empathy and respect**. If they empathise with others and picture the consequences of their actions, they are less likely to upset others online, whether they meant to or not. If you are worried that your child has done something to upset someone, ask them how they think it would make them feel and how they would react if the same had happened to them. Point out positive examples of when they or someone else has shown empathy and understanding and praise your child when you notice them doing something kind for someone else. If they are reminded of what it means to be understanding of other people's feelings and why it is important, they may make a habit of it.



Dates for the Diary



26.10.2020	Half Term break begins
2.11.2020	Beginning of second half of Autumn Term
3.11.2020	Virtual Parent Evening
3.11.2020	Year 3 Virtual Cross Country
4.11.2020	Virtual Parent Evening
4.11.2020	Year 6 Wellbeing Workshop
5.11.2020	Year 5 Virtual Cross Country
5.11.2020	Year 5 Money Twist Workshop
6.11.2020	Year 4 Global Foods Workshop
6.11.2020	Year 5 Virtual Cross Country
9.11.2020	Maths Week begins
9.11.2020	Year 3 Money Twist Workshop
9.11.2020	Year 2 Fire Safety Visit
11.11.2020	Year 5 Fire Safety Visit
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	Inset Day – NO CHILDREN
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	Last day of Autumn Term – 2:00pm finish
4.1.2021	Inset Day – NO CHILDREN
5.1.2020	Beginning of Spring Term – children back

Star of the Week!



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

Cherry	Daniel and Mackenzie
Willow	Zaccai and Jeffrey
Elder	Maile and
Palm	Niah and Anas
Beech	Karamel and Maguette
Eucalyptus	Orobosa and Tomray
Cedar	Bola and Elijah
Sycamore	Finlo and Amelia
Rowan	Andrew and Avaine
Hazel	Amelia and Maya
Elm	Magnus and Elizabeth
Maple	Eliza and Tyresse

Save Our Allotment

Thank you for your generosity. We are so grateful for all of your support. Currently you have raised **£345** and shared our page 17 times. Please keep sharing on social media. Every penny counts!
https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-dkhallotment?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

We are making big plans for the allotment and know that the children of DKH will benefit from having this fantastic resource!

Attendance

Cherry	93.7%	Cedar	96%
Willow	97.3%	Sycamore	94.2%
Elder	94.4%	Rowan	85.6%
Palm	99.5%	Hazel	98%
Beech	99%	Elm	98.1%
Eucalyptus	91.5%	Maple	98.4%

EYFS Announcements



Early Years would like to wish everyone a wonderful and restful half term break! Don't forget to look at our learning slip, which we have emailed to you today. This will give you some ideas for fun learning opportunities for the week.

Note from the Office

If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please contact the school office either by phone or email to inform us of the arrangements in place. Please note that it is our **safeguarding responsibility** to challenge non-communicated collection arrangements and children cannot be released from our care if we have not been informed of the person collecting your child. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter. We ask that if siblings are collecting, they are 16 years of age or older.



Back to School and Your Well Being

CAMHS at South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust will be hosting its annual patient participation event on Wednesday 28th October 2020. Please see information about this exciting online event for children, young people, parents and people who work in schools below:

What is it like going back to school?

Wednesday 28th October, 1.30pm to 5pm

What is it?

An online event aimed at helping people find strategies for coping in these extraordinary times.

Young people, parents and teachers are invited to join us online to listen, exchange ideas, and take part in interactive workshops.

The event will be divided into two halves for different groups

- Parents, children and teachers: 1.30pm to 3pm
- Adolescents and teachers: 3.30pm to 5pm

Who is it for?

Children, adolescents, parents, and people that work in schools.

[Sign up online here](#)

Virtual Parent Evening Links

Please find below the links needed to join your Parents' Evening meeting. Please ensure that you use your child's name as the display name and join the waiting room. The teacher will then give you access to the meeting at your allocated time. ***Please note change of day for Cedar Class.**

Class	Tuesday 3 rd November	Class	Wednesday 4 th November
Ladybird	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Ladybird	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Butterfly	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Butterfly	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Caterpillar	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Caterpillar	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Cherry	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Cherry	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Willow	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Willow	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Elder	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Elder	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Palm	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Palm	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Beech	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Beech	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Eucalyptus	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Eucalyptus	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Sycamore	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Sycamore	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Rowan	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Rowan	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Hazel	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Hazel	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Elm	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Elm	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Maple	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Maple	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Class	Tuesday 3 rd November	Class	*Thursday 5 th November
Cedar	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting	Cedar	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Apple Day!

Make sure you don't miss all the fantastic Apple Day activities organised by The Friends of DKH! These have been emailed with the newsletter and can also be found on our website.

