



## Thought of the Week

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which have been overcome while trying to succeed.”- Booker T. Washington

## A message from our Executive Headteacher

It's **OCTOBER** and we can already feel the change in temperatures. Our focus on reducing the spread of Covid-19 continues. As part of this we need to keep good ventilation in classes even though it may be a bit chilly. **We need your help!** Please could we ask parents to ensure that children are dressed warmly for class? This could be dressing your child in layers or providing them with a jumper every day.

Warm coats and hats are also highly recommended for outdoor play. We will continue to exercise good respiratory hygiene within the school as well as minimizing contact across bubbles.

I would just like to say another huge thank you to all our parents for working with the school so brilliantly and for supporting our ongoing endeavors to limit the spread of the virus. I know it hasn't been easy but we value your support during this time. Have a great weekend!

## Poetry Week

Next week starts DKH's Poetry Week. Children will have opportunities to read, share, write and perform poems. Poems are a great way to encourage a love of language, start conversations, and bring people together. Most of all, poems are available to everyone. Now, more than ever, we need poetry!

We encourage families to share poems at home and if you use social media, you can share your original poems using our twitter account **@DkhSchool** and use the hashtag, **#ShareAPoem**. We would love to hear about your favourite poems as well as your own original poetry.

## Save Our Allotment

A heartfelt **thank you** to our parents who have already supported our allotment **GoFundMe** page. With over £200 in donations, we are getting closer to our goal. Any donation, large or small will be gratefully accepted.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-dkh-allotment?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-dkh-allotment?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)



## Diversity at DKH

This year DKH will be focusing on history to celebrate and inform Diversity Month. Each year group will focus on an aspect of BAME achievements so a wealth of experiences are taught and learnt across the school. From musicians and artists to scientists and civil rights leaders, children will have the opportunity to learn and reflect on the diverse history we are fortunate to have. This will also allow us to continue reviewing our curriculum to ensure that diversity is woven throughout the year, in all areas.

Children are encouraged to complete projects at home including fact files, models or biographies and though current guidelines do not allow us to accept projects from home, parents are asked to submit photos of the projects via email, which will be used to create a virtual gallery for all to enjoy.

## Thank you

Monday was National Thank a Teacher Day and we wanted to say **thank you** to all of our wonderful teachers for their commitment, hard work and dedication to the children of DKH. We know that current circumstances can be challenging, yet they arrive every day with a smile, ready to inspire our children.



## Weather

The weather is changing and the warm days of summer are becoming distant memories. With this in mind, we ask that parents / carers please ensure that children have appropriate clothing as, if at all possible, we would like them to be outside during break time and lunchtime. This means children will need waterproof jackets with hoods as well as coats, if it is cold.

We know that outdoor play provides an important environment to foster brain development, motor skills, and social and cognitive development, as well as being fun, which means happy children. Due to Covid many children have spent a great deal of time indoors. We want to maximise the amount of time children can spend outside and with the right clothes, we can ensure they are able to reap the rewards of outside play.

## Dates for the Diary



9.10.2020	World Mental Health Day #HelloYellow
12.10.2020	Poetry Week begins
14.10.2020	School Photos
15.10.2020	School Photos
26.10.2020	<b>Half Term break begins</b>
2.11.2020	<b>Beginning of second half of Autumn Term</b>
3.11.2020	Virtual Parent Evening
4.11.2020	Virtual Parent Evening
5.11.2020	Year 5 – Money Twist Workshop
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
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>
3.12.2020	Year 5 – Money Twist Workshop
7.12.2020	Year 3 – Money Twist Workshop
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>

## Star of the Week!



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

Cherry	Uwaila and Shamira
Willow	Elijah and Christopher
Elder	Omar and Liya
Palm	Dauida and Dylan
Beech	George and Jackie
Eucalyptus	Xavier and Kalina
Cedar	Aarush and Leila
Sycamore	Sara and Zaira
Rowan	Paul and Robert
Hazel	Bella and Princess
Elm	Nathan and Ella
Maple	Bree and Danyal

## School Photos

School photographs, including sibling photos, will take place next week, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October.

## #HelloYellow Day

Thank you to children and staff who turned our school yellow today in aid of the Hello Yellow Campaign for Young Minds. Your generous donations will support children's mental well-being as well as raise awareness of this very important issue.

## Attendance

Cherry	87.8%	Cedar	99.1%
Willow	97.8%	Sycamore	96.4%
Elder	98.5%	Rowan	97.7%
Palm	98.1%	Hazel	97.6%
Beech	93.2%	Elm	93.9%
Eucalyptus	98.9%	Maple	98.9%

## EYFS Announcements

Miss Kearns, Miss Hulse and Miss Lewis would like to say a big thank you to all the families who contributed photos for the EYFS display. They enjoyed seeing their beautiful photos and the children loved talking about their own families!

The children have had great fun learning all about their bodies, meeting Scott the skeleton and labelling all of his bones!

## Note from the Office

Due to current Covid guidelines, visitors to the school office have been restricted. We kindly request that parents / carers wait outside the school reception when collecting children from after school sports clubs. We understand that the recent wet and cold weather can make this unpleasant and we endeavor to release children on time, reducing your wait. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone as safe as possible.