



Thought of the Week

"Don't count the days, make the days count." – Muhammad Ali

A message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we have almost reached the end of a most unusual Spring Term. We are so proud of all of the children of DKH. They have shown such resilience, adapting to all the changes presented by the pandemic. They have filled the school with their smiles and laughter, once again, while also demonstrating a commitment to their learning.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Julia LePla, our newest member of the governing body and the Local Authority governor. She has a wealth of experience in the Arts and we very much look forward to her input. You can read more about Julia in the newsletter update from the Riverhill Federation Governing Body.

I would also like to thank all of our teachers and support staff who have continued to make our children's learning and wellbeing a priority. I would like to offer our collective thanks to all parents and carers for the support they have given to their children, the staff and the school over the recent months. We really could not have done it without you. Thank you!

Finally, many of you have asked about Mary, our School Patrol Officer. Unfortunately, Mary was unwell and was missed by all. The local Authority were not able to cover her position during her illness, however I am happy to report that she is now feeling better and I know you will join me welcoming her back.

As this will be the last newsletter of the Spring Term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our school community a safe, restful and most of all, happy break. It is well deserved!

We look forward to welcoming you back on 20th April!

Kindest regards,

Barbara Ghezzi

And the Winners are...

Well done to **Hazel Class** who won the Time Table Rock Star Battle of the Bands. They scored an amazing 189,646 points! The winning class was treated to a hamper overflowing with delicious treats.

Fantastic work by **Beech Class** who won the Maths with Parents Competition. They engaged with all the activities and played a total of 172 games! They also won a super hamper filled with tasty snacks.

Well done Hazel and Beech. We know you enjoyed your prize!

We would also like to say a special thank you to our local Sainsbury's for supporting our Maths Competition and supplying such lovely prizes.

Sainsbury's were more than happy to support the school and we look forward to working with them in the future.



Update from the Riverhill Federation Governing Body

Julia LePla is the newest member of our governing body, joining the Federation in December 2020. Below is her bio and an update about her recent link visit focussing on the Arts.

"I began my career in advertising. I work at Tate Gallery delivering a participatory public arts programme - overseeing its operations, communications, finance, research projects and strategic planning. Prior to this, I spent 3 years in New York studying for a Masters in Museum Studies, with a focus on education and public engagement, and worked in the arts and cultural sectors in both for-profit and non-profit organisations. I am also a youth mentor - working with young people to develop their career goals, skills and confidence.

During my recent Arts link visit, it was great to see such enthusiasm and commitment from the staff across the school and to hear about the exciting plans for the Arts curriculum for the coming months. I really enjoyed seeing pupil's artwork and was impressed by the creativity and flair shown by pupils, particularly during the lockdown. I am looking forward to hearing how the DT curriculum develops this year and to seeing more beautiful artwork from the pupils. "

Curriculum Update

As you may already be aware, **Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)** will be compulsory in all schools from the Summer Term, 2021. The focus in primary school will be on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other children and with adults. We would like to invite all parents and carers to view our RSHE presentation video, which will help you to understand the revised RSHE curriculum and what your child will be learning in their year groups. There will be an opportunity to ask questions via our online google form.



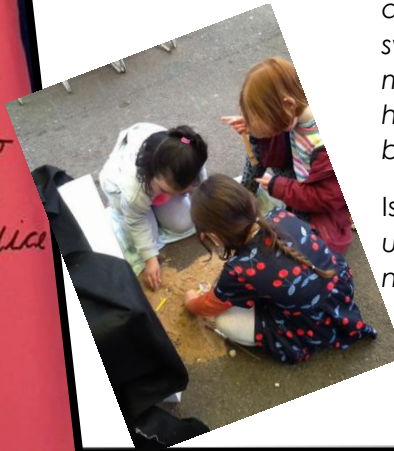
This video and online form will be on our school website on **31st March 2021**. Please add it to your diaries!

Reception Class are Archeologists

To Mrs Cloete
We have made an AMAZING discovery! We have found dinosaur fossils in the Early Years! We found teeth, a hip bone and a foot bone so small it must have been a tiny dinosaur! We want you to tell the world about what we have found. Maybe the police should know too?
from
Reception Class

Reception Class were eager to let everyone, know about their amazing discovery.

They shared their news with Mrs Cloete and the police. Mrs Cloete immediately informed the governors and also sent out a tweet to share the news far and wide. Below you will see the response they received from PC Patel.



Lydia said 'I have found a dinosaur shell from a swimming dinosaur - maybe a plesiosaur? It must have got washed up on the beach?'

Isla said 'I think it's an unknown dinosaur we've not discovered yet!'



To Reception Class or should I say budding archaeologists, I am so delighted that you have made such an amazing discovery. Dinosaur fossils are very rare to find and very valuable part of our history.

I have never seen dinosaur fossils before so I hope you keep them safe and show me when I come to visit you at school.

And you are right, the world should know of your discovery so I have shared your lovely letter on our Metropolitan Police page @MPSChampionHill. The letter will be seen by a lot of people who will be very proud of your achievement.

Keep learning, keep finding rare things and keep on the road to success!

Warmest regards.

PC PATEL 2358AS





End of Spring Term

The last day of the Spring Term is Wednesday 31st March and children will be dismissed early on that day. After school club, provided by TreeTops will be available from 2-5pm and can be booked directly through the website, [here](#).

Class	Dismissal	Class	Dismissal
Nursery	2:00pm	Reception	2:15pm
Year 1	2:00pm	Year 2	2:15pm
Year 3	2:15pm	Year 4	2:00pm
Year 5	2:00pm	Year 6	2:15pm

Dates for the Diary



31.03.2021	Last day of Spring Term – early finish.
19.04.2021	Staff Inset Day - No children
20.04.2021	Children return to school
20.04.2021	Year 2 Sports Hall Athletics
29.04.2021	Year 4 Multiskills Challenge Day
11.05.2021	Year 6 Multiskills Challenge Day
24.05.2021	Year 2 and 3 SEND Multi-Activity League
14.06.2021	Year 5 Bikeability Week
21.06.2021	Sports for Champions Athlete Visit
22.06.2021	Year 5 Health and Wellbeing Workshop
23.06.2021	Year 6 Health and Wellbeing Workshop
12.07.2021	Year 6 Bikeability Week
15.07.2021	KS1 Sports Day
16.07.2021	KS2 Sports Day

Attendance

Cherry	97.8%	Cedar	95.7%
Willow	96.8%	Sycamore	97.9%
Elder	94.2%	Rowan	99.1%
Palm	98.6%	Hazel	98.8%
Beech	92.8%	Elm	96.5%
Eucalyptus	95.5%	Maple	95.5%

Star of the Week!



We would like to recognise the children who have been great examples of our school values and have shown true commitment to their learning. Well done!

Nursery	Benedict , for his fantastic writing! Ariyah , for her amazing castle construction!
Reception	Mouhamed , for being a phonics super star!
Cherry	Daniel , for trying really hard to use his phonics to write independently.
Willow	Lenny , for great use of maths star words!
Elder	Tamara , for embodying the Elder Class values every single day.
Palm	Gael , for a great effort in his English work – writing a report about owls.
Beech	Azriel , for putting in 100% effort towards his maths!
Eucalyptus	Iilly , for being outstanding in everything she does and having a such a kind heart. An inspiration to us all!
Cedar	Marlow , for the resilience he has shown in overcoming challenges and for his excellent attitude to learning.
Sycamore	Jaiden , for a big effort in both his learning and his behaviour.
Rowan	Paul, for being a very supportive peer and generally working hard.
Hazel	All of Hazel Class for really pulling together this week producing some amazing writing!
Elm	Tracy , for showing such enthusiasm and dedication to her learning – and always with a smile!
Maple	Romy , for her captivating suspense paragraph based on the story of Rose Blanche.

Together Again

Making space and time to talk is a great way to support wellbeing but we know it can be difficult to start conversations about feelings. Providing a range of ways for children to express themselves can help children become more comfortable in talking about their feelings. Here are some more great activities the whole family can use to talk and express themselves.

How would you help a friend who is feeling sad, feel better? Make a list or talk to an adult for ideas help. 25	What makes you feel the happiest in school? Draw a picture. 26	Draw a day of feelings. Draw 5 circles for faces and draw your facial expressions for the day. There might be different ones. 27	Think of one word to describe your friend. What is it? Write the word in bubble writing and decorate it. 28	Go on a feelings hunt today and ask everyone how they are feeling. 29	Draw a fun school memory that you have had with your classmates or friends. 30
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Lunch Menu Change

Please note that on Wednesday 31st March, the lunch menu will feature fish and chips.



Can you knit, crochet or finger knit?

Please help us to YARN BOMB some trees like these ones in the photos



We are starting with a few squares, rectangles and circles either knitted and crocheted for 2 trees in Wren Road (the Morrison's end of Butterfly Walk Arcade), to be completed in mid-April. To find out more contact Ali and Debbie on camberwellartsmarket@gmail.com and **GET INVOLVED NOW**

Wren Road is just the start - we have a mega YARN BOMBING project starting in mid-April. We'll tell you more next month, but just to let you know that for the mega one it's best to form a group of knitters and crocheters as we're going BIG.

Create NEW LIFE from WASTE



Get involved in our COMPETITION with chances to WIN CASH PRIZES and REMAKERY memberships, with judging happening in June!

TRANSFORM broken objects, PATCHWORK fashion, OFF CUTS or FIX UP furniture, SCULPTURE from landfill items, COLLAGE out-of-date magazines, or whatever your imagination comes up with!

START THINKING ABOUT THIS NOW, because you may need to be collecting things. More information to follow in mid-April including a link to an online form to register your interest.

If you have any questions about the competition, you can get in touch with us at: remakeryevents@gmail.com

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