



## Thought of the Week

*It always seems impossible until it's done. – Nelson Mandela*

## A message from our Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited to be able to welcome back all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We know that they have missed their friends and their teachers and we have certainly missed them! From Science Week and Red Nose Day to International Women's Day, there will be a range of exciting learning for children to take part in. Understandably, some children may find the change in routine difficult. We encourage a good sleep routine over the next couple of days so that children are well rested and ready for their return to school. We have also emailed a return to school survey, which we would encourage all children to complete.

Children will continue to enjoy hot and nutritious meals at lunchtime. We are following the Autumn, Winter menu – Week 3 which can be found on our website and [here](#).

As children are spending more time indoors, it is inevitable that many are spending more time accessing on-line content. In school, we teach children about staying safe on line. The Government guidance 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): keeping children safe online' has also been updated and contains advice and guidance to help parents/carers keep children safe online during the pandemic. The guidance can be accessed [here](#).

As always the health and safety of the community is our priority and we all need to work together to keep each other safe. Please, please adhere to social distancing and arrive at your allotted time. If you need to speak with teachers regarding your child, please email them directly.

Thank you once again for your continued support and kind words over the last few months. Take care and stay safe. DKH community is in this together!

## International Women's Day

To mark International Women's Day 2021, Solace, Southwark's Domestic Abuse Service provider, will deliver two Violence Against Women and Girls seminars via zoom. These will take place on:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 10am – 1pm**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 10am – 1pm**

The seminars are open to anyone who lives or works in Southwark. To book your place, please email: [lisa.negi@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.negi@southwark.gov.uk) with your preferred date and a zoom link will be sent to you later this week.

## British Science Week

Science week begins 8<sup>th</sup> March and we are looking forward to exploring this year's theme - **Innovating the Future.**

Children will enjoy participating in virtual workshops presented by Sciencedipity and learn about rockets. Years 1 and 2 will investigate rockets travelling without fins, years 3 and 4 will be investigating the shape of the nose cone and years 5 and 6 will be investigating how to make rockets go further and faster. Children will have the chance to make and investigate their own rockets. We are sure they will learn a lot while having a **BLAST!**

In addition, years 3 and 5 will have the opportunity to participate in a Cheetah Workshop, sponsored by Cheetah Conservation Fund UK. The workshop is designed to inspire a love, understanding and appreciation of the natural world. It will focus on the incredible adaptations of big cats, the importance of biodiversity, provide insight into different habitats and the actions young people can take to support cheetah conservation. A big thank you to Mrs Brassell for arranging this opportunity.

Finally, we will be combining science and art to celebrate **International Women's Day**. The whole school will take part in a project focusing on female scientists. Children will create portraits celebrating the accomplishments of these scientists and our finished work will form part of the "The Great Big Art Exhibition" which will involve displaying all of the portraits on the windows of our school. This is a national initiative and we encourage families to also take part. It is a great way for all of us to explore our creative side at home, from first-timers to professional artists. The project would like to see as many people taking part as possible. Display your art in your front garden, from a balcony or on your front door to join DKH in the **Great Big Art Exhibition!**



International Women's Day

## Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living with incredibly challenging circumstances.

Children and staff are encouraged to wear as much red as possible on the day. Red noses will be available for children to purchase in their class at a cost of £1.50. Proceeds from the sale will go to supporting Red Nose Day initiatives, which tackle important issues including homelessness, hunger, domestic abuse and mental health stigma - all of which have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Show your support on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March by wearing red and purchasing a Red Nose at DKH!



## 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, either in school or at home. Well done!

Nursery	<b>Melody</b> , for always participated with our online learning and her INCREDIBLE dinosaur habitat box.
Reception	<b>Charles</b> , for incredible work at home and always being keen to share his learning and ideas with his friends!
Cherry	<b>Nana</b> , for his fantastic work and efforts in maths!
Willow	<b>Wilton</b> , for great focus in writing this week.
Elder	<b>Charles</b> , for amazing work and brilliant contributions during time learning at home.
Palm	<b>Jamal</b> , for great use of maths' vocabulary around properties of shapes and right angles.
Beech	<b>Ezra</b> , for putting in maximum effort towards his learning and making brilliant progress as a result!
Eucalyptus	<b>Sikemi</b> , for being really engaged and enthusiastic with the online learning, well done!
Cedar	<b>Nuran</b> , for excellent attention to detail and contributing well in lessons.
Sycamore	<b>Zaira</b> , for always contributing ideas and for working incredibly hard on her food packaging project.
Rowan	<b>Michaiah</b> , for her interaction and engagement with online learning consistently throughout the lockdown.
Hazel	<b>Zakariya</b> , for his amazing interaction this week in online sessions.
Elm	<b>Mia</b> , for her engagement and hard work whilst working remotely this term.
Maple	<b>Divine</b> , for trying her consistent effort with her English and Maths activities at home. Great work!

## Dates for the Diary



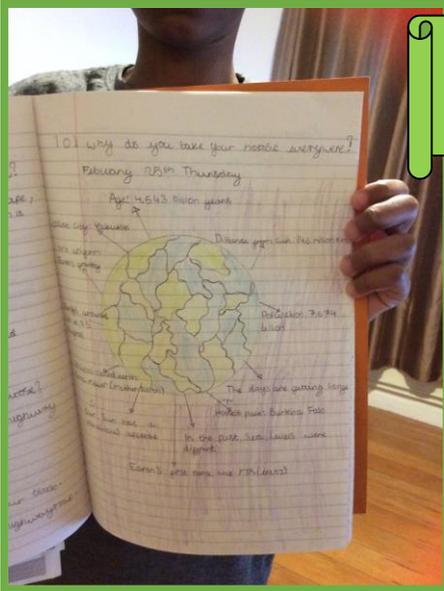
08.03.2021	International Women's Day
08.03.2021	Science Week begins
16.03.2021	Hungry Caterpillar Workshop - Reception
17.03.2021	Hungry Caterpillar Workshop - Nursery
17.03.2021	Special visit from mounted and terrestrial police units
19.03.2021	Red Nose Day
31.03.2021	Last day of Spring Term – <b>staggered early finish.</b>
19.04.2021	First day of Summer Term – Staff Inset <b>No children</b>
20.04.2021	Children return to school

## Together Again

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school. However, we know that some children may feel a bit anxious about the return to school. We have had a lot of positive feedback about the activities shared last month to support children's wellbeing, so please find below some further family activities to support children's transition back to school. These activities are great opportunities to encourage communication and prepare children for their return to school.

<p>What's your biggest feeling about going back to school? Talk to an adult or friend about your feeling. Write the word in bubble writing and decorate it</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Make a plan on how you will say goodbye to your adult when you go back to school. Eg, hug, kiss, wave.</p> <p>8</p>	<p>What have you missed most about school? Draw a picture.</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Think of some compliments you could give your teacher or friends.</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Who can you talk to at school if you are feeling a bit sad? Draw a picture of them and write their name.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Draw a person at school who you are thankful for.</p> <p>12</p>
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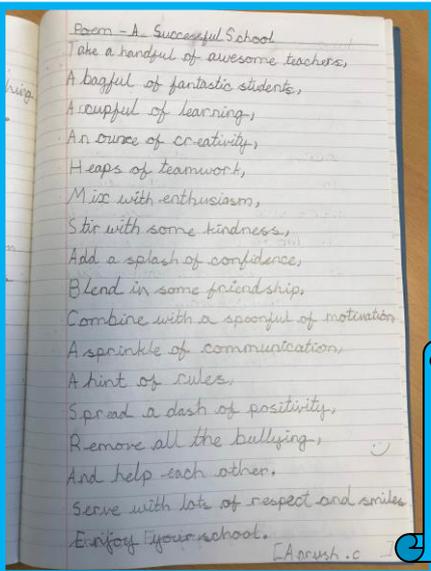
## Look at some of the wonderful work our children have been doing at home!



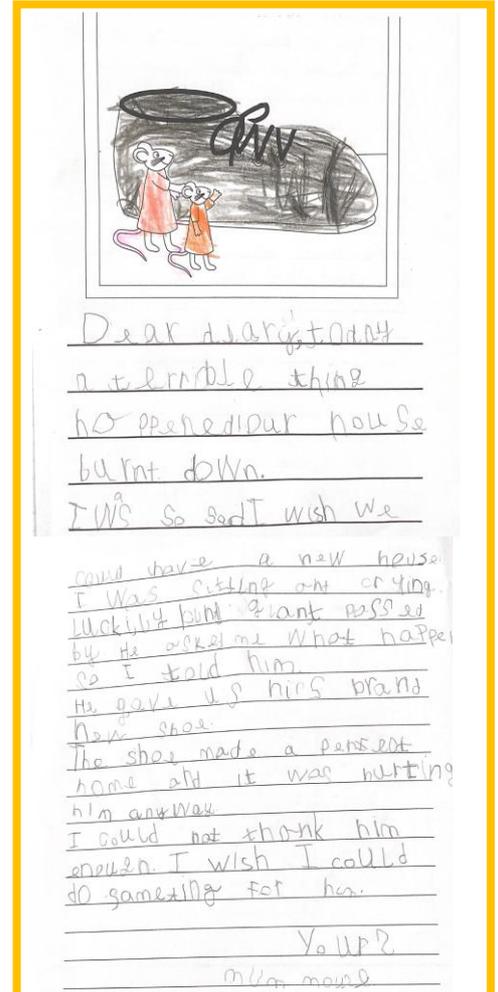
Avaine, in year 5, researched various planets and illustrated them in great detail. Here is a fantastic example of his work on planet Earth. Brilliant work!



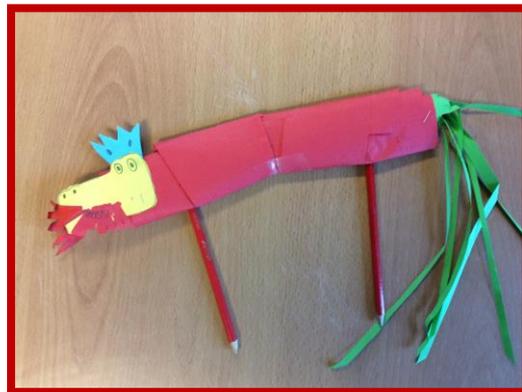
Yva in year 1 was so excited about World Book Day that she dressed up early. We think she makes a great Pippi Longstocking!



Aarush in year 5 took inspiration from Benjamin Zephaniah's poem *The British*, which is written in the style of a recipe, and created his own brilliant poem about what makes a successful school.



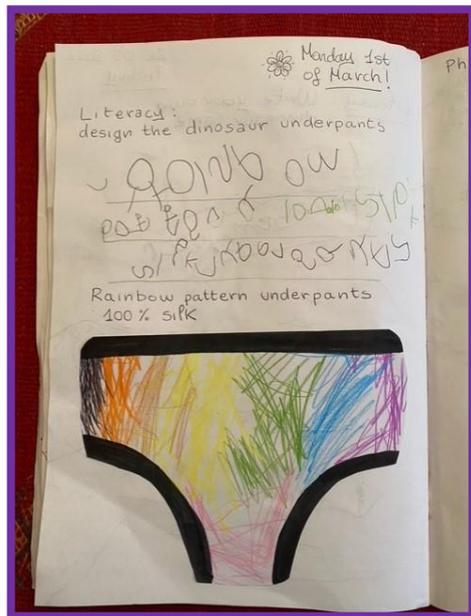
James in year 1 worked really hard to write a fantastic diary entry. Wow! Amazing writing James!



Damon and Isaac in year 6 have showcased their DT skills by creating a fantastic display and a brilliant puppet. Very creative!



Charles in Reception has labelled the different parts of a T-Rex and even used some fantastic describing words!



Reception have been reading *Dinosaurs Love Underpants* and Alice has designed and labelled her own underpants for the dinosaurs!



Lydia in Reception has made an incredible junk model dinosaur! WOW!

## Art in the Park

Do your children enjoy art? [Art in The Park](#) is a charity based in the centre of Burgess Park, devoted to enriching Londoners' lives and environment through the visual arts. They run creative workshops, all of which are currently taking place online.

There are upcoming workshops for children aged 5 and above which might be of interest to you and your children. The workshops run on Saturday mornings (11:00-12:00), they are **pay what you can** and booked easily via Eventbrite (links below.)



**6<sup>th</sup> March:**

### Play Well Art Workshop

Learn about the history of toys through art, drawing and games and challenge stereotypes by creating your own stories for them! BOOK HERE: <https://playwellart.eventbrite.co.uk>

**13<sup>th</sup> March:**

### William Blake Art Workshop

Learn about William Blake through art, drawing and poetry and create your own modern day versions of his characters! BOOK HERE: <https://williamblake.eventbrite.co.uk>