



Thought of the Week

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." — Mahatma Gandhi

A message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back at the start of the summer term, and how lovely to actually describe it as "warm!" I hope that you have had a great break and are now looking forward to the summer months ahead. It has been a joy to see all the children back and engaged with their learning. Just in this first week, Year 1 curated their own toy museum and compared past to present day toys. They were very excited to explain their exhibits! Year 2 enjoyed using drama to retell the story of the Pea and the Princess and had some very creative ideas about why the prince did not want to marry any of the princesses. Year 3 started learning about the Egyptians and you can see more of their exciting work on the next page. Year 4 have been reading *Kindlekrax* by Philip Ridley. They used drama to explore the story and are building their very own Lizard Street! Year 5 have enthusiastically started to learning about Greek myths and legends, making their own scrolls and storyboards. Year 6 have been continuing with their WW2 topic and learned about the Blitz. They were brilliant reporters and eyewitnesses and wrote their own fantastic newspaper articles. Finally, EYFS were enthusiastic about planting and growing as well as being great bug investigators! Phew! You can see that it has been a very busy week!

In staffing news, I am sorry to let you know that Mr Miller, our PE coach, is still recovering from his operation. He misses his role and the children at DKH very much and we hope that he will be back with us in June. Until then, I would like to welcome Mr Ming, and Mr Mundle, who are both from our existing provider, Team Get Involved. They will be delivering PE lessons until Mr Miller is able to return. Please note where possible, PE lessons will be conducted outside and children should wear a PE kit appropriate to the weather as well as bring a water bottle to school.

We would like to extend our congratulations to Ms Kearns who is overjoyed to announce that she is expecting her first child in September. Mrs Tu has agreed to continue to teach Cherry Class Monday to Thursday and Mrs Mardling will continue to teach the class on Fridays. This will ensure continuity, as the children already know Mrs Mardling well.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone observing the holy month of Ramadan, a peaceful and harmonious month. Ramadan Mubarak.

Barbara Ghezzi

Curriculum Update

Children in years 3 to 6 will be following Oak Academy Spanish lessons in class. This will continue while we investigate other resources for delivering Spanish lessons in Key Stage 2. We are fortunate to have Ms Sketchley, our year 4 teacher, who is also fluent in Spanish, leading this area of the curriculum. We will continue to keep you updated with all new developments.



Note from the Office

Parents are carers are reminded that office hours are between 9.30-2pm as this allows us to adhere to Covid Safety Guidelines.

Please remember to contact the office in advance if someone else is collecting your child. The office should be contacted by 2:30pm at the latest as this allows us to notify the class teacher.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Centre Name: PESSN SSE Wildcats Girls Football/Multi Sport Club

Date & Time: Tuesdays (15:45 - 17:00) - **WE RETURN ON 27th APRIL 2021**

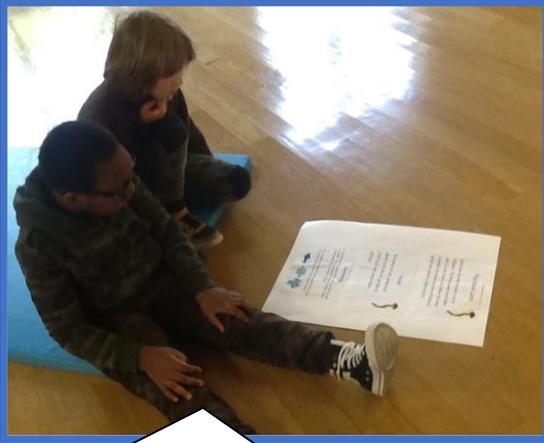
Location: Marlborough Sports Gardens, 27 Union St, London SE1 1SD

How to Book: Turn up and play, each session is **FREE!**

For further info please email Wilson Frimpong (wilson@pessn.org.uk)

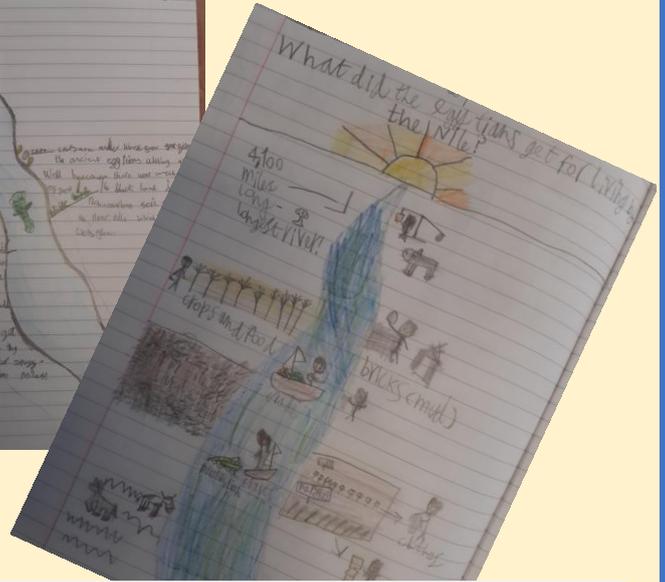
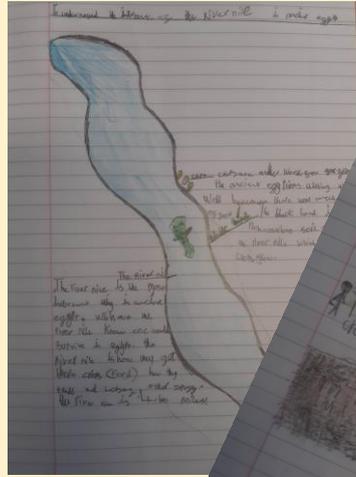


Year 3 have been Walking Like an Egyptian!



I'm very **excited** about the topic! – Roman

Did you know that crocodiles swam around the River Nile? - Tomray



Year 3 have started learning all about the ancient Egyptians! They used their imaginations and creativity to explore their very own River Nile.

They learnt about different processes such as irrigation and the names of the different materials the ancient Egyptians grew, such as papyrus, wheat and barley.

They created fantastic posters showing the importance of the River Nile in ancient Egypt.

I found it **fascinating** that they invented so many things! - Jaylah



We are crocodiles in the River Nile! I found it **interesting** to learn about the Black Land. – Mia

Did you know the ancient Egyptians made bricks out of mud? - Caroline





Don't Forget!

Year 6, don't forget to draw or doodle a scene, place, or person from your years at DKH that brought you joy and made you smile. All pictures submitted will be used to form the cover of the Year 6 Leavers Book. There will be a prize for the top entry and runner-up prizes too! Entries to be submitted to Mr Lalchan by Friday, 30th April 2021. **Please click [here](#) to access the Year 6 justgiving page to make your donations. Donations needs to be made before submitting your entry.** Contact Anne-Marie @ amms.311@hotmail.com for further information.



Dates for the Diary



29.04.2021	Year 4 Multiskills Challenge Day
03.5 2021	May Bank Holiday – No School
11.05.2021	Year 6 Multiskills Challenge Day
21.05.2021	Food Workshop – Year 3
24.05.2021	Year 2 and 3 SEND Multi-Activity League
31.05 2021 - 04.06.2021	Half Term begins
07.06.2021	Start of second half of Summer Term – Children return
14.06.2021	Year 5 Bikeability Week
17.06.2021	KS2 Mental Health Workshop
21.06.2021	Sports for Champions Athlete Visit
22.06.2021	Year 5 and 6 Healthy Eating Workshop
23.06.2021	Year 3 and 4 Healthy Eating Workshop
07.07.2021	Spanish Day
12.07.2021	Year 6 Bikeability Week
15.07.2021	KS1 Sports Day
16.07.2021	KS2 Sports Day

Attendance

Cherry	98%	Cedar	95.5%
Willow	98.6%	Sycamore	95.1%
Elder	94.8%	Rowan	93.2%
Palm	97.6%	Hazel	97.4%
Beech	96.3%	Elm	100%
Eucalyptus	94.2%	Maple	96.8%

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	Chikaima for doing a fantastic observational drawing of a rose plant. Raya for working so hard at writing her name!
Reception	Mohamed for fantastic listening!
Cherry	Adam for trying hard in absolutely everything he does! Amazing attitude!
Willow	Elijah for great focus in his writing sessions this week.
Elder	Amina for being thoughtful, caring and helpful in everything she has done!
Palm	Chikamso for showing kindness by giving a resource that she had made to another children to use.
Beech	Maguette for coming back to school with an enthusiastic attitude toward her learning, well done!
Eucalyptus	Chricilia for making excellent progress and excelling in all that she does – keep it up!
Cedar	Maria for showing great resilience and perseverance in Spanish - making good progress!
Sycamore	Solomon for coming back to school with a fantastic attitude and acting as a very convincing dragon!
Rowan	Zoe for consistently modeling our school values, always doing her best and being a joy to teach.
Hazel	Maddix for a brilliant start to the term.
Elm	Lizzie , for having a positive attitude to her learning.
Maple	Lola for being able to work out equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages with problem solving.

Make Your Voice Heard

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that children can be put at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.



Parents and carers can use the link above to complete a short survey. Once you finish, you will be directed to a short survey your child can complete.

Nature Explorers

Does your family enjoy learning about nature and wildlife? If so, there is a fantastic opportunity for 6 families to take part in a free course funded by Soutwark Adult Learning which will be held at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening. Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Please see full details below.

Nature Explorers

**After school on Mondays from 10th May till 28th June
at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden
Road, SE15 4EE from 3.45 till 5pm**

Find out about the wildlife on your doorstep with activities and games. Free weekly after school course for parents and children. Bird watching, pond dipping, minibeast hunting, growing and composting.

Suitable for parents and their children of any age. Soutwark residents only.



Funded by



Limited to 6 families only. To book your place email Diana dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk or phone 07740 717930

Learning with Parents

If you have a child in years 1 to 3, you can sign up to Learning with Parents. All you need to do is visit explore.learningwithparents.com/login and click on create an account. Enter your details, class code (found below) and create a password. Then log in!

You and your child will have access to fun and engaging maths games which directly support the learning your child is doing in school. The games are accompanied by a child-led video explaining how to play and how you can support your child's learning at home. You and your child can leave comments and photos for the class teacher to see while earning rewards for your Mathscot!

Class	Class Code	Class	Class Code
Cherry	389991	Elder	149790
Willow	702167	Beech	752687
Palm	394674	Eucalyptus	379109

