



## Thought of the Week

*In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit.* - Anne Frank

### A message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The country has been operating in some form of lockdown for the last 16 months and the upcoming removal of restrictions is exciting and has many of us thinking about what we have missed, what we will do and how much life has changed.

At DKH we are very much looking forward to returning to 'life before lockdown.' Across England, most restrictions will be removed from 19<sup>th</sup> July; however **the school will continue to operate with current procedures in place for the final week of term.**

Although this may be disappointing, this decision has been made to ensure we cause the least amount of disruption to our children. We are aware that new routines can be tricky for children to manage, especially our youngest children who are not used to full playgrounds and busy drop off and collection times. Therefore, we thank you in advance for supporting the school with this decision and please know that we cannot wait to welcome you back into the playground and to various school events in September.

**Barbara Ghezzi**

## Hola!

On Wednesday we celebrated **Spanish Day!** It was a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about different Spanish speaking countries and their culture, geography and history. Children celebrated with music, art, food, Spanish songs and story time. KS2 also took part in an exciting carnival dance workshop and even performed their own parade! A lot of Spanish was spoken and there was a real buzz of excitement around the school. Please keep an eye on our website for photos of the day.

**Thank you to the Friends of DKH for their contribution to the day.**

**Year 1** enjoyed making their own Guatemalan worry dolls.

**Year 2** explored Cuba and learnt to play dominoes.

**Year 3** created bright 3D paintings.

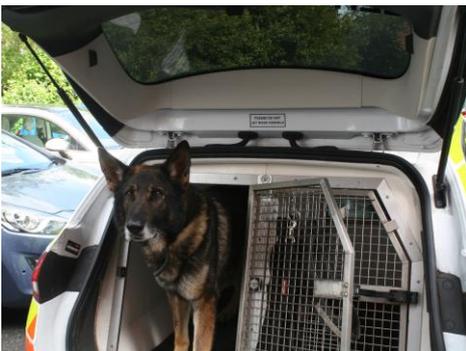
**Year 4** designed their own Sol de Mayo pictures.

**Year 5** made multi-coloured sand art pieces.

**Year 6** Enjoyed making and eating fajitas.

## Suggs visits DKH

**PC Hilliger** from the Metropolitan Police met with Year 5 and Year 6. He brought a special member of the police force... **Suggs**. We learned about how dogs are used in the police force to help us. Children even had the chance to pet Suggs, however we think he was more interested in his toy! You can see more photographs by [clicking here](#).



**PC Patel** spoke with Year 6 about preparing for secondary school, staying safe and enjoying the new and exciting challenges ahead!



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This week in science, Year 3 have been investigating the ideal conditions needed to grow a plant successfully. We wanted to see just how important water and sunlight were for growing a plant, so we decided to conduct our very own experiment. We designed a fair test and planted cress seeds in 4 pots. We then observed their growth under different conditions. Here is what we found out:



We tried to grow these seeds without water or sunlight! I knew they wouldn't grow, because we learnt that plants need water and sunlight to grow.

**Asya**- Beech



Wow, these cress seeds only took 3 days to grow this much! It must be because they have had loads of water and sunlight.

**Qing** - Beech



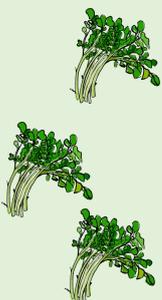
I am surprised the seeds grew with only water and no sunlight, but I can see they're not as green as the other seeds. Maybe the sun helps the plants to be green?

**Sikemi** – Eucalyptus



I thought that these seeds would grow because they have had lots of sunlight. I didn't realise how important the water was for a plant to grow.

**Orobosa** – Eucalyptus



## Dates for the Diary



12.07.2021	Year 6 – Meeting with Cadets
12.07.2021	Year 6 Bike-Ability Week
13.07.2021	Year 6 Celebration Evening
12.07.2021	Art Week begins
12.07.2021	Sports Day – Year 1
14.07.2021	Sports Day - EYFS
14.07.2021	School Reports Distributed
15.07.2021	Sports Day – Year 4, 5 and 6
16.07.2021	Sports Day – Year 2 and Year 3
19.07.2021	Children meet their new teacher
19.07.2021	Parent Meetings (virtual)
20.07.2021	Parent Meetings (virtual)
21.07.2021	Meet your child's new teacher (virtual)
22.07.2021	Class Parties
<b>22.07.2021</b>	<b>Last day of school for children – early finish</b>

## 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	<b>Suleiman</b> , for working so hard on his communication skills. <b>Benedict</b> , for always explaining how and why things work!
Reception	<b>Hannah</b> , for trying so hard with her phonics!
Cherry	<b>Fyn</b> , for trying really hard in his literacy and taking pride in his writing.
Willow	<b>Jawad</b> , for his creativity and making such a great start to life at DKH.
Elder	<b>Shamsudeen</b> , for his amazing focus and effort in his dragon story writing this week.
Palm	<b>Emmanuel</b> , for having a fantastic attitude to all his work all the time and making fantastic progress in writing over the year.
Beech	<b>Karima</b> , for making excellent progress this term!
Eucalyptus	<b>Khiyari</b> , for always being an absolute dream! He does everything with total respect and excellent focus!
Cedar	<b>Bolla</b> , for her endless enthusiasm. She has developed her stamina in writing participated brilliantly in the samba workshop.
Sycamore	<b>Solomon</b> , for his huge improvement in writing and his positive attitude!
Rowan	<b>Wjood</b> , for working so beautifully in her Spanish day lessons.
Hazel	<b>Freya</b> , for a fantastic effort in all subjects and a beautiful effort in the Spanish day Nazca Lines.
Elm	<b>Ana</b> , for her engagement and contributions in all lessons.
Maple	<b>Divine</b> , for an improvement in her cursive style of handwriting.

## Attendance

Cherry	97.4%	Cedar	93%
Willow	81.1%	Sycamore	93.8%
Elder	93.2%	Rowan	96.5%
Palm	95.8%	Hazel	92.7%
Beech	95.4%	Elm	92.1%
Eucalyptus	94.3%	Maple	86.9%

## Dance!

The PE Network are pleased to announce that they have added *Dancing Addition* to their YouTube channel. There are four videos available, with each one getting slightly harder. These videos are perfect for an active brain break at home. Please use these links to take you to the [Maths Playlist](#) and the [PE Network YouTube Channel](#). These are a great way to stay active while practising maths skills!





## Congratulations

We would like to say **well done and congratulations** to the following **drama students** who achieved fabulous results for their drama assessments.

- Leila** Grade 2
- Caroline** Grade 1
- Eliza** Grade 4



We would like to say **well done and congratulations** to the following **piano students** who achieved fabulous results for their piano assessments.

- Alfie** Grade 2
- Theo** Grade 1



Well done to **Year 5 and Year 6** who participated in a range of athletic events in the **Southwark Virtual Athletics Competition**. We are thrilled to announce that **DKH achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place** in the borough.

Well done to **Michaiah** for securing 4<sup>th</sup> place, **Jojus** 5<sup>th</sup> place, **Javari** 9<sup>th</sup> place and **Melene** 10<sup>th</sup> place!

## Forest Schools

It has been a wet and muddy day at Forest School but this has not detracted from the fun and smiles! Click [here](#) to see more!



## Free, Fun Family Courses for the Summer Holidays

Free courses with the *London Wildlife Trust* for families living in Southwark. Suitable for children of any age. Nature exploration, games, crafts and stories. Booking essential. All courses take place at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening SE15 4EE from 10am till 3pm.

### Natural Gardeners

Mondays 26<sup>th</sup> July & 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
Hands on gardening to benefit wildlife.

### Minibeast Magic

Tuesdays 27<sup>th</sup> July & 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
Discover all things small and beautiful.

### Little Summer Hoppers

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Investigate the animals in the garden that can jump.



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Further information and booking visit [www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events)  
Note for the 2 day courses, they cannot be booked as 2 separate days and the same adult must attend both days.