DKH Newsletter 17th September 2021

Thought of the Week

It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness. - Confucius

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new academic year is in full swing and it has been a pleasure to see our children immersed in and enjoying their learning. **EYFS** have been exploring their environment and making new friends. You can see more of what they have been up to by using this link. The aliens landed in **Year 1** and the children impressed us all with their phonics skills, sounding out real and alien words. **Year 2** have shown themselves to be creative writers, innovating the story *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers with fantastic results. It's been all about London in **Years 3 and 4** where children have been plotting London landmarks to make their own large scale map. **Year 5** have been enthusiastically investigating Vikings and have gathered a wealth of information about who they were and what they did. I was so impressed with **Year 6** and their understanding of the Triangular Trade and the impact of economy over humanity. It has been great to see children so excited about their learning!

I wanted to express my **thanks** to the families who have been generous in their donations for our **DKH stands with Afghanistan** appeal. We will continue to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries in the playground, morning and afternoon.

I would like to wish all of our school community a pleasant and restful weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Hello, Goodbye

We would like to welcome **Monica Akoth,** who started on the 1st of August, as the new School Business Manager. We are delighted to have her join our Federation.

We are sadly saying goodbye to **Tunrayo Akinkunle (Mr T)** who joined us in March 2021as part of the Kick Start programme. We have been pleased to see his skills develop and have enjoyed seeing how quickly he formed positive relationships with the children. We wish him all the best as he embarks on the next stage of his career.

Reminders

A virtual secondary school transition meeting will be held on **Monday, 20th September at 5pm**. CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING

Clubs

Please ensure payments for clubs are made by the second session or the club place may be offered to another child.

Punctuality

Good punctuality at school is **essential for children to achieve their full educational potential** and form good habits in later life. We are required to record children who arrive late on the register, along with how many minutes late they are.

Forest School

We are getting ready for Forest School! The forest cabin has had a makeover and we think you will agree that it looks magical! We are so excited to finally get our Forest School up and running and for lots more children to get the opportunity to explore the forest and take part in many exciting activities such as **mud painting, making bonfires, building dens and much, much more**. Have a look at our website to learn more about Forest School! We can't wait to share more with you.

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Dates for the Diary

20.09.21	Year 6 Cross Country
20.09.21	Secondary School Virtual Transition Meeting
23.09.21	Year 5 Orienteering
01.10.21	Black History Month Begins
06.10.21	Walk to School Day
12.10.21	School Council Elections
13.10.21	School Photos (EYFS and sibling photos)
14.10.21	School Photos (Years 1 – 6)
18.10.21	Year 4 choir and drummers at Milton Court
18.10.21	Year 5 Viking Workshop
21.10.21	Year 6 Careers Talk
25.10.21 – 29.10.21	Half Term
02.11.21	Parent Evening – Nursery and Reception
02.11.21	Year 5 session with PC Short
03.11.21	Parent Evening – Cherry and Cedar Class
04.11.21	Parent Evening – Palm and Elder Class
05.11.21	Parent Evening – Beech Class
05.11.21	Year 5 Money Twist Workshop
09.11.21	Parent Evening – Eucalyptus Class
10.10.21	Parent Evening – Sycamore and Hazel Class
11.10.21	Parent Evening – Maple and Elm Class
17.11.21	Flu vaccinations

Attendance

Cherry	**95.7%**	**Cedar**	**97.3%**
Elder	**97.8%**	**Sycamore**	**88.4%**
Palm	**93.4%**	**Hazel**	**98.2%**
Beech	**98.4%**	**Elm**	**96.8%**
Eucalyptus	**96.2%**	**Maple**	**93.5%**

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	**Hamilton,** for being enthusiastic and always willing to have a go!
Reception	**Ariyah,** for being extremely kind to her friends!
Cherry	**Camari-Lee**, for trying so hard with his writing!
Elder	**Isabella**, for being a brilliant role model and showing excellent behaviour for learning.
Palm	**Johnston**, for a great 'can-do' attitude to his reading and writing
Beech	**Alhaji**, for his enthusiasm towards his learning. It is contagious!
Eucalyptus	**Mercy**, for her consistently positive attitude to learning!
Cedar	**Xavier,** for wonderful behaviour for learning and working really hard!
Sycamore	**Nya –Mai**, for always having a positive attitude towards all of her school work and showing resilience even when tasks seem difficult.
Hazel	**Taliah**, for showing consistency and resilience in her learning.
Elm	**Mateen**, for an excellent explanation of evolution in science.
Maple	**Rohaan,** for outstanding writing in his autobiography.

Allotment Update

The allotment clear-up at the end of the summer term was a big success, and our Year 2 children even managed to plant up some of the seedlings they had grown during their science lessons! If you have visited the allotment recently, you might have noticed that we are still waiting for Southwark to approve our plans to get the new raised beds installed. We hope it won't take much longer, but in the meantime we'd like all the children to start thinking creatively as we get ready to launch our allotment sign competition. In the next few weeks we'll be asking the children to design a brand new sign that will welcome everyone to our amazing science garden! We can't wait to share some of the children's designs right here, in the newsletter.

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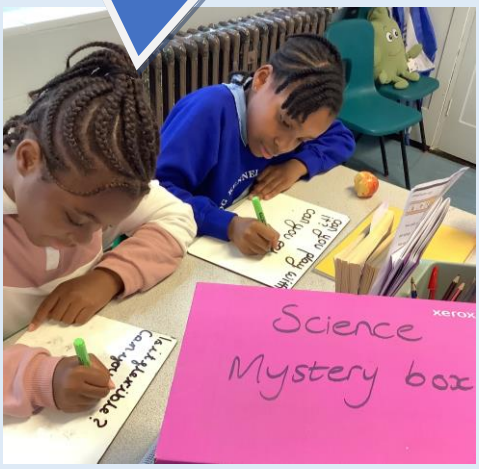
There has been a lot of learning taking place in Year 5. From PE and Science to Music and English, Year 5 have shown themselves to be dedicated learners – and they had a lot of fun too!

We worked on our netball skills by taking part in shooting drills during PE.

In science we investigated different equipment and asked questions using scientific vocabulary.



We have been learning how to put notes together to play the steel pans.

We enjoyed using role play to learn the story of Beowulf.

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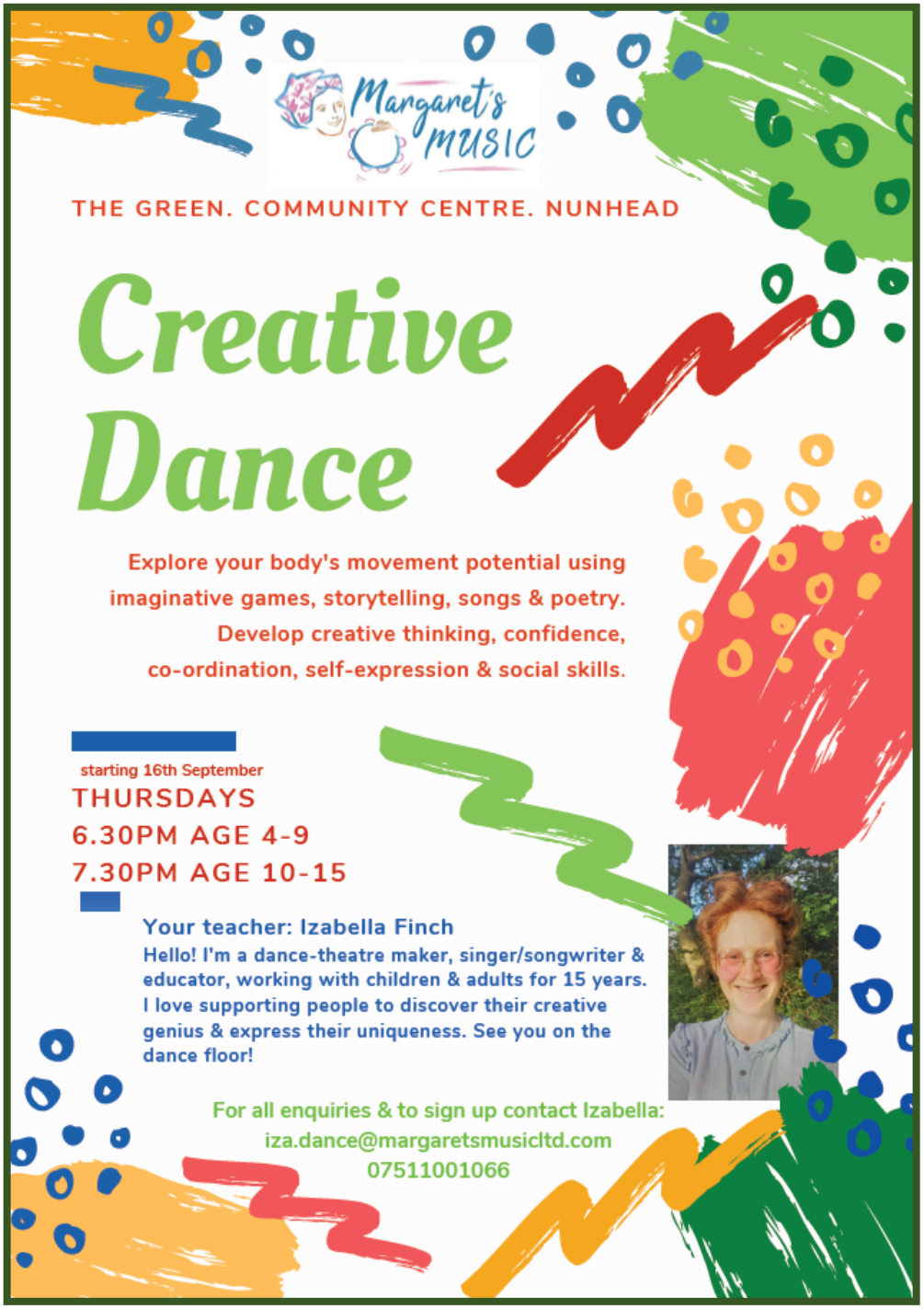
Charles's Friday Facts

Charles in Year 3 enjoys learning interesting facts and sharing them with others. Below are some of the amazing facts he has shared with us and we think you will find them fascinating too!

- Did you know an octopus has 3 hearts and 9 brains?
- Did you know that some parrot fish have three unique phases in their life? (Young, Female and then Male!)

WOW! Did you know that?



Looking for work or training in 2021 but don't know where to start?

Southwark Works are offering support.

Meet their Families Matter team for a short presentation on how they can assist you with Employment, Training, Courses and Benefits.

Wednesday 22nd September 2021 11.00am - 12.00pm

Interested or want to find out more?

Please call / text Leigh on 07722138990 or email leigh@southwarkworks.org.uk

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