



## Thought of the Week

It's not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing. - Mother Theresa

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely (although wet) week at DKH. As I walk around the school and into classrooms I am again and again impressed by the enthusiasm for and dedication to learning displayed by our children. They are showing themselves to be great role models for our school values and ambassadors of the school.

The coming week is a busy week. **Black History Month** begins and we have lots of exciting activities planned. You can read more about them below. Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October is **Walk to School Day** and it would be lovely to have as many of our families mark the day by walking to school while Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October is **HelloYellow Day** in support of Young Minds.

I would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who donated to our **DKH Stands with Afghanistan** appeal. We have organised for the donations to be collected so they can support those in need.

Finally, I would like to ask parents and carers for their help in ensuring their children arrive at school on time. The school gate opens at 8:45 and the register closes at 9:00. Punctuality is a life skill that children need to develop whilst they are young and ensuring your child arrives at school on time prevents disruption to their learning and to the learning of others.

Wishing our school community a peaceful weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Better late than never  
**But never late is better**



## DKH is a SAFE SPACE

DKH offers targeted support, safety planning and crisis intervention for anyone experiencing **Domestic Violence**. Please speak to our Safeguarding Officer, Shirley Nichols or our school office team who will direct you to our **safe space** to get help.

**WE ARE TAKING A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE**

This is a safe space  
You can get help here  
Please talk to a member of staff

## Black History Month

Black History Month begins today and although our curriculum reflects diversity every month, we feel it is also important to celebrate Black History Month. The theme this year is **Proud to Be** and at DKH we are celebrating the fact that we are **Proud to Be Me**. Each year group will be celebrating Black History Month by focusing on an aspect of BAME achievements so that a wealth of experiences are taught and learnt across the school. Homework projects will also reflect this, allowing the whole family to get involved. Additional workshops and special activities are being arranged and we can't wait to share more with you. On **Tuesday, 12 October** children will be encouraged to dress in clothing that celebrates and represents their culture or nationality. On that day children will be swapping classrooms and working with other teachers where they will focus on Black artists. There will be a **special lunch menu** that day. On the **19th of October**, KS2 will take part in an **All around the World** music workshops. Weather permitting, they will perform in the playground at the end of the day.

You can find more information about Black History Month [here](#).

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## Dates for the Diary



06.10.21	Walk to School Day
08.10.21	#Hello Yellow Day
12.10.21	School Council Elections
12.10.21	Year 2 Butterfly Workshop
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
22.10.21	Apple Day
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
08.11.21	Maths' Week begins
09.11.21	Parent Evening – Eucalyptus Class
10.11.21	Parent Evening – Sycamore and Hazel Class
11.11.21	Parent Evening – Maple and Elm Class
15.11.21	Anti-Bullying Week begins
15.11.21	Inter-Faith Week begins
17.11.21	Flu vaccinations

## Attendance

Cherry	93.9%	Cedar	97.9%
Elder	94.8%	Sycamore	94.3%
Palm	97.9%	Hazel	98.6%
Beech	95.7%	Elm	94.8%
Eucalyptus	97.8%	Maple	98.6%

## Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 3

- Did you know there are 5,500,000 species of bug in the world? That's a lot!
- Did you know a bee's wings beat 190 times per second and 11,400 times a minute (unless it stops for pollination)? Wow! That's fast!



## 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	Isiah, for trying so hard with his listening during circle time.
Reception	Benedict, for his fantastic tree writing!
Cherry	Mohamed, for trying so hard with his writing and his letter formation and shown real resilience.
Elder	Summer, for showing such amazing concentration and focus in her maths work on addition and subtraction this week.
Palm	Hanah, for a great improvement in her writing.
Beech	Jordan, for being a Maths Master!
Eucalyptus	Khiyari, for great playtime leadership!
Cedar	Kai, for taking risks in learning and showing enthusiasm every day.
Sycamore	Shyeme, for good work on adding 2 digits to 3 digits integers.
Hazel	Fatima, for wonderful behaviour for learning and always trying her best.
Elm	Hakeem for excellent effort and ideas in English
Maple	Raima ,for always trying her hardest and producing a fascinating biography.

## Hola!

Los niños han disfrutado mucho de las clases de español estas ultimas semanas! Hemos repasado las introducciones, los días de la semana y los meses del año. También hemos empezado ha aprender vocabulario nuevo y hemos practicado como formar frases con adjetivos.

The children have really enjoyed learning Spanish the last few weeks! We have recapped basic introductions, greetings, days of the week and months of the year. We have also been learning new vocabulary and been practising forming sentences with adjectives.



# DKH Newsletter 1st October 2021



This week our **Year 2** children have been immersing themselves in the story of *Not Now Bernard* by David McKee.

They imagined that THEY were the actual characters in the story and then wrote diary entries from the point of view of Bernard and of the monster.

What a day they both had! Take a look below to see what they got up to....

