

## Thought of the Week

*If at first you don't succeed, have some cake. ~ Charlie Mackesy*

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, we have had an increase in positive Covid-19 cases over the last two weeks. Due this increase, and in accordance with DfE guidance, Southwark Public Health was notified. Two of our classes were given outbreak status and had to revert to bubbles. I hope the half term allows everyone to rest and recover, particularly for our children and families who have been impacted by Covid-19.

### School Council

**School council spoke and we listened!** Children in Years 5 and 6 want to season their food at lunch. This week, children in Years 5 and 6 had access to pepper sachets. This was a great success and children enjoyed having the independence to season their lunch to make it taste even better!

Children also asked that chicken burgers return to the menu. Our catering company is in the process of trying to source chicken burgers and when they are available, they will be back on the menu.

In addition, you may recall that last year we introduced plate and bowl service for years 5 and 6. Sadly, many of the plates and bowls disappeared, possibly in the rubbish bin. This meant that years 5 and 6 had to return to the flight trays. I am pleased to let you know that there has been a new order of yellow plates and bowls. These will be solely for years 5 and 6. (Not even school staff will be able to use them!)

### Safer Internet Day

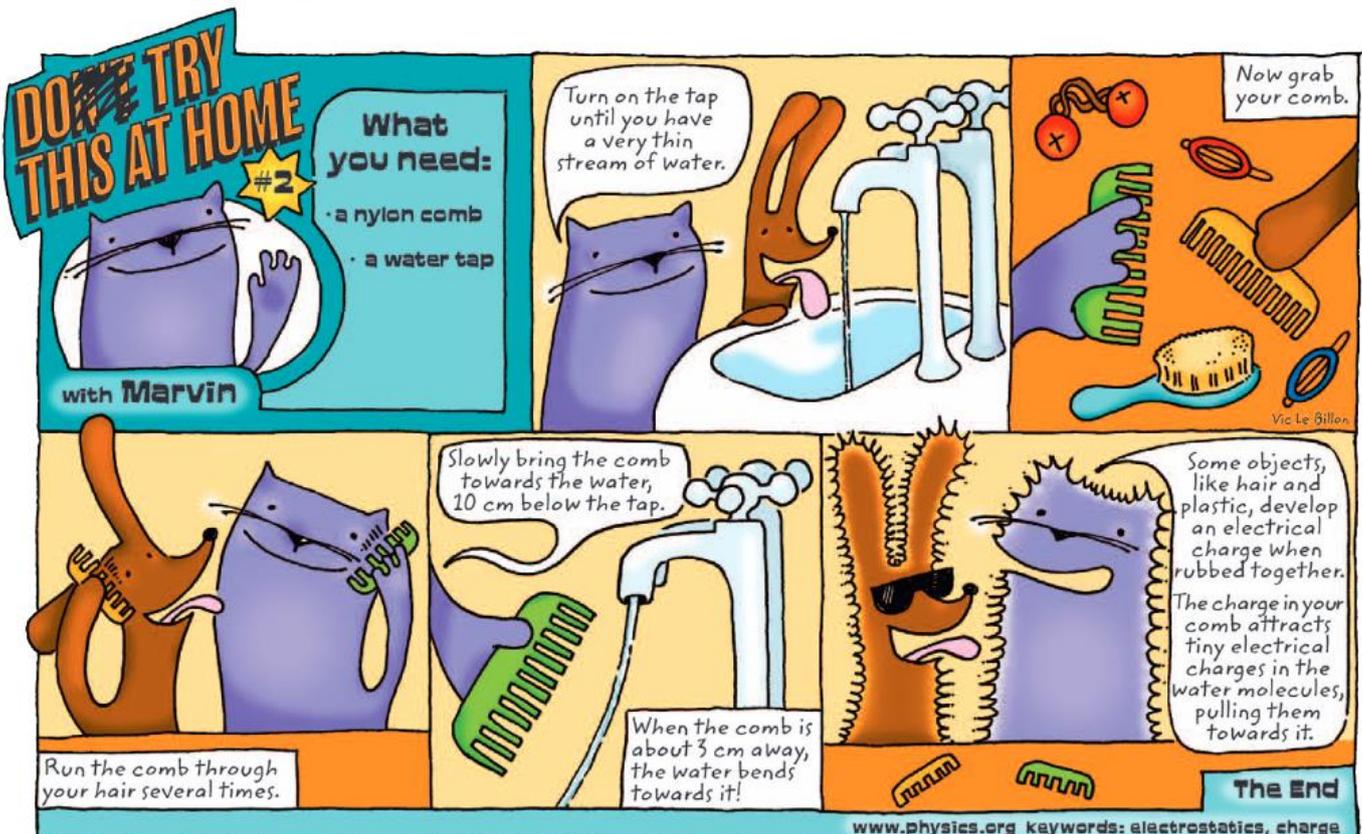
Children across the school learned about how to **stay safe on line** and had fun in the process. A huge thank you to the Friends of DKH who sponsored the Internet Safety Workshop for years 5 and 6.

Wishing our school community and restful and happy half term.

Barbara Ghezzi

## Science Fun with Marvin and Milo

Did you make the straw water gun last week? We would love to see how the experiment worked for you so please share photos to [bghezzi@dkh.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:bghezzi@dkh.southwark.sch.uk). We have a new experiment for you this week. Join Marvin and Milo in making forceful comb!



**DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME**  
#2  
with Marvin

**What you need:**

- a nylon comb
- a water tap

Turn on the tap until you have a very thin stream of water.

Now grab your comb.

Run the comb through your hair several times.

Slowly bring the comb towards the water, 10 cm below the tap.

When the comb is about 5 cm away, the water bends towards it!

Some objects, like hair and plastic, develop an electrical charge when rubbed together. The charge in your comb attracts tiny electrical charges in the water molecules, pulling them towards it.

**The End**

www.physics.org keywords: electrostatics, charge



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## Dates for the Diary



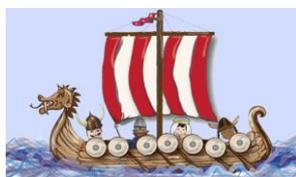
14.02.22 – 18.02.22	February Half Term
21.02.22	Children return to school
22.02.22	Year 6 Southwark Junior Citizenship scheme
28.02.22	Spanish Day
04.03.22	World Book Day
11.03.22 – 18.03.22	Science Week
11.03.22	Percussion Festival Rehearsal
14.03.22	Classical Road Show – Years 3 and 4
15.03.22	Percussion Festival for Samba and African Percussion Ensemble
23.03.22	EYFS meet with PC Hazel
23.03.22	Parent Evenings
24.03.22	Parent Evenings
29.03.22	Year 2 Butterfly Conservation Workshop
01.04.22	Last day of the Spring Term – 2pm finish
04.04.22 – 19.04.22	Easter Break
20.04.22	Children return to school

## Attendance

Cherry	97.4%	Cedar	92.4%
Elder	93.7%	Sycamore	96.9%
Palm	97.7%	Hazel	77.4%
Beech	96%	Elm	74.2%
Eucalyptus	90.3%	Maple	90%

## Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 3



**Did you know** that Vikings thought if they died in battle, they would go to Viking heaven, Valhalla?

You can learn more about Vikings [here](#).

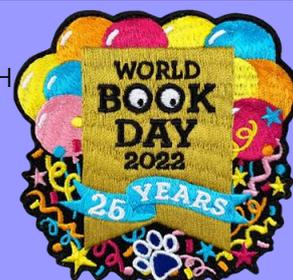
## Star of the Week!

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>Sophie</b> , for confidence in her communication skills and sharing her ideas!
Reception	<b>Liliana</b> , for always trying her best!
Cherry	<b>Kieron</b> , for working hard and making good choices!
Elder	<b>James</b> , for showing excellent focus and concentration in his independent writing this week.
Palm	<b>Geoffrey</b> , for fantastic science work about the suitability of different materials.
Beech	<b>Daniel</b> , for writing two fantastic paragraphs in his story this week
Eucalyptus	<b>Malachi</b> , for his strong resilience and perseverance in his learning to ride a bicycle.
Cedar	<b>Karem</b> , for excellent progress in her learning about fractions.
Sycamore	<b>Demi</b> , for identifying poetic techniques in The Sound Collector poem.
Hazel	<b>Marlow</b> , for a great attitude towards his learning and excellent maths work.
Maple	<b>Vera</b> , for bringing energy, enthusiasm and determination to everything she does!
Elm	<b>Lucy</b> , for being confident and sharing her ideas with the class!

## World Book Day

Great news! We are so excited to announce that **World Book Day** will be celebrated at DKH on **Friday 4th March**. This is the day after the official World Book Day, but holding our celebrations on a Friday is a great way to get in the celebration mood and hopefully raise lots of money! As always, we encourage everyone to **dress up** as a character from a book you love. **There is no need to purchase a costume. Using what you have at home is better for our environment. Reuse – Recycle – Reduce. Please bring £1 with you on the day as a donation.**



This year, we will be hosting a book fair in the playground at the end of the day. There will be lots of fun activities to have a go at, as well as an amazing book sale and cake sale. All money raised on the day will go towards improving the school library. (See more on page 4 of this newsletter.)

It has been very busy in **Cherry Class**. Here is just a bit of what they have been up to!

In **Science** Cherry Class conducted an experiment to investigate the properties of materials. They wanted to find out what happened to different materials when they were heated up. They used chocolate, butter, ice cubes and sugar and observed the changes that occurred and recorded their findings. **They found that some materials melted more quickly than others.**



As part of **Safer Internet Day** Cherry Class took part in a Bee Bot pirate challenge to give directions and uncover treasure on a special map. The children loved programming the instructions. You can have a go at programming your own Bee Bot, on-line, [HERE!](#)



In **maths** Cherry Class have been using bead strings to help solve addition and subtraction equations and to compare the value of numbers.



