

## Thought of the Week

*There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy but exciting week. As many of you already know, we had our **Ofsted inspection** this week and we were so pleased to show off all of the fantastic learning taking place at DKH. Our children were a credit to themselves and the school. They spoke confidently about their learning, their progress and their next steps. **We are so proud of them.** Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the surveys and / or spoke to the inspector directly. He was moved by your feedback. The report will be published and available 30 days from the inspection and we look forward to sharing this with you as soon as we can.

### Consultation to join NEXUS

As communicated to you via letter on the 14th of December 2021, the Governing Body of the River Hill Federation resolved to investigate the possibility our schools converting to academy status and joining the Nexus Education Schools Trust (NEST). As part of this process of exploration, we must consult with our communities. On **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February** you will be sent a letter which will outline the consultation process and enable you to participate.

### Covid Update

From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, the Government removed the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. In addition, as of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February, the Government removed the **legal requirement** to self-isolate following a positive test.

Individuals who have had contact with a positive case of Covid-19 will no longer be required to self-isolate or be advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. You can find more about the Government's *Living with Covid* plan [here](#).

### Parking

Parents and carers are reminded to please **park considerately and responsibly**. Parking in resident spaces causes conflict with our school community and does not model our school value of **respect**. In addition, stopping on double yellow lines creates a hazard and puts our children in danger. We ask you to please support our relationships with our school community and work with us, to keep our children safe.

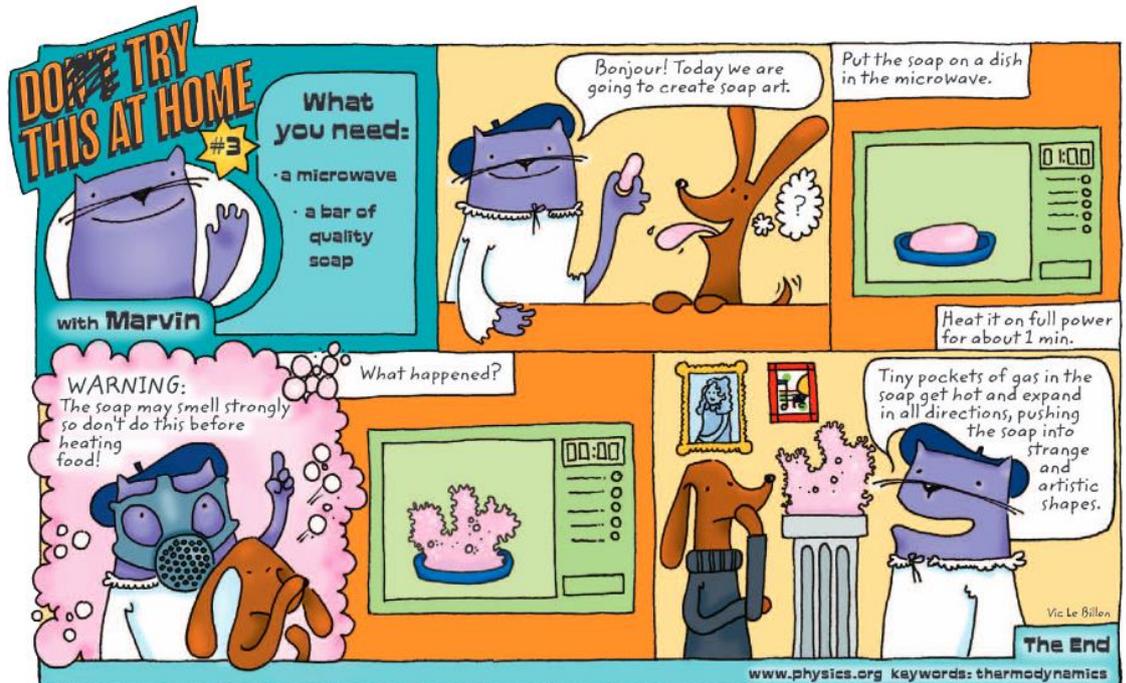
Wishing our school community a happy weekend.

**Barbara Ghezzi**

## Science Fun with Marvin and Milo

Did you take part in the Forceful Comb experiment 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 **soap sculptures!**

We are busy planning Science Week where children will be able to take part in a range of exciting science experiments.





## Dates for the Diary



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	94.9%	Cedar	96.6%
Elder	92.8%	Sycamore	92%
Palm	98.6%	Hazel	98.3%
Beech	98.2%	Elm	98.8%
Eucalyptus	98.3%	Maple	97.8%

## Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 3

**Did you know** that the nuthatch is the only British bird that can climb up and down a tree trunk head first?

**Did you know** that the ring necked parakeet can live in Asia, Africa, India and Britain? You can see them right here in London! You can learn more about birds [HERE!](#)



## Star of the Week!

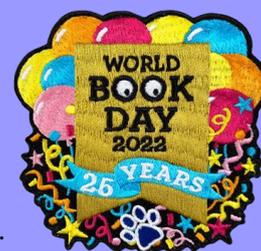
We would like to recognise the children who have been great examples of our school values and have shown true commitment to their learning. Well done!

Nursery	<b>Adesuwa</b> , for always being so enthusiastic about her learning!
Reception	<b>Erdi</b> , for his brilliant acting as Evil Pea!
Cherry	<b>Sebastian</b> , for settling into his new class so well and already being a role model for our school values.
Elder	<b>Hajadama</b> , for coming back to school with such a helpful and positive attitude.
Palm	<b>Jayden</b> , for fantastic fraction problem solving and amazing English using different sentence types.
Beech	<b>Tamara</b> , for her wonderful Anime style drawings.
Eucalyptus	<b>Chidima</b> , for her fantastic contributions in our class discussion around a.m. and p.m. and converting between a 12-hour clock to a 24-hour clock.
Cedar	<b>Mila</b> , for superb description in her poem about the Iron Man.
Sycamore	<b>Angel</b> , for being able to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators.
Hazel	<b>Isaac</b> , for fantastic effort in his mathematics lessons and always trying to challenge himself.
Maple	<b>Irene</b> , for outstanding home learning and being a delight to teach.
Elm	<b>Zakariya</b> , for outstanding contributions to our discussion in English!

## We Love to Read at DKH

This year is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day and the message for all children is '**you are a reader!**' DKH will be celebrating next week with lots of exciting ways to promote reading for pleasure not only on World Book Day, but all-year round.

On **Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March** children can **dress up** as a character from a book they love. **There is no need to purchase a costume** and we encourage you to use what you have at home as this is better for our environment. **Reuse – Recycle – Reduce. Please bring £1 with you on the day as a donation.** We will also be hosting a **book fair** in the playground at the end of the day. There will be lots of fun activities to take part in, as well as an **amazing book sale and cake sale**. All monies raised on the day will go towards improving our school library.



## Seeds of Hope

We are honoured to have the Morrison's Community Champion – Peckham, **Rose Morgan BEM** (British Empire Medal) in joint partnership with the Met Police **PC Wallace**, mentoring some of our pupils, to raise aspirations, raise confidence, provide positive role modelling and support transitions.

A little bit about Rose Morgan:

Earlier this year, Rose shared an idea called '**Seeds of Hope**' with Morrison's Chief Executive David Potts. This idea would go on to be launched in all Morrison's stores across England, Scotland and Wales. It was aimed at helping customers plant hope for a brighter future as lockdown restrictions started to ease.

'Seeds of Hope' grew into something special and saw customers and communities receive over 2.5 million free packets of sunflower seeds, giving hope to the nation and helping to lift community spirit by getting people, both young and old, outdoors planting. Rose inspired over 500 Community Champions to lead Seeds of Hope in their local communities, giving seeds to local primary schools, care homes and community groups to name a few.

**Rose is an inspiration to her local community in Peckham** and to Morrison's Community Champions across the nation. Her positive energy and dedication to helping others is something she's widely recognised for. Always finding new and impactful ways to support and celebrate others, she is a force for good in Peckham, supporting numerous charities and community groups each and every week. We were delighted to welcome her to DKH and look forward to working with her in the future! Learn more about Seeds of Hope [HERE!](#)



"I think that's a good thing, a way of breaking down barriers. I think that preventative role, working in the community, is very much a success."



## A message from The Friends of DKH

Join us in the playground after school on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March to **celebrate World Book Day!** There will be lots of **games plus a book and cake stall**. There will be **FREE** World Book Day books for **ALL** the children. All funds raised will be going towards beanbags for the school library! We look forward to seeing you there!

**JOIN IN THE FUN!**

