



## Thought of the Week

*The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain. ~ Dolly Parton*

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Consultation for joining the Nexus Trust

Parents and Carers were emailed the consultation documents on 28 February 2022 and weekly text reminders regarding the consultation are being issued. You can find these documents on our school website [HERE](#). Every Monday we will add to the FAQs raised by the community. Our responses to any questions will be under the new date e.g. 14th March responses and would capture any questions raised the week before. Please do have a read of these updates.

### School Lunches

As you may recall, pupils, through the school council, asked for chicken burgers to be back on the menu. We are pleased to let you know that **school council spoke and we listened** - chicken burgers will be back on the summer lunch menu. In addition, the school is aware that a diet rich in plant based foods offers numerous health benefits and helps take action against climate change by reducing our carbon footprint and helping us conserve precious environmental resources. This is supported by new recommendations to the government that aim to make **school meals more environmentally friendly and reflect changing dietary advice**. Based on this, the school menu will offer one meat-free day per week. School council will be working with the catering team to publicise the day and encourage children and staff to take part in meat-free Monday.

**Social media** is a big part of social and creative life for children and there are many benefits in its use. However, social media can also pose risks. Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss social media with their children and share their own social media habits. Doing so opens up dialogue and the sharing of information. Please see [HERE](#) for more information and advice on how to support children in staying safe and making good choices with social media.

Finally, we are very **proud to announce** that last weekend our very own **Avaine** travelled to Poland to compete in an international Taekwondo open tournament. We are proud and delighted to announce that he achieved **first place**. Avaine is looking forward to carrying on with competitions, enjoy Taekwondo and one day he aspires to compete for the British Olympic Taekwondo team. You can do it Avaine and we can't wait to cheer you on!

Wishing our school community a restful weekend.

**Barbara Ghezzi**



## Science Week

**British Science Week** is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. This year Science Week is all about **GROWTH**. Children from Nursery to Year 6 have designed their own investigations and experiments. They have had the opportunity to create their own greenhouse or complete a range of activities around growth.

One of the greatest forces of nature is in the palm of our hand and on Friday 12th March, children took part in a **Fabulous Flames** workshop, which really started Science Week off with a BANG! Our Science Boffin worked with fire in ways our children had never before seen - **conducting flaming experiments to wow, amaze and educate on the power and the dangers of humankind's greatest discovery**.

On Thursday 17th March, the children explored jobs within biology, chemistry, physics and STEM, learning about the exciting jobs our very own school community takes part in every day. Meeting and talking to real life dental nurses, researchers, epidemiologist, engineers and radiographers, brought science to life! You can see more on the last page of the newsletter. **Thank you to the Friends of DKH for funding the Science Boffin Workshop and to our school community for volunteering their time to speak with our children.**





## Dates for the Diary



|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 23.03.22            | Parent Evenings   |
| 24.03.22            | Parent Evenings   |
| 24.03.22            | Online Safety/Awareness - Years 5 and 6                 |
| 25.03.22            | Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme                        |
| 29.03.22            | Year 2 Butterfly Conservation Workshop                  |
| 29.03.22            | Choir and Samba Performance in the playground 4:30-5:00 |
| 01.04.22            | Last day of the Spring Term – <b>2pm finish</b>         |
| 04.04.22 – 18.04.22 | Easter Break  |
| 19.04.22            | Children return to school                               |
| 02.05.22            | May Bank Holiday  |
| 03.05.22 – 06.05.22 | KS1 SATs  |
| 09.05.22 – 12.05.22 | KS2 SATs  |
| 16.05.22            | Walk to School Week                                     |
| 27.05.22            | London History Day                                      |
| 30.05.22 – 03.06.22 | Half Term Starts  |

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



If you need support, please contact Ms Nichols via the school

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. If you need assistance to support your child's good attendance at school, we are here to help.

## Attendance

|            |       |          |       |
|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Cherry     | 98.3% | Cedar    | 98.5% |
| Elder      | 93.3% | Sycamore | 96.9% |
| Palm       | 95.2% | Hazel    | 97.4% |
| Beech      | 96.1% | Elm      | 95.6% |
| Eucalyptus | 95%   | Maple    | 98.1% |

## 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>Hamilton</b> , for his using his super sounds to label his picture of our chicks.  |
| Reception  | <b>Khadija</b> , for showing care and kindness to our classroom chicks.   |
| Cherry     | <b>Morolake</b> , for always trying her absolute best with everything she does.   |
| Elder      | <b>Summer</b> , for taking such care in her learning, and being an excellent listener.  |
| Palm       | <b>Monisola</b> , for fantastic maths including time, money, adding and subtracting with regrouping!  |
| Beech      | <b>Joel</b> , for earning the 6x and 8x tables songs so well!   |
| Eucalyptus | <b>Ella</b> , for her fantastic concept and execution in art.   |
| Cedar      | <b>Fatima</b> , for a positive and resilient attitude to learning!  |
| Sycamore   | <b>Arazu</b> , for conducting a fair test in our science experiments this week  |
| Hazel      | <b>Joel</b> , for a fantastic effort to staying focused and having a good attitude to learning.<br><b>Bola</b> , for a fantastic effort to learning and assessment this week. |
| Maple      | <b>Israel</b> , for working really hard in everything he does, especially his maths!  |
| Elm        | <b>Khadija</b> , for being a thoughtful friend.   |

## Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 3

**Did you know** that a zebra's hoof is actually a huge toenail?

**Did you know** that zebra's are actually wild horses that live in the savannahs of Africa?

You can learn more about zebras [HERE!](#)



If your child is good with deadlines and would like to contribute to the newsletter, please speak with Barbara Ghezzi.

## Year 5 have enjoyed being super scientists this week!

Sycamore Class investigated microorganisms and bacteria and how they can spread on food and materials. They conducted an experiment to reveal which conditions make bread mouldy. They also tried a challenging activity on making an antibody and virus origami model.

The photographs below show real concentration and scientific thinking!



**Hazel Class** investigated growth by experimenting with chemical reactions using Mentos and Coke. They investigated both normal Coke and Diet Coke. They discovered that Diet Coke has a greater reaction because it contained artificial sugars whereas normal Coke contained corn syrup, resulting in a smaller reaction. They also found that the reaction started after adding 4 Mentos. This meant, when they tried to add 7 or more Mentos, they could not complete the experiment as the chemical reaction had already started.

You may (or may not) want to try this experiment at home!



## Thank you!

Thank you to the parents and carers that took time out of their day to share how their careers were shaped by science. Children and staff very much enjoyed hearing about their career journey and learning about careers in science!



## Free Easter Holiday Family Activities with the London Wildlife Trust

at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening 28 Marsden Road SE15 4EE

Monday & Tuesday 4th&5th April 10 till 3

### *Brilliant Birds*

A fun two day course for families living in Southwark to discover garden birds, make nests, find out about spring migration, play games, learn to use binoculars, stories and crafts.

Monday&Tuesday 11th&12th April 10 till 3

### *Marvellous Minibeasts*

A fun two days for families living in Southwark to discover the important little animals in our garden and have fun exploring different habitats such as the pond, the log pile and the trees. Games, crafts, trails, animal Olympics. Supports school learning too.



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