



## Thought of the Week

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow. ~ English proverb

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

**DKH needs your help!** As you know, @DkhSchool created a short video for the **#playinaction** competition from @LDNPlayDesign to promote the importance of play. The rules for the competition have recently changed so we have had to start again. Please like and retweet our entry to help us win some much needed play equipment. Please choose the 'quote' option when you retweet and add **#playinaction**. If you have already done this, **please do it again** as only likes and retweets from 31<sup>st</sup> March will count. Please ask family and friends to do the same. If everyone just retweets once, we could win an £8000 piece of playground equipment. Please see the link below:

<https://twitter.com/dkhschool>

The **summer lunch menu** is now available and has been shared with parents and carers via email. There are many healthy and delicious options, which have been chosen based on input from our children.

Please see page 4 of this newsletter for details about our **Easter garden competition**. I look forward to seeing your creative entries!

As Covid restrictions are lifted and the government implements its Living with Covid Plan, we are delighted to announce that we are able to return to **whole school assemblies** in the summer term. This also means that we can return to using the pedestrian gates to access the school and as of 19<sup>th</sup> April, children, parents and carers will no longer use the car park gate to enter or exit the school.

Wishing our families, who celebrating Easter, a peaceful Easter season and our families who are celebrating Ramadan, a Ramadan Mubarak.

I look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of April**

**Barbara Ghezzi**

## Music is in the Air at DKH

It has been an exciting term for the arts at DKH!

The **DKH Samba Band** excelled at The Southwark Percussion Festival as they took the audience by storm with their dramatic and exciting performance of *Singing and Samba!*

**Year 3 and Year 4** children were delighted by the orchestral performance at Cadogan Hall where they were able to sing songs about the fire of London with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Later in the term, they were able to perform for Year 2, who enjoyed their musical rendition of the fire of London.

During a chilly, outside concert, **The Dog Kennel Hill Choir** warmed an audience of parents, carers and friends with songs to raise spirits and share love.

**The Key Stage 1 Samba Band** were a joy to watch along with our senior band who were still riding on the crest of a wave from their recent success at the Royal Festival Hall.

**Year 6 and Year 5 Steel Pans** finally had the chance to perform with their teacher, Mia Morgan. Their spirits, nor the spirits of their audience were dampened by the rain but they look forward to performing again, on a sunny day, next term!

**Year 4** had the opportunity to enjoy a spectacular performance from our guitarists, violinists and Lamda students while **Reception** children have had the opportunity to experience a magical escape to a world of imagination. They have explored the awe and wonder of beautiful stories through creative dance workshops, inspired by quality children's literature. We look forward to continuing these workshops into the summer term.



## Allotment News

We are so excited to share that our allotment has **four new raised beds** and that planting, learning and enjoying has already started to take place!

We look forward to starting the DKH gardening club in the summer term and could really use your help!

**Do you have green fingers?**

**Do you enjoy gardening?** We

are looking for families to **help** take care of the allotment during the school breaks and holidays, as well as support with watering during the warmer months. Please contact Barbara Ghezzi, Head of School, if you can help.



## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

The Year 6 Leavers' Group recently sent an email to all year 6 parents, detailing how they can purchase a leavers' hoodie for their child. If you have not received the email, please look in your junk folder, or check that the school office has your current email address. **The deadline for orders is Monday 4 April.** Please make sure to get your orders in on time, so that your child does not miss out.



## Dates for the Diary



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
05.05.22	Steel Pan performance and workshop at Hearn Hill School
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
07.06.22	Children return to school
07.06.22 – 10.06.22	Year 6 School Journey
13.06.22	Year 6 Healthy Eating Workshop
14.06.22	Year 6 Cook Off
15.06.22	Year 3 and 4 World Foods Workshop
16.06.22	Year 1 and 2 Five Senses Workshop
17.06.22	EYFS Hungry Caterpillar Workshop
11.07.22	EYFS and Year 1 Sports Day
14.07.22	Reports presented to parents / carers
15.07.22	Year 2 – 6 Sports Day
18.07.22	Children meet their new teacher
19.07.22	Parent Drop in Session
21.07.22	Last Day of School – 2pm finish

## 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>Crystelle</b> , for being a kind and caring friend to others.
Reception	<b>Eqra</b> , is our star of the week for trying really hard with her learning.
Cherry	<b>Mohamed S.</b> for coming back to school with a ready to learn attitude!
Elder	<b>Kash</b> , for some excellent work finding the total value of a group of coins.
Palm	<b>Lenny</b> , for efficiently and effectively organising his group in music!
Beech	<b>Chikamso</b> , for wonderful writing!
Eucalyptus	<b>Sikemi</b> , for her focus in writing this week.
Cedar	<b>Caroline</b> , for enthusiastically helping many of her classmates with their D&T projects.
Sycamore	<b>Aiden</b> , for understanding how day and night occurs on Earth.
Hazel	<b>Isis</b> , for a fantastic effort in her literacy this term!
Maple	<b>Avaine</b> , for having an absolutely brilliant term!
Elm	<b>Princess</b> , for being a resilient and dedicated learner.

## Attendance

Cherry	95.9%	Cedar	90%
Elder	96.7%	Sycamore	91.1%
Palm	96.1%	Hazel	97.9%
Beech	97.1%	Elm	95.6%
Eucalyptus	96.2%	Maple	94%

## Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 3

**Did you know** that a giant anteater can catch 35,000 ants in a single day?

**Did you know** that an anteater can flick its tongue into a termite mound 150 times per minute?

You can learn more about these amazing creatures [here](#) and [here!](#)

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



**Year 2** have been going outside for their learning this week...



In Science, they have been thinking about habitats and, as well as learning about macro habitats, they have been investigating microhabitats. They looked around the school at a variety of different microhabitats including under rocks and stones, in leaf litter, in trees, under bushes and in the pond. They found many different living things including slugs, snails, ants, spiders, woodlice and worms. They also found many different plants.

Year 2 also had a visit from Ellie who works for the 'Big City Butterflies' project and learned about many different types of butterfly. They went to Lettsom Gardens to plant pollinators in the allotment, so that butterflies are attracted to the plants there.

Did you know there are 59 different types of butterfly in Britain, but 2500 different types of moth?



## Easter Garden Competition

### Win an Easter Egg!



This Easter, DKH are running their very own Easter Garden Competition! To make your Easter Garden you will need to find out about the key parts of the Easter Story. Then, get creative by representing these in a cardboard box to make an Easter garden. You could use boxes, natural resources, paper, card or even paint!

To find out more about Easter Gardens watch this video:

[click here](#)

Entries to be brought into school by Wednesday 20th April.

Winner to be announced on Friday 22nd April.

Watch this video to find our more!



## Good Luck!





## Kids Cricket in Southwark Park

Southwark Park Cricket Club is your local community cricket club, dedicated to bringing the nation's summer sport back to the historic Southwark Park Oval

This year we will be running the ECB's fun introduction to cricket, the **All Stars** programme for girls and boys 5-8, and the matchplay **Dynamos** programme for 8-11s

Sessions will be held on the cricket pitch every Saturday morning from 28 May until 23 July. The children receive their own kitbag and other goodies. There are **Free Places** for those on low income.

For more information, visit our website [https://southwarkpark.play-cricket.com/web\\_pages/kids\\_cricket](https://southwarkpark.play-cricket.com/web_pages/kids_cricket) or email [southwarkparkcc@gmail.com](mailto:southwarkparkcc@gmail.com)

## Youth Coaching

**Free cricket coaching for Boys and Girls 12-18 years.**

Led by a professional coach, we are running hardball coaching on Friday evenings 5.30 – 7.00pm from May at the cricket pitch.

Equipment is provided, but you must be willing to play with a hard ball in full kit.

[southwarkparkcc@gmail.com](mailto:southwarkparkcc@gmail.com)

<https://southwarkpark.play-cricket.com>



## KIDS IN THE WILD

### IS YOUR CHILD 9-11 YEARS OLD?

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE ULTIMATE SUMMERTIME ADVENTURE?

ARE YOU FED UP WITH SEEING THEM INSIDE ON SCREENS?

DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM TIME SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS?

Channel 4 and the producers of *Junior Bake Off* are making a brand-new series and are looking for children aged 9-11 to spend two weeks camping in nature this summer.

By encouraging independence outdoors, we will explore the relationships and skills children develop when put to the test.

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