



## Thought of the Week

*Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy.*  
Thich Nhat Hanh

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,  
The first half of a very busy Summer Term has flown by. Today we enjoyed a whole school picnic for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. It was wonderful to see the whole school together, enjoying the celebration and taking part in London History Day.

In other news, our **gardening club** with Mr Butt continues to be a big hit! Our seedlings have grown and have been planted. Our raised beds have been weeded and watered. Gardening Club has been a great opportunity for our pupils to explore the natural world, use their senses and develop their communication and language skills. You can see more [HERE](#). We need **volunteers** to help us during the half term. If you can spare some time to water our growing plants and remove a few weeds, please let us know.

Thank you to our school community who supported the **bake sale in honour of Ms Gustaffe**. All the monies were not included in the figure published last week and we are proud to say that our school community raised a grand total of **£482.00**. This money has now been donated to the GoFundMe page created for Ms Gustaffe.

Wishing our school community a bright and sunny half term.  
Barbara Ghezzi

## Limited Places Available

Our **amazing nursery** has just a few places available for September 2022. If you know a child that will be 3 years old by the first of September 2022 and loves exploring, experimenting and learning through play; who would benefit from a nurturing and supportive environment, please share our contact details. We are offering full and part-time places. Full-time places require a 30-hour code and part-time places are Monday and Tuesday 9:00-3:15pm and Wednesday 9:00-11:30am.

Children in our nursery make the most of our fantastic onsite Forest School. You learn more [here](#).

## Our Curriculum

**Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) will be taught after the May half term.** It is compulsory for all primary school children to receive relationship education. At DKH we follow the Christopher Winter's Project which builds on learning from previous years and revisits topics each year to cover them in greater depth. It includes lesson material on topics such as keeping clean, families, gender differences, personal space, puberty, relationships and many other topics. You can find more information [HERE](#) as well as a video answering FAQs [HERE](#).

## Free Community Choir

Join our fabulous friendly FREE-community choir for young people aged 8 to 16.

**When?** Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm

**Where?** The Green Community Centre, Nunhead  
Experience the joy of singing together in an environment where you are valued and nurtured. Where children are kind and welcoming. Be yourself and share your favourite songs with the group

The choir is led by Margaret Omoniyi, Ayesha Smith and Keryl Brown.

Contact via email at

[southlondonsongsters@margaretsmusicltd.com](mailto:southlondonsongsters@margaretsmusicltd.com)



## Jubilee Celebrations at DKH

Picnic blankets, bunting, sunshine and our brass band made for a wonderful Jubilee Celebration. It was lovely to see the whole school together, enjoying their delicious picnic lunches and sharing in this wonderful milestone. A HUGE thank you to **Mr Lalchan** for organising this great event and to **Wendy** and our **catering team** for taking on the mammoth task of making individual picnic lunches for every child. You can see more [HERE!](#)





# DKH Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022



## Dates for the Diary



30.05.22	Half Term Starts
07.06.22	Children return to school
07.06.22 – 10.06.22	Year 6 School Journey
09.06.22	EYFS visit to Copleston Church
09.06.22	Year 5 Quadkids Competition
13.06.22	EYFS and KS1 Drama Workshop
13.06.22	Year 6 Healthy Eating Workshop
13.06.22	Year 5 Cook Off
13.06.22	Years 3 and 4 World Foods
14.06.22	Eucalyptus Rounders Competition
16.06.22	Year 1 and 2 Five Senses Workshop
17.06.22	EYFS Hungry Caterpillar Workshop
20.06.22	Hazel Athletics Competition
21.06.22	Cedar Athletics Competition
27.06.22	Art Week begins
28.06.22	DKH Arts Parade
23.06.22	Class Photos
02.07.22	DKH Summer Fair
04.07.22	SEND Festival of Sailing
11.07.22	EYFS and Year 1 Sports Day
12.07.22	Year 5 Online Safety/Awareness
13.07.22	Year 6 Online Safety/Awareness
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

## Attendance

Cherry	86.4%	Cedar	95.6%
Elder	84.3%	Sycamore	92.8%
Palm	93.5%	Hazel	96.2%
Beech	96.1%	Elm	97.8%
Eucalyptus	92.7%	Maple	97.7%

## 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>Yemaya</b> , for always trying her best!
Reception	<b>Eliza</b> , for being a super creative learner.
Cherry	<b>Chelsea</b> , for always upholding our school values and always being a supportive friend to everyone in Cherry Class.
Elder	<b>Haja</b> , for her exceptional narrative based on <i>The Leopards Drum</i> .
Palm	<b>Alicia</b> , for generating great ideas in science and English.
Beech	<b>Liya</b> , for being a superstar reader and helped others in her group to read new words too!
Eucalyptus	<b>Gabriel</b> , for his focus and joyfulness in lessons, especially in music.
Cedar	<b>Kojo</b> , for excellent contributions to class discussion on zoos.
Sycamore	<b>Jeremiah</b> , for an excellent piece of narrative using personified phrases.
Hazel	<b>Fatima</b> for perseverance and resilience towards all tasks set this week.
Maple	<b>Nathan</b> , for hard work and resilience!
Elm	<b>Nojus</b> , for calculating profit and loss of businesses in a variety of maths problems.

## Charles's Fun Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 3

**Did you know** that in Anglo-Saxon times children were considered adults at the age of 10?

**Did you know** the word England comes from the Anglo-Saxon word angleland?

You can learn more about Anglo-Saxons [HERE!](#)

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





## We love **LEARNING**

**Years 3 and 4** took part in **pedestrian training** this week. Pedestrian training aims to build on children's existing knowledge and develop their skills through discussion and practice. It is a practical roadside training course, which encourages children to think about the dangers of traffic, understand and deal with hazards and to plan routes that make use of crossing facilities, where they are available



This great training can be further reinforced through parent /carer supervision and communication outside of school time too!

**Lego Club** is a fun and interactive session offering children the freedom to create and design as a team. They work cooperatively and collaboratively. You can see just a few of our children having FUN here! **Thank you** to the Friends of DKH who funded our Lego kits!





Half Term Family Fun

## Nature Mix

**Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May  
10 till 3 at the Centre for Wildlife  
Gardening, 28 Marsden Road,  
SE15 4EE**

A two day course for mums, dads and their children of any age to explore the world of edible and medicinal plants in our flowery wildlife garden.

Make medicinal lotions and balms.  
Forage for wild food, make natural art and potions.

Fun and learning for all the family.

Limited places so to book visit

[www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events)

Call 07740717930 if you are unable to book in this way.



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## **Dog Kennel Hill School Summer Fair**

WITH LIVE MUSIC  
BBQ  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
AND MUCH MUCH MORE

**Saturday July 2nd  
12-4pm**

## **SCROOGELICIOUS! TASTER DAY**

Calling all talented young people who love to act, sing and dance!  
Theatre Peckham invites you to join our fun-filled Scroogelicious! workshop on Monday 30th May  
at 10:00 - 12:00 (ages 8 -11)  
& 13:00 - 15:00 (ages 12 - 17)

This year's Christmas Production is Peckham's take on A Christmas Carol! Don't be a scrooge, come to our taster and be Scroogelicious!

Click the link below & Sign Up Now!  
[ages 8 - 11](#) [ages 12-17](#)  
OR contact: [membership@theatrepeckham.co.uk](mailto:membership@theatrepeckham.co.uk)  
02077095401

## **Dog Kennel Hill School Summer Fair**

**Thinking of having a clear out  
over half term ?**

The friends will welcome donations of good quality old games, toys, teddies and books for our bric a brac store.

Do you have any unwanted gifts lying around?  
We can use them on our tombola, so would love them too!!