



## Thought of the Week

*Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. – Marcel Proust.*

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the **summer term** and welcome back to our **Year 6 pupils** who enjoyed four days of adventure at the Gordon Browne Centre. I know they will have made many happy, lasting memories as well as had opportunities to develop their independence, confidence and team working skills.

This week, **Sycamore Class** had a great time taking part in Quadkids at Burgess Park and our **EYFS** children had the chance to explore their community and find out more about what happens at Copleston Church. You can share in some of **Caterpillar's** adventures [HERE!](#)

This month is also **Joyful June!** Join us in completing the daily actions for happiness found on the Joyful June calendar on the last page of this newsletter.

Many parents and carers have asked if **class photos** are taking place this year. I am pleased to let you know that class photos will be taking place on **Thursday 23rd June**. Children in years 3 and 4 will have class photos as well as year group photos, to allow children in both year groups to have a non-mixed year photograph. This was requested by a parent and I am pleased to let you know that the company taking the photographs has agreed to the request.

Wishing our school community a peaceful weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

## Attendance Matters!



We **all** have a legal responsibility to ensure every child is in school every day and on time. At DKH we maintain a minimum attendance rate of 96% and promote the importance of regular attendance.

Parents and carers can help us by:

- ringing on the first morning of all absences with the reason for the absence, and letting us know when your child will return
- arranging dental and doctor's appointments out of school hours or during school holidays
- and by keeping us updated by telephone or email if your child has an extended period of absence due to illness.

If you need support, **we are here to help**. Please contact **Ms Nichols** via the school office or speak with her on the playground at the beginning or end of the day.

## Our Curriculum

**Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) will be taught this 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 detailed plans and more information [HERE](#) as well as a video, created by the River Hill Federation answering many of your questions [HERE](#).



## The DKH Allotment Needs You!

Do you have **green fingers** and a bit of spare time? If so, we could use your help on the DKH Allotment. We are looking for families to look after our allotment during the school holidays as well as a **green fingered** volunteer to support a regular gardening club. Please contact Barbara Ghezzi if you are able to help. You can see more of our fantastic allotment and the valuable learning opportunity it offers, [HERE!](#)



## Holiday Club

This summer, **Tree Tops** will be running their fun-filled holiday club at Dog Kennel Hill Primary School from **25<sup>th</sup> of July to 19<sup>th</sup> of August**. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend. With a mix of arts and crafts, team building activities and a wide range of sports there will be something for every child to enjoy! Come and join in, try something new and make this a summer to remember! Book before Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 and get 10% off your booking when quoting code 10SUMMER22. Please see the poster on the page 4 of this newsletter for more information.



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## Dates for the Diary



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 – <b>2pm finish</b>

## Attendance

Cherry	93.7%	Cedar	95.3%
Elder	94.5%	Sycamore	94.7%
Palm	95.8%	Hazel	96.2%
Beech	97.5%	Elm	95.7%
Eucalyptus	95.6%	Maple	96.5%

## 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>Callum</b> , for always looking out for his friends.
Reception	<b>Eliz</b> , for her phenomenal progress in writing!
Cherry	<b>Jaydon</b> , for always trying his best in all subjects and creating beautiful homework.
Elder	<b>Yva</b> , for being resilient to distraction within the class and dedicated to her work.
Palm	<b>Daisy</b> , for good focus in music: copying and playing rhythms on djembe drums!
Beech	<b>Jamal</b> , for fantastic work this week in Maths and Writing. I'm proud of you Jamal!
Eucalyptus	<b>Jack</b> , for his fantastic contributions to class discussions.
Cedar	<b>Vanessa</b> , for her amazing enthusiasm for learning and wonderful work ethic in all subjects.
Sycamore	<b>Olivia M</b> , for identifying and comparing the properties of 3D solids.
Hazel	<b>Muwahib</b> , for her fantastic effort in literacy and great behaviour and attitude for learning!

## Charles's Fun Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 3

**Did you know** that sharks can smell blood from a mile away?

**Did you know** that black tipped reef sharks have a symbol on their back fin which allows them to recognise each other?

You can learn more about sharks [here!](#)

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



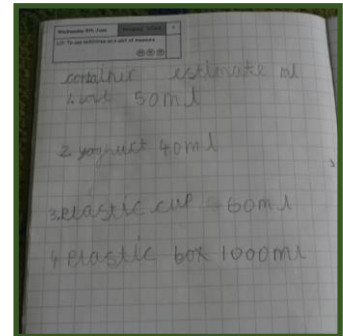


## We love LEARNING

Year 2 have been learning about measures, capacity and volume in their maths lessons.

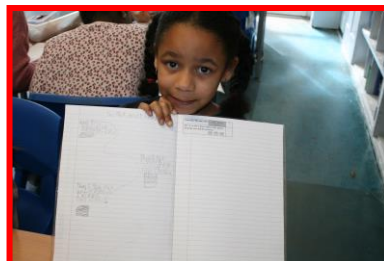
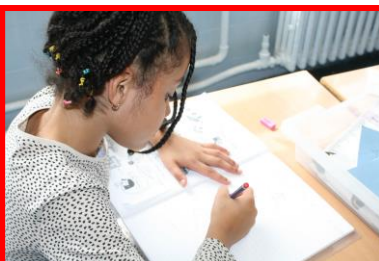
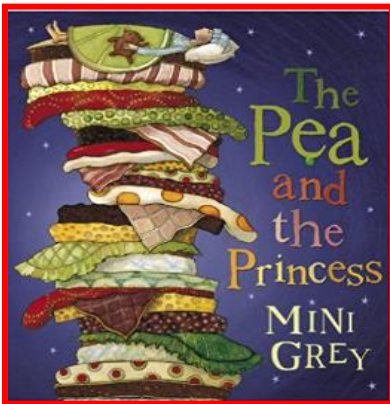


Children estimated capacity and then tested their predictions. As you can see, they have become very confident using millilitres to measure accurately! You can learn more about capacity and volume at home, [here!](#)



In English, they have been reading the story of the *Pea and the Princess* by Mini Grey. This is a fantastic story told from the point of view of the pea! Children created their own story maps to help them learn and retell the story. Over the next few weeks, they will innovate the story and write their own fantastic version.

We can't wait to read their wonderfully imaginative new versions of the story!





## THE RETURN OF THE Dog Kennel Hill School Summer Fair

WITH LIVE MUSIC  
BBQ  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
AND MUCH MUCH MORE

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



## 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!!**



## HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday Clubs coming  
to a school near you

Tree Tops Clubs have been running Holiday Clubs for more than 6 years  
and has a team of over 300 staff that work across our UK Clubs. We work  
with over 80 schools and are a providing Ofsted registered childcare.



  
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Tree Tops Clubs team are caring and professional and strive to create a fun play environment for the children.


Members of the team are:

- Enhanced DBS checked
- Meet Ofsted requirements, fully trained and qualified
- Senior staff hold qualifications in Playwork, Childcare or Sports Management




### A typical day at Tree Tops Clubs

- 8:00am-10:00am Early Club
- 10:00am-10:45am Hello Zone
- 10:45am-11:00am Snack and Drink
- 11:00am-11:45am Activity 1
- 11:45am-12:30pm Activity 2
- 12:30pm-1:15pm Lunch Time and Chill Out
- 1:15pm-2:00pm Activity 3
- 2:00pm-2:45pm Activity 4
- 2:45pm-3:00pm Snack Time
- 3:00pm-3:45pm Farwell Time
- 4:00pm-6:00pm Late Club



Find out more or to book:  
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Joyful June 2022

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

**SATURDAY 18 JUNE** 12:00 TO 18:30

THE FRIENDS OF RUSKIN PARK PRESENT THE ANNUAL **SUMMER FETE**

\* AT THE RUSKIN PARK BANDSTAND \*  
BRING THE FAMILY, THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO!

**UK AFRICAN ACROBATS**

ANGIE MACK HULA HOOP PERFORMER  
FACE PAINTING • TEA AND CAKE MARQUEE  
ARTS WORKSHOPS • CRAFT STALLS • RESCUE REPTILES

★ **TLCC TRAPEZE SHOW** ★

★ **LIVE MUSIC** ★

THE CAMBRIA CHOIR • THE JELLY ROLLERS  
JESSOP PRIMARY SCHOOL BAND • DKHS BAND

>> **THE YOUTHSAYERS** <<  
THE CHAMPION HILLBILLIES

**FOOD, DRINK & REFRESHMENTS**

**EN ROOT** ★ **DELI JERK**  
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PLANTS • LOCAL GROUPS  
★ & MUCH MORE! ★

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FRIENDS OF RUSKIN PARK

## The Arts at DKH

We are delighted to share with you that the **DKH Samba Band** enthralled audiences at the South Bank Centre for the Southwark Percussion Festival and our **Choir** captivated audiences at the Dulwich Music Festival.

Our **Year 3 and Year 4** pupils sang to the rafters at Cadogan Hall for the *Fire of London* Oratorio and our **Brass Band, Steel Pans Samba Band, Guitars and Violins** students have all performed for their peers, parents and carers in school.

We are thrilled with our **Year 6 Creative Dance Group** and **LAMDA Drama Students** who performed for KS2.

Coming Up...

Our **Samba Band** will be leading the carnival procession at Mary Magdalen Primary School Tuesday 14th June, 1.30pm.

Our **Year 6 and Year 5 Steel Band and Brass** will be wowing the public in Ruskin Park at the Band Stand on Saturday 18th June, 2pm.

Our **Brass, Samba, Pans and Percussion Bands** will be performing at our very own **PARADE** on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Our **Samba Band** and **Year 6 Steel Band** will be delighting audiences at Kingdale Festival on Thursday 30th June 7-9pm