



Thought of the Week

When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future. – Queen Elizabeth II

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we focused on our school value of **empathy**. From EYFS to Year 6, we were so proud of all of our pupils who could articulate what empathy is and show it in their day to day interactions at school.

The Autumn Term is always a busy time of year and soon we will have our **school council elections**. Mr Newman spoke to pupils during our Friday assembly and they understand that we take our school council very seriously and that their views help inform the decisions we make at school. Pupils in Years 2 to 6 will be voting for their school council representatives and the school will then vote for the school council board made up of Year 6 pupils. Watch this space for more news!

Cycle to School Week is the 3rd to 7th of October and we would love to see pupils and their parents or carers on their bicycles or scooters. We have a great bike shed and the benefits of an active school run include a positive effect on children's health and wellbeing as well as improving air quality and carbon emissions.

We are excited to let you know that the organic greengrocer **Marvellous Greens and Beans** at Grove Vale (next to the locksmiths) is advertising that children are able to take one free piece of fruit on their way to school. Free fruit will be available 8am-10am, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Finally, our allotment is looking great this year. **THANK YOU** to members of our school community that ensured it was watered over the hot summer months! You can see more of our allotment and the great growing that is taking place with Edible Rotherhithe and Mr Butt, [HERE!](#)

Wishing our school community a peaceful weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Note from the Office

The Local Authority provide free school meals to all children in Southwark but some families qualify for **additional pupil premium funding**, which we then use to enhance children's learning. If you have a household income of less than £16,100 per year or are entitled to universal credit please complete a Free School Meal (FSM) application and return the completed form to the school office.

Please note that if you qualify for FSM you may receive additional food vouchers from Southwark during the holiday period. Please note that the school are not involved in deciding who qualifies for FSM. This decision is made by the local authority



Year 6 was Inspired!

Year 6 was visited by an inspirational and motivational speaker, **Adrian Tuitt**. He spoke to pupils on several issues such as: the impact of social media on mental health, self-belief, the importance of setting short-term and long-term goals and how to stay focused. Mr Tuitt also shared with us his personal learning journey on setting up a successful business. **Thank you** to Mr Tuitt and to Mr Lalchan for organising this great opportunity for our Year 6 pupils!



Jeans for Genes!

Thank you to the generosity of our school community, DKH raised a total of **£92!** This money will go to support research into genetic disorders.





Dates for the Diary



23.09.22	Harvest Festival
03.10.22	Black History Month begins
04.10.22	School Council Elections
07.10.22	Year 6 Girls Football Fun Day
10.10.22	World Mental Health Day #Hello Yellow
17.10.22	Year 3 Classical Road Show
19.10.22	Palm Class Multiskills workshop
24.10.22 – 28.10.22	Half Term
31.10.22	Children return to school
09.11.22	Parent Evening
09.11.22	Yoga and Mindfulness Workshop (Beech, Willow, Eucalyptus, Reception, Sycamore, Hazel)
10.11.22	Parent Evening
11.11.22	Armistice Day
14.11.22	Anti-Bullying Week
15.11.22	Flu Vaccinations
16.11.22	Yoga and Mindfulness Workshop (Beech, Willow, Eucalyptus, Reception, Sycamore, Hazel)
21.11.22	Copoiera and Mindfulness Workshop (Maple, Palm, Elder, Nursery, Beech, Elm)

Attendance

Caterpillar	80.43%	Eucalyptus	94.09%
Willow	93.37%	Sycamore	90.71%
Elder	92.24%	Hazel	89.29%
Palm	99.52%	Elm	94.87%
Beech	92.35%	Maple	84.88%

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	Adesuwa , for being a kind new friend. Zian , for making a fantastic start at nursery
Reception	Sadie , for always looking out for others and offering a hug! Isha , for creating such a detailed self-portrait drawing.
Willow	Mubarak , for his effort with his independent tasks, always trying his best. Jaden , who always looks after everyone and makes sure that they are okay.
Elder	Isla , for showing empathy and begin a good friend. Scarlett , for being a good maths partner.
Palm	Joel , for focusing hard on his writing and have a great attitude learning! Z'Niyah , for being a good friend and helping others in class.
Beech	Izzy , for creativity in producing an amazing DKH playground sketch. Yva , for empathy when discussing the feelings of a book character with compassion.
Eucalyptus	Amina , for her fantastic contributions in our lessons on derived mathematical facts, sharing her knowledge with others. Alhaji , for his caring nature within the class, helping children do their best.
Sycamore	Hillary , for showing amazing empathy and kindness towards everyone around her. Imrich , for settling into his new class and creating a friendly atmosphere for everyone!
Hazel	Joju , for always keeping an eye out for her peers and being the first to check in and ask if they are okay! Ibrahim , for his amazing hand drawn map showing the invasion of Vikings from Scandinavia to England!
Maple	Safi for his commitment to learning and making very good progress. Marlow for always being understanding to others and their feelings.
Elm	Ayyub , for showing tremendous resilience to manage his distractions. As a result, his work has greatly improved. Sara , for always being respectful, kind and always trying her best.

Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 4

Did you know that the very first boardgame was called the Royal Game of Ur?

Did you know that it originated around 600 BC in ancient Mesopotamia and was a strategic racing game?

You can learn more about the history of some children's games, [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

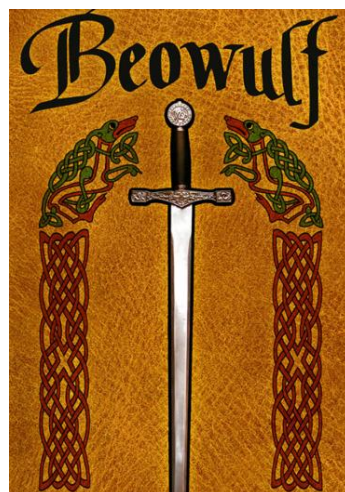
This term **Year 5** have been learning about the an Beowulf. They focused on recreating the Anglo-Saxon scary setting which hosted the plot for this marvellous poem which features a disgusting, revengeful demon named Grendel.

Pupils worked extremely hard trying to imagine how the residents of Scandinavia managed to cope with such a terrible beast!

They dedicated time to planning and describing the settings and appearance of Beowulf. They thoroughly enjoyed working together to perform a play that involved creating a dilemma and a resolution.



You can read
more
about
Beowulf
[HERE!](#)





Join us for a Space Adventure Lunch

Our school lunches are DELICIOUS. They are so tasty that when our Year 6 pupils leave for secondary school, they come back to tell us that **DKH school lunches are the BEST!** If your child has not tried one of our school lunches, they may want to take part in a special **Space Adventure Lunch on 6th October.**

If your child normally has a packed lunch, they may want to have a school lunch that day. **Please let the office know** if they will be joining the **SPACE ADVENTURE!** We need to know so we can make sure there is enough intergalactic food for everyone!

Menu highlights include:

Main: BBQ Beef Meatballs with mini Potato Asteroids, Green and Orange Space Rocks (Peas and Carrots) *Plant based menu also available*

Dessert: Warm Raspberry Ripple Crater Cake or Space Rocket Chocolate Crispie Cake

