



Thought of the Week

With the new day comes new thoughts and new strengths. - Eleanor Roosevelt

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupils this week have been focusing on our school value of **courage** and we are asking our school community to really showcase this value by dusting off their bikes, scooters and skateboards to take part in **Cycle to School Week**.

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, skateboards, scooters or even rollerskates! We have a great bike shed available to pupils and the benefits of an active school run include a positive effect on children's (and parent's) health and wellbeing as well as improving air quality and carbon emissions.

Pupils in Beech Class had another fabulous day of all things green with our green fingered visitors from **Edible Rotherhithe** this week. You can see more in our gallery [here](#).

On **Thursday 6th October** DKH will be offering a very special **Space Adventure Lunch**. 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!

Eucalyptus Class have been very busy this week using bar models and know number facts to derive other number facts as well as using physical objects and pictures to represent number and to understand regrouping. They also had a special visitor from Planet X. You can see more [here](#) and [here](#).

I would like to remind all parents and carers that **nuts or products containing nuts are not permitted in school**.

Wishing our school community a restful 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



Learning at Home is Fun!

Is your child in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**? If so they can learn and have fun playing Learning with Parents.



Learning with Parents is a great way for families to have enjoyable learning experiences together.

Friendly, child-led videos support parents and children to use the methods children have learned at school.

Games can be enjoyed using objects from around your homes and the play-based activities are hands-on, open-ended and fun for the whole family.

Learning with Parents works on all devices – from mobile to laptop so that this great learning opportunity is accessible to everyone.

If you have not joined in with Learning with Parents, speak to your class teacher.

What have you told us already?

Ishaq was hesitant at first but really enjoyed it at the end!

Black History Month at DKH

We are looking forward to celebrating BHM this October. During this month, each year group will focus on an aspect of BAME achievements, so that a wealth of experiences are taught and learnt across the school - from musicians, authors, poets and artists to sports people, scientists and civil right leaders. There will be an African mask making/dance workshop for Early Years and Key Stage 1 and in Key stage 2, Ms Omoniyi will be presenting music workshops. We will have an Art Day, where each teacher will focus on a black artist and teach a lesson to several classes from different year groups. **This celebration of BAME culture and achievements will not only be a fantastic learning experience but fun for all!**



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Dates for the Diary



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	85.22%	Eucalyptus	97.2%
Willow	92.86%	Sycamore	88.33%
Elder	91.72%	Hazel	91.67%
Palm	97.04%	Elm	96.15%
Beech	92.96%	Maple	90.42%

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	Hailey , is our star of the week for being so brave starting school Jeffrey is our star for his fabulous maths.
Reception	Tobias , for his fantastic repeating patterns in maths this week. Jaheim J , for his amazing contributions to our whole class learning.
Willow	Iris , for her dedication to her work and always being on task and setting an example for everyone. Chikaima , for her courage to challenge herself when she finds work difficult.
Elder	David for showing courage by taking risks with his learning and trying out a new maths strategy. Urian for his fantastic history work showing different ways that we can find out about the past.
Palm	Asia and Daniel for showing great courage when completing their maths challenge!
Beech	Nana , for showing courage by leading the way in our Fire of London musical singing session. Monisola , for her fantastic focus during Maths this week.
Eucalyptus	Lyla , for her enthusiasm for reading especially when choosing her new class book. Vanessa , for her ambitious use of vocabulary in maths.
Sycamore	Brooklyn , for his astonishing dedication to the presentation of his work and fabulous character description. Illy , for her courageous and spectacular positive attitude within all her subjects.
Hazel	Ezra , for showing amazing courage during his maths and English lessons. He has really stood out and set an amazing example for all pupils! Mercy , for always showing a kind and caring attitude to adults and teachers around the school.
Maple	Fatima , for always taking considered risks without any fear. Zion , for an excellent retelling of events of Harriet Tubman's childhood.
Elm	Gautami , for showing a real love for learning and always doing her best! Issan , for his courage and belief in doing the right, even if it's not popular with others.

Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 4

Did you know that the Romans mixed pumice with other materials to make a super strong concrete?

Did you know that pumice is a gas?

You can learn more about the Romans, [here!](#)

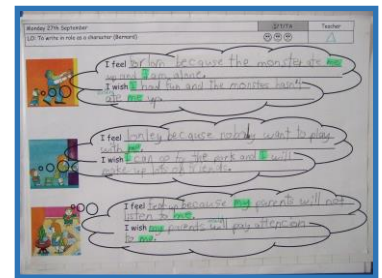
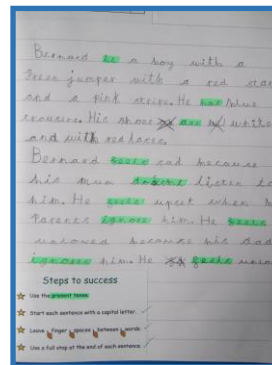
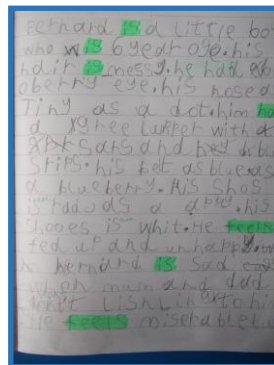
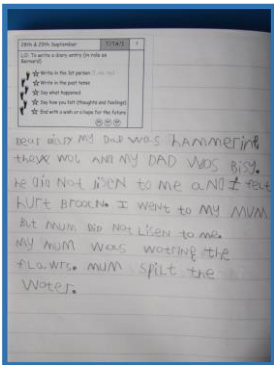
If your child is good with deadlines and would like to contribute to the newsletter, please speak with Barbara Ghezzi, Head of School.

We love LEARNING

Year 2 have been reading *Not Now Bernard*. They acted out the story and played and explored different characters.

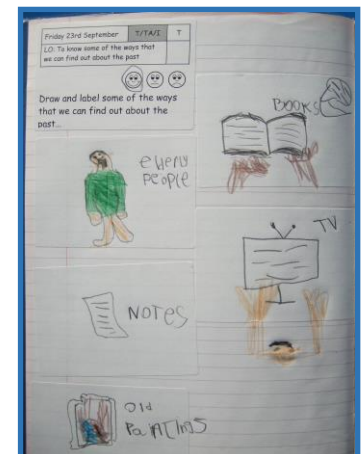
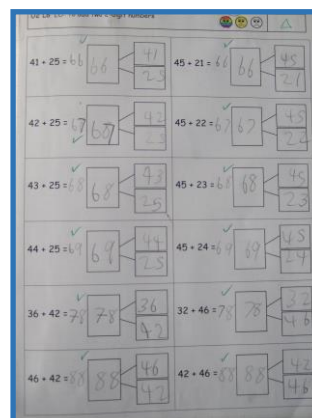
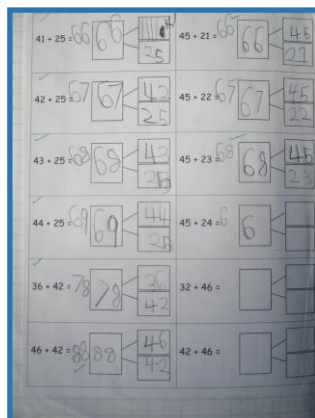
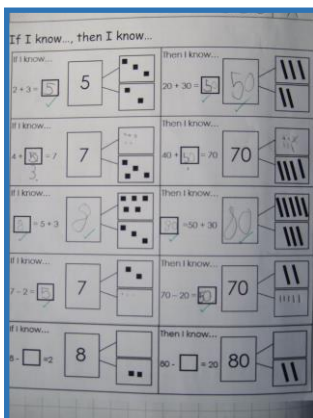


In **English** they have been describing Bernard and thinking about what he looks like and what he is like. They have tried to put themselves in Bernard's place and wrote diary entries in role, as Bernard.



For our **topic work**, we have been thinking about how we find out about the past. Urian thought of lots of different ways... We will use some of these when we learn about significant explorers.

For **maths**, we have been practising adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. Look at their fantastic calculations!





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.**

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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



FREE Family Photo Course



BOOK @
hello@mindfulphotolab.com
or Albrighton community
center reception.

This activity is for children aged 4-13 and their families - smartphones & tablets welcomed

Join us for a series of fun photo activities every *Thursday 4-5pm* at Albrighton community center.

Thurs. 6 Oct. - 24 Nov.