

21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022



Dog Kennel Hill Primary mourns the passing of our Queen Elizabeth II.

Dog Kennel Hill will take part in a special assembly to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II and her dedication to serving the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

Long live the King



Thought of the Week

Kites rise highest against the wind, not with it. ~ Winston Churchill

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the Autumn Term. It has been a busy and exciting week welcoming back pupils and parents and it has been so wonderful to see familiar and new faces!

The summer break can be an exciting time, however it can also be a challenging time with parents and carers juggling day-to-day demands, while also meeting the needs of their children. The economic climate, which has been heavily focused on in the news, may have and may continue to cause stress and anxiety for our school community. Parents and carers may have and may continue to face difficult circumstances. Although I hope the summer break was restful and enjoyable for all, please know that we are here to help. **If you would like support, please speak with me or Ms Nichols. The school may be able to offer support or information regarding local services.**

We are delighted to have everyone back and are looking forward to an exciting year. Please note that **Meet the Teacher Sessions** have been scheduled and dates are listed in the Diary section of this newsletter. I hope parents and carers are able to attend. However, if you are unable to attend, presentations will be available on the school website.

Wishing our school community a happy weekend.
Barbara Ghezzi

Note from the Office

Please note that **Ms Lucas** will not be in the school office for the next two to three weeks due to planned surgery. We are working to limit disruptions but thank you in advance for your patience. Please help us by remembering that the office does not open until 8:30am.

The Local Authority provide free school meals to all children in Southwark but some families qualify for **additional pupil premium funding** which we 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 look out for a free school meals application which needs to be completed and returned to the office.

Has your address or emergency contacts details changed? **WE NEED TO KNOW!** Please collect a form from the office or email us at school@dkh.southwark.sch.uk

National Jeans for Genes Day

On **Friday, 16th September** we would like all children and staff to wear jeans and denim in support of Jeans for Genes Day. This is the day to wear double, even triple denim! Children and staff are asked to bring in a **£1 donation** for Jeans for Genes. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with genetic disorder, such as sickle cell, and raises money to fund projects that make a difference to the lives of those affected.



Welcome



Please join me in welcoming **Victoria O'Reilly** to the DKH Team. Ms O'Reilly has joined us as our new **SENCo** (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and will be at DKH on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you need to speak with Ms O'Reilly, please look for her on the playground or contact her via the school office.

Calling all Writers!

Nature calls! We're looking for children to write for the Guardian.

Are you a young David Attenborough or an aspiring nature writer?

The Guardian Newspaper is looking for writers, age 8 to 14, who can submit a **Young Country Diary**. Writers can be **urban dwellers** as long as they write about nature. Writers could write about the beetles they find or the conkers they see on their way to school.

You can find out more [HERE!](#)





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Dates for the Diary



08.09.22	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 15:45
09.09.22	Secondary school transition meeting
12.09.22	Year 6 Meet the Teacher 15:45
13.09.22	Roald Dahl Day
14.09.22	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 15:45
14.09.22	Year 2 Meet the Teacher 16:30
15.09.22	Year 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher 15:45
16.09.22	Jeans for Genes
23.09.22	Harvest Festival
03.10.22	Black History Month begins
04.10.22	School Council Elections
10.10.22	World Mental Health Day #Hello Yellow
24.10.22 – 28.10.22	Half Term
31.10.22	Children return to school
09.11.22	Parent Evening
10.11.22	Parent Evening
11.11.22	Armistice Day
14.11.22	Anti-Bullying Week
15.11.22	Flu Vaccinations

Attendance

Caterpillar	70%	Eucalyptus	94%
Willow	92%	Sycamore	85%
Elder	96%	Hazel	96%
Palm	85%	Elm	93%
Beech	91%	Maple	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	To all of nursery for starting to settle in so well during their first week!
Reception	To all of reception for settling in so well during their first week!
Willow	Aizah for showing respect and helping everyone around her to make sure our learning environment is clear and safe. Grace for her incredibly high standard of behaviour.
Elder	Mohamed S for showing resilience in his learning. Camari Lee for a great explanation using maths vocabulary.
Palm	Rio for his resilience in adapting to his new class and making new friends. Charles for showing respect and a fantastic attitude towards his new class friends, helping others and looking after the classroom well.
Beech	Zojen for great creativity in showing us how to draw animals from numbers. MacKenzie for fabulous focus during reading and maths.
Eucalyptus	Mikayla for her engagement in class discussions on place value, showing great ambition for her learning. Shamsudeen for setting such a polite example in answering the class register. A wonderful display of the school value of respect.
Sycamore	Khiyari for his wonderful positivity within the classroom and his respect to all around him! Chricila for her courageous effort in tackling all tasks set with a smile!
Hazel	Lily for showing a respectful attitude towards her peers during classroom discussions. Aziel for his fantastic contributions and great enthusiasm during our literacy lessons.
Maple	Sylvia for always wanting to achieve her best in ascheedher work. Aarush for writing an excellent autobiographical poem.
Elm	Rasheed , for showing ambition in his work and managing his distractions. Mariane , for her positive attitude.

Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 4

Did you know that the top speed of any aeroplane is 700,200 kph?

Did you know that the standard speed of an aeroplane is 200 kph?

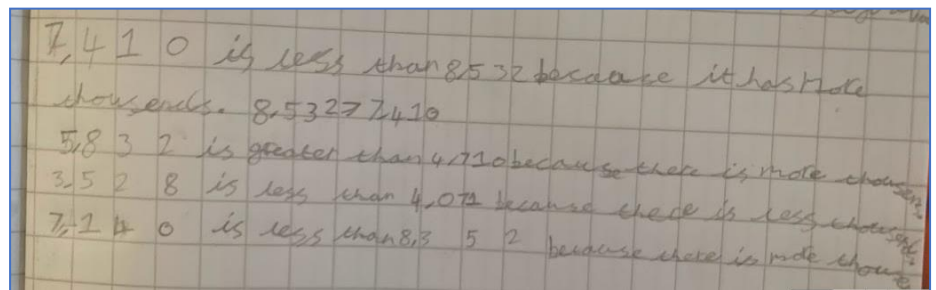
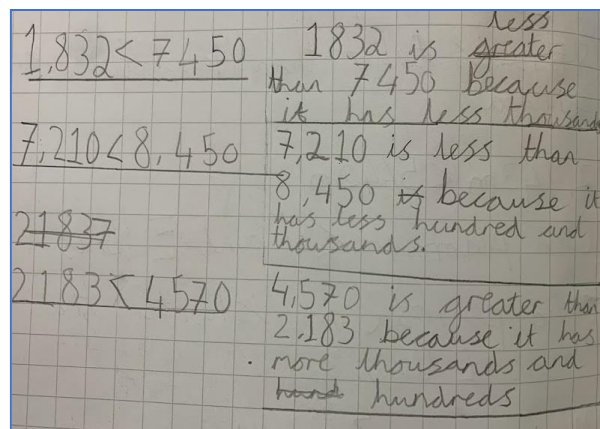
You can learn more about aeroplanes [HERE!](#)

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



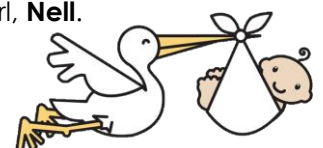
We love LEARNING

Coming back to school has been so exciting in Eucalyptus, Beech and Palm classes! We have started lots of new topics. In English, we are reading the book *Voices in the Park* by Anthony Browne – so we went to explore one of our favourite places, Lettsum Gardens, to get some inspiration. As well as this, we have started learning all about place value in Maths, our new topic of Animals including Humans in Science (check out the cool display from Eucalyptus class) and Beech class have introduced themselves with some incredible self-portraits. It's been a busy week!



Congratulations!

We would like to say a huge congratulations to **Mr Newman** on the birth of his baby girl, **Nell**. Nell and family are well and we wish them much happiness.





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RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

50^{yrs+} Fest

SAT 17 SEPT 2022 12PM - 10PM



COME AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PLAYGROUND
DONATE-DONATE-DONATE-DONATE-DONATE-DONATE-DONATE-DONATE-DONATE-DONATE



SAT 17TH SEPTEMBER 2022, 12PM - 10PM

LIVE MUSIC
DKHS SAMBA - DKHS STEEL BAND - ADE
CHAMPION HILL HILLBILLIES - THE NEW IMMIGRANTS - JON MAGIDSOHN
JOHN HUTCH - SIMONE
RALPH TAYLOR - COSMO PYKE - JOHN MCCLEAN & THE CLAN
CEROSE - KAMIL - PARIS

FOOD RAFFLES

DRINK
GIPSY HILL BREWERS - PARTIZAN BREWERS - SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE

LOCATION
DOG KENNEL HILL ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND, DOG KENNEL HILL
LONDON, SE22 8AA



Southwark Council
DKHAP
GIPSY HILL
PARTIZAN
OKAN lightbox

Nature Explorers for Families

At the Centre for Wildlife Gardening
28 Marsden Road SE15 4EE

After school on Mondays
From 19th September until 14th November 3.45 till 5pm
Aimed at families with primary school age children but younger ones can accompany you. Mums and Dads who are Southwark residents only. Free and fun! Come for a taster on 19th September!



Discover the wildlife on your doorstep with games, minibeast hunting, pond dipping, crafts, planting and more in our garden nature reserve.



Funded by



To find out more and for booking visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or contact Diana dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk



Free Family music sessions funded by Southwark Music Services

Margaret's Music is offering **FREE** family music sessions for babies and toddlers with their parents and carers every Tuesday as follows:

Buchan Hall, Nunhead
Tuesdays 10.30 - 11.30

Sept 13th

Sept 20th

Sept 27th

Oct 4th

Oct 11th

Oct 18th

HALF TERM

Nov 1st

Nov 8th

Nov 15th

Nov 22nd

Nov 29th

Dec 6th



The sessions are for families who will especially benefit from a regular, weekly session. We would love to encourage families who can commit to come very week (term time only) until July.

The sessions will particularly benefit are those with English as a second language, big families, families of children with SEND, families on low income, home educators, vulnerable families, families new to the area and all those who may not normally know about these music sessions or think the sessions are not for them!

Families are invited to contact Margaret Omoniyi via email me, text or telephone if they would like to find out more.

Mobile: 07588 845042

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