



Thought of the Week

The sun will rise and set regardless. What you do with its light is up to you. Alex Elle

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week pupils have been focusing on our school value of creativity – and what a creative week it has been! Roald Dahl Day allowed children to escape into the many creative tales told by Roald Dahl.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome **Christina from Edible Rotherhithe**. Edible Rotherhithe is a community food growing, gardening and arts charity based in Southwark, London. They work between schools, educational facilities and community centres, to offer food growing, gardening and arts & crafts workshops for children and parents. This half term Christina will be working with **Beech Class** to prepare, plant and eventually harvest fruits and vegetables from the DKH allotment. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate but children still had a wonderful time! They loved wearing their new aprons and using their new notebooks and art supplies.



Please remember that the **school will be closed on Monday the 19th of September** following the government's announcement that the day will be a Bank Holiday for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

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



School Food Matters!

At Dog Kennel Hill, we care about students' health and their future. As you may recall from the email sent at the end of the summer term, we are introducing a new project, **Healthy Zones**, delivered by School Food Matters. This project aims to work on embedding and improving our school food policy and the food provision at afterschool club. School Food Matters are a charity that exists to teach children about food and to improve children's access to healthy and sustainable food during their time at school.

School Food Matters and DKH believe this work is crucial as all children, no matter where they live, should have the opportunity to be healthy especially as families are up against a flood of unhealthy food advertisements.

We want to make sure that the healthy changes we're making to our school food policy and clubs are ones that will work for you and your children. The project will actively involve students from the beginning with anonymous surveys, evaluation stations and menu development sessions in afterschool club as well as student workshops. It's also important to us that we have engagement from you as a parent or carer.

We want to hear your thoughts. Please click on the short google form below and let us know what you think about our food provision.

<https://forms.gle/FZMZuVNe3kFRdeeB8>

You can learn more about School Food Matters, [HERE](#).



Teacher and Parent Sessions

Our Teacher and Parent sessions took place this week and it was wonderful to welcome back parents and carers. If you were not able to attend the session, you can find the presentation which were shared on our website, [HERE](#).



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
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	80.66%	Eucalyptus	91.38%
Willow	95.63%	Sycamore	96.13%
Elder	95.29%	Hazel	96.35%
Palm	91.9%	Elm	98.08%
Beech	90.48%	Maple	93.78%

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	Lianne , for her fantastic, creative musical skills. Toheer , for being a super fire fighter and putting out 'fires' in our EYFS
Reception	Blu , for showcasing his fantastic imagination in his construction. Claude , for his mature attitude in starting school!
Willow	Raya , for creating a beautiful self-portrait. Richlove , for her beautiful writing and her resilience.
Elder	Amira for planning and writing her own version of the 'Lost and Found' story with a creative twist. Kamron for always wanting to make contributions in lessons and showing this by putting his hand up.
Palm	Mohamed for fantastic listening skills this week. Fahiz for showing great courage when he lost his tooth!
Beech	Geoffrey , for resilience in all areas of learning. James , for his great focus on writing with Ms. Brown and always trying his best to succeed.
Eucalyptus	Emmie , for coming up with many creative odd one out sentences in Maths. Kai , for his ambition in doing his best including taking some science work home.
Sycamore	Sahalia , for being a super star in all subjects. Illy , for her marvellous dedication to the presentation of her work.
Hazel	Mia , for her amazing descriptive writing of a setting for the story of Beowulf. Caroline , for her constant ambitious attitude towards her learning.
Maple	Jacob , for always dealing positively with challenges and change. Seraiah , for using addition strategies to solve addition calculations.
Elm	Melody , for working hard to increase her knowledge in order to achieve her huge potential. Jeremiah , for showing determination in his learning, in and outside of school.

Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 4

Did you know that there are opals on Mars?

Did you know did you know that opals are formed by rainwater but are solid?

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

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



Greetings from our new SENDCo!

My name is **Victoria O'Reilly** and I am delighted to have just joined Dog Kennel Hill as the new SENDCo. I am responsible for assisting class teachers to identify those children who may need extra support. My role involves working with children, teachers, parents, and outside agencies such as the school nurse and speech therapists. I am also working with teachers to analyse progress and data. In this way it is hoped that all children at our school will meet their potential, if not exceed it. Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome, I am often on the main gate so please come and speak to me if I have not met you already.



We love LEARNING

The school value of **creativity** was clearly evident in **Year 6**. In music, pupils worked in groups to plan and perform a piece of music for Queen Elizabeth's last journey, from Buckingham palace to Westminster Hall.



Year 6 have also been enjoying basketball during their PE lessons and from the smiles below, you can see it has been a good start to the year!





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





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    OKAN lightbox

Nature Explorers for Families

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

After school on Mondays
From 26th 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 26th September!



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



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