



## Thought of the Week

*History has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own.*  
– Michelle Obama

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday was the **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** and our assembly focused on poverty and reflecting on what is really valuable to us. I was so pleased to have pupils tell me, later in the week, that they had made an effort to eat all of their lunch and not waste any!

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed participating in an **African mask making** and **Dance workshop** funded by The Friends of DKH, while years 3 to 6 took part in a **Black History Month music workshop** with Ms Omoniyi where they focused on the theme 'The Blues'. Children enjoyed writing songs in year groups and then performing them together at the end of the day. Have a look at our gallery, [here](#), to see more.

On Wednesday the whole school took part in a special **art day** exploring the work of artists including Alma Thomas, Jean-Michel Basquiat and Frank Bowling and we look forward to sharing the children's fantastic work with you soon.

At DKH we want to ensure children's health is prioritised and they have access and exposure to healthy and sustainable food whilst at school. Therefore, we are working on the Healthy Zones project delivered by a charity called **School Food Matters**. We will partly be working with them to embed the values and ethos of our new and improved school food policy which can now be found on the website [here](#). This policy is important as we know good food improves mood, concentration and energy levels throughout the school day.

Our improved policy highlights how areas such as balanced packed lunches, fruity dessert days and plant-based days at lunchtime can not only promote healthier relationships with food but can importantly increase the health and wellbeing of all students, no matter where they live.

The other part of working with School Food Matters on the Healthy Zones project is to transform our after-school club menu and to get the children who attend involved as much as possible in its development. After half term, the children will have an opportunity to give their views on the foods they would like to eat at their club as well as their favourite vegetables and fruits. This is so their favourite healthy foods are incorporated at the club and the staff have confidence that the children will enjoy the food and will eat it. The subsequent sessions at the club will involve the students and staff in preparing healthy meals to ensure children are having a nutritious and tasty snack before going home.

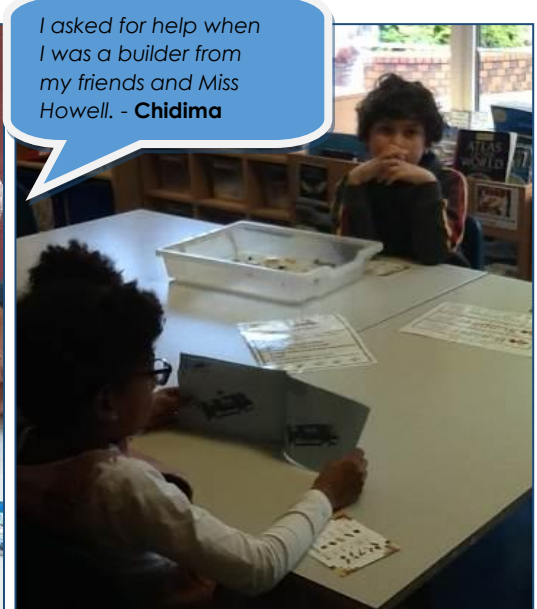
Finally, our allotment continues to grow and **Edible Rotherhithe** and pupils in **Beech Class** had a great time talking about healthy eating and making their own salads with wonderful fresh produce. They were even able to take a bag of deliciously fresh ingredients home. You can see more [here](#). Next half term, pupils in Palm Class will have the opportunity to work with Edible Rotherhithe.

Wishing our school community a safe and pleasant half term.

Barbara Ghezzi

## Lego Club

Children in Lego Club have been working hard over the last couple of months building an ice cream truck. During this time, they have built friendships, worked as a team, and took turn to carry out each job role.





## Dates for the Diary



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
11.11.22	School Disco
14.11.22	Anti-Bullying Week begins – Odd Sock Day
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)
23.11.22	Yoga and Mindfulness Workshop (Beech, Willow, Eucalyptus, Reception, Sycamore, Hazel)
23.11.22	Nursery and sibling photographs
24.11.22	Reception to Year 6 photographs
28.11.22	Copoiera and Mindfulness Workshop (Maple, Palm, Elder, Nursery, Beech, Elm)
05.12.22	EYFS Performance
06.12.22	Year 3 and 4 Performance
07.12.22	Year 5 and 6 Performance
08.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner
09.12.22	Year 1 and 2 Performance

## Attendance

Caterpillar	87.3%	Eucalyptus	98.47%
Willow	89.64%	Sycamore	90.56%
Elder	95.02%	Hazel	99.54%
Palm	98.89%	Elm	98.72%
Beech	95.47%	Maple	91.16%

## 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>Crystelle</b> , for always striving to do her best <b>Majorie</b> , for making a fantastic start to nursery
Reception	<b>Kiyah</b> , for always trying her best and sharing her amazing ideas! <b>Jedell</b> , for working really hard on his listening skills and for his contributions to our class discussions.
Willow	<b>Eliza</b> , for showing real ambition in her phonics. <b>Mzee</b> , for trying his best to consistently follow instructions and focus during learning time.
Elder	<b>Aarliya</b> for making a huge effort to improve her work, her focus and her behaviour for learning. <b>Mariatu</b> for using ambitious punctuation in her writing.
Palm	<b>Uwaila</b> for her great ambition to be a fantastic singer at the show 'Fire.' <b>Jordan</b> , for great creativity when painting his 'healthy eating plate'.
Beech	<b>Rebecca</b> for her ambition in setting high standards in her reading. <b>Lenny</b> for his ambition which has led to amazing progress in Maths!
Eucalyptus	<b>Amina</b> , for her fantastic contributions to class discussions on multiplication. <b>Enzo</b> , for using a wide range of sentence styles in his writing. Very ambitious!
Sycamore	<b>Ella</b> , for working independently to produce inspiring and ambitious artwork. <b>Sikemi</b> , for the exceptional presentation of all her work.
Hazel	<b>Jackie</b> , for his ambitious attitude in his maths and English <b>Aaron T</b> , for his amazing homemade model of a Viking long ship.
Maple	<b>Hannah</b> , for always having high expectations of herself and others. <b>Joshua</b> , for being able to form expressions and simplify algebraic equations in maths this week.
Elm	<b>Mussa</b> , for his creativity and flare during the BHM music workshop. <b>Isis</b> , for consistent respect shown towards everyone and incredible focus during learning.

## Save Your Acorns!

Rob Gardner will be hosting an interactive zoom webinar, for children under 7 regarding his book: *Save your Acorns*. The interactive zoom webinar teaches children all about pocket money – investing and saving! Please do join on **Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> from 16:30 – 17:00**, with your children.

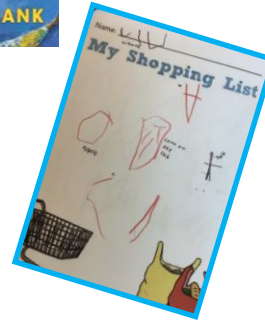
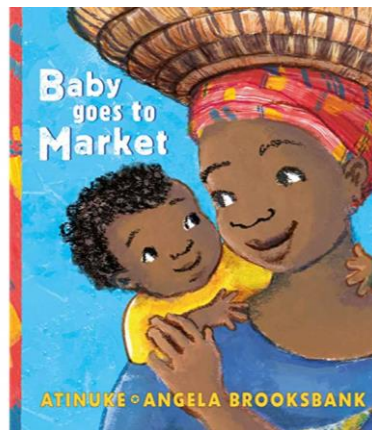
Please see the link below register and reserve your place. At registration you will be asked to note down SJP Partner/Practice Name, for this you can just add 'N/A'.

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



## We love LEARNING

Nursery have been reading *Baby goes to Market!* We loved learning about all the different foods baby loves to eat and counting all the foods! As part of our learning, we made shopping lists of our favourite foods, we made a delicious fruit salad and we made our very own shop role play outside where we enjoyed choosing food for our baskets and playing shopkeeper and writing prices.



### Charles's Friday Facts

By Charles, Year 4

**Did you know** that the bite of a Tyrannosaurus' was the strongest bite? It was 15 times stronger than the bite of an African lion!

**Did you know** that a Tyrannosaurus' skull measured 1.5 metres long?

You can learn more about the Tyrannosaurus [here](#).

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



## LET'S ROCKET THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

Join us in bringing November in with a bang!! Let's Rocket is a cracker of a meal celebrating Bonfire Night and Diwali - The Festival of Light.

### MENU

Sausages and Mash  
*(plant based option available)*  
Baked Beans, Peas and Carrots  
Sticky Toffee and Banana Pudding

or

Ginger and Orange Cake

*(If your child does not normally have a school lunch and would like to join in with this cracker of a meal, please let the school office know.)*







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these times or on other days

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