



Thought of the Week

Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out. – Robert Collier

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see our pupils and families after the half term break. Children have settled back into their learning and into what promises to be a busy and exciting half term. Year groups are beginning to plan their Christmas performances and we can't wait to share them with you!

The new half term welcomed another visit from the amazing team at Edible Rotherhithe who joined our avid, green fingered gardeners in **Palm Class** at the school allotment to tend to our crops. You can see more [HERE!](#)

Eucalyptus Class enjoyed their first session with Platform Cricket, a charity which works with young people to generate brand new cohorts of enthusiastic young cricketers! Players will have an opportunity to participate in Platform Cricket's **free** community hub sessions in the Summer at Ruskin Park!

Hazel Class and **Sycamore Class** had the first of three Money Matters workshops. These workshops, presented by My Bnk, delivered an innovative, high-impact and high-energy financial education programme which helps to build young people's money knowledge, skills, mindsets and habits. You can see more [HERE!](#)

Wishing our school community restful weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

We Maths

DKH is excited about celebrating Maths Week. This will take place the week commencing the 14th November. Pupils will be taking part in fun maths competitions, exploring maths through art as well as testing their problem solving skills. **On Friday the 18th of November, we are inviting pupils to come to school dressed as their TTRS Avatar, Learning with Parents Mathscot or their favourite number!**

You can celebrate at home by playing [Learning with Parents](#) (Reception to Year 2) and [Times Table Rockstar](#) (Years 3 to Years 6).



The Maths Week website also has great activities including puzzles, videos and interviews with mathematicians. You can see more [HERE](#).



Operation Christmas Child

This year Dog Kennel Hill will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a way to bring joy to a young boy or girl who may not receive a Christmas present this year.

Families who would like to take part are asked to wrap a shoebox in festive paper, place a sticker on the box indicating if the box is for a boy or girl and the age range. Then the fun part: to fill the box with small gifts which will bring joy to a child. Pupils at DKH will be provided with a **How to Pack a Shoebox leaflet** which will fully explain the project and include the sticker for the front of the shoebox.

If you would like to take part, wrapped and filled shoeboxes need to be returned to DKH by the 11th of November. They will then go to a collection point for worldwide distribution. Operation Christmas Child has pledged to send two-thirds of the donations it receives from the UK to Ukraine or neighbouring countries like Moldova or Romania who that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families.

DKH has set themselves a target of collecting 20 boxes full of gifts, but if we can get even more, then that would be amazing! If you would like to get involved, please read the leaflet sent home and give your shoebox to your class teacher by **Friday 11th November**. If you would prefer to make a donation instead these will be gratefully received.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from 14 to 18 November 2022 and this year's theme is **Reach Out**. The week will kick off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November**, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We look forward to seeing everyone in their odd socks!





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Dates for the Diary



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
09.12.22	Christmas Fair
13.12.22	Year 1 and 2 multiskills workshop
14.12.22	Interactive Christmas performances

Attendance

Caterpillar	97%	Eucalyptus	95%
Willow	96%	Sycamore	97%
Elder	91%	Hazel	97%
Palm	99%	Elm	97%
Beech	97%	Maple	91%

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	Ellie , for working hard to make her beautiful diya as part of our Diwali celebrations. Andrew , for his fantastic talking!
Reception	Aminah , for her creative 'room on the broom' broom design. Nahla , for being a kind friend!
Willow	Lia , for her creativity and her beautiful drawings. Bene , for his ambition with his writing, using his imagination and using exciting vocabulary!
Elder	Ioan , for fantastic English work sorting sentences according whether they were from a recount of from a factual/information text Kamron , for fantastic behaviour for learning in every lesson
Palm	Muhyideen , for a fantastic Christmas card, sowing great pencil control and artistic blending. Jazmine , for great empathy towards supporting classmates with their learning.
Beech	Haja , for creating a detailed tiger sketch this week. Samad , for his creative thinking in all subjects.
Eucalyptus	Tamara , for her wonderful maths puzzle. Owen S , for his wonderful creativity for his Christmas card design.
Sycamore	Xavier for his creativity in finding new ways to stay focused within class. Brilliant. Maleek , for trying extremely hard to concentrate and complete all his work. Fabulous job.
Hazel	Qing , for developing very creative inferences in her shared reading! Asya , for always showing a ready to learn attitude!
Maple	Nuran , for always maximising her talents to fulfil her potential especially in Art and Music. Mahamed , for identifying and working out equivalent fractions by simplifying.
Elm	Angel , for her focus and determination in maths when simplifying fractions. Mariane , for a fabulous and very artistic Christmas card design.

Charles's Friday Facts

Did you know that a whale shark's skin is 10cm thick?

Did you know that the word nautilus* comes from the ancient Greek word sailor**?

*a sea creature

**a person who operates a boat

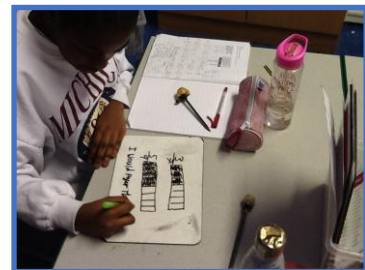
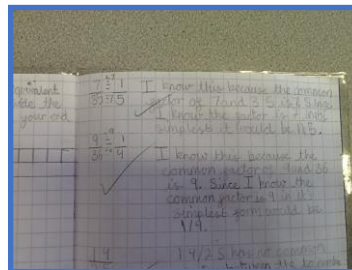
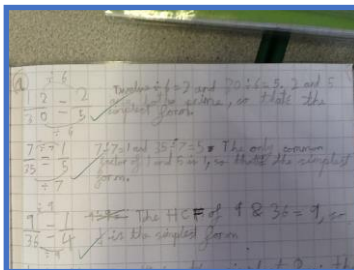
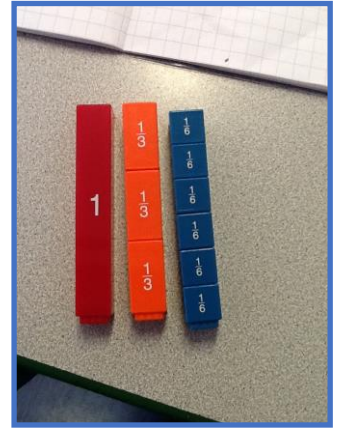
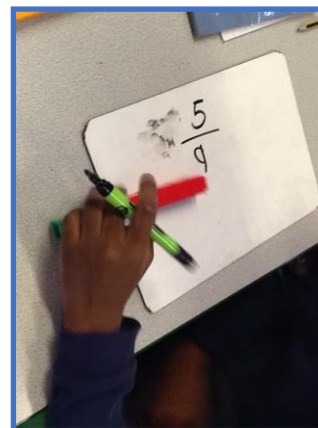
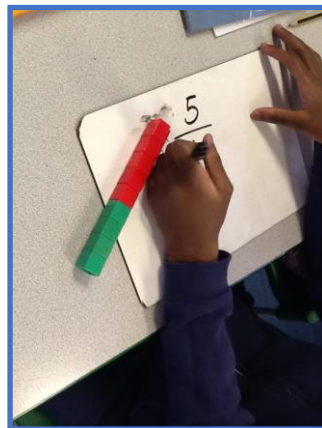
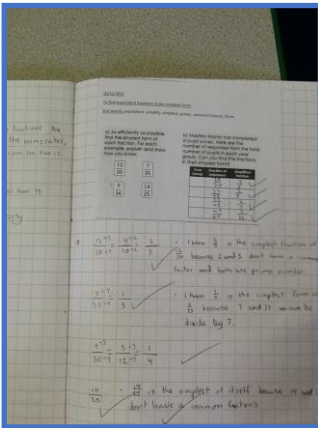
By Charles, Year 4



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

In Year 6 we have been working on fractions. We have been using manipulatives (linking cubes and fraction tiles) to represent and find equivalent fractions. We've also been simplifying fractions and our knowledge of our times tables has been really useful for this. We have focused on using accurate vocabulary to explain our reasoning and some of the words we've used are: equivalent, numerator, denominator and common factors. Take a look at some of our maths in action!



We have also been learning how to write a biography and have been writing a biography on Harriet Tubman, as part of our focus for Black History Month.

Year 6 has been working very hard to retell the story of Sleeping Beauty, which is an introduction to our new text, *The Wedding Ghost*.



