



Thought of the Week

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.
— Oprah Winfrey

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wintery and busy last week of term at DKH. Children were delighted by the snow on Monday and there were many **smiles and snowballs** at playtime!

Children from **Early Years to Year 6** were also able to enjoy and take part in an interactive Christmas performance. Our **Early Years and KS1** pupils participated in a retelling of *The Gingerbread Man*. Please click on the link [here](#) to see what they got up to!

Pupils in **Year 3 to 6** took part in a retelling of Charles Dickens Christmas Classic, *A Christmas Carol*. You can see **Years 3 and 4** [here](#) and **Years 5 and 6** [here](#).

A huge **thank you** to the **Friends of DKH** for sponsoring this brilliant event. It was a huge success and enjoyed by all!

This year we are inviting children to take part in our **Winter Reading Challenge**. On Friday a challenge card will be sent home with pupils. Children are encouraged to complete each challenge and return the card on the first day of the Spring Term. All completed cards will be entered into a prize draw. You can also find a copy of the challenge card on the last page of this newsletter.

In other news, we have been informed that the **academy order** for DKH and RPS to convert to academy status and join the **NEXUS Trust** has been **approved**. There are still some processes and official paperwork to be completed but the projected target date for conversion is the 1st of April 2023. We will continue to keep parents updated on these exciting plans.

Finally, we were immensely proud of the **choir** who performed at the Salvation Army Pantomime, *Aladdin a Manger*. The choir was so confident and musical and gave the audience a fun, inspired and reflective performance, enhanced by **Jake, Enzo and Owen** who made a debut public performance as a band! Thank you to the **Salvation Army** who were so welcoming.

Wishing our school community safe and peaceful break and a very happy Christmas to those who will be celebrating. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

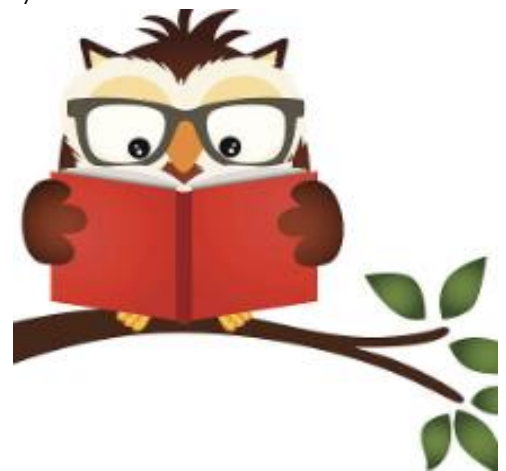
Barbara Ghezzi

Reading Cafe

We are excited to inform you that our Reading Café will be starting again in EYFS.

The Reading Café is an opportunity for you to support your child's reading development, learn new strategies to help them when reading and more importantly enjoy some quality time with your child over a book without the normal hustle and bustle of home life. The sessions will be every week on a Tuesday morning from 8:45 – 9am. You are invited to come along to the session with your child and share a book.

This first session will take place on **Tuesday the 10th of January**. Parents and carers are to use the EYFS gate when attending the sessions and come directly to EYFS. We can't wait to read with you!



It's time to apply for Primary School!

Is your child due to start Primary School next year? Do you have family or friends with a primary school age child? **All children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 can apply for a place in reception for the school year beginning September 2023.**

Application's for Primary school to start next year need to be completed by 15th January 2023.

You can do this by logging on to <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>.

It's also a good idea to visit a few of your selected schools with your child to help you to choose which will be your top three! (with a maximum of six choices). Please always phone the school and ask for an appointment to view their school before arriving or check their website for information on open days.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions>



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Dates for the Diary



16.12.22	Last day of term. 2pm finish
02.01.23	Bank Holiday
03.01.23	Inset Day – No children
04.01.23	Children return to school for Spring Term
09.01.23	Years 3 and 4 visit to Horniman Museum
17.01.23	Road Safety Training Years 3 and 4
18.01.23	Road Safety Training Years 3 and 4
25.01.23	Maple Class Assembly
26.01.23	Elm Class Assembly
27.01.23	School Council Visit to Houses of Parliament
06.02.23	Design Technology Week Begins
13.02.23 – 17.02.23	Half Term
20.02.23	Children return to school
22.02.23	Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme
23.02.23	Percussion Festival
01.03.23	Palm Class Assembly
02.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Assembly
08.03.23	Beech Class Assembly
15.03.23	Elder Class Assembly
16.03.23	Willow Class Assembly
29.03.23	EYFS Assembly

Attendance

Caterpillar	59.79%	Eucalyptus	84.81%
Willow	77.78%	Sycamore	81.11%
Elder	69.67%	Hazel	77.6%
Palm	82.77%	Elm	59.62%
Beech	81.89%	Maple	84.06%

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	Crystelle , for her incredible enthusiasm for learning. Malorie , for her infectious joy and encouragement of others to work together to build a snowman on our snow day.
Reception	Jaheim B , for his continued enthusiasm for phonics! Jedell , for being thoughtful and kind friend.
Willow	Misola , for her beautiful drawings and festive creations . Eliz , for always going above and beyond with her homework tasks - creating rockets and colourful planets.
Elder	Damiah , for an amazing story based on <i>Katie in London</i> . I can tell you have been writing at home, Keep it up! Hannah , for making a huge effort to improve her writing and spelling recently.
Palm	Wilton , for showing great creative thinking skills when faced with different tasks. Daisy , for showing a strong sense of respect to her teachers and class friends.
Beech	Samad , for fabulous science ideas. Lenny , for showing resilience and independence in Design Technology project.
Eucalyptus	Kojo and Anas , for speaking up and speaking out when they have seen others not following our school values.
Sycamore	Joppa , for her brilliant popup art work of Jim Jarvis from street child. Ameen , for trying extremely hard to overcome distractions within the classroom.
Hazel	Chidima , for writing a very creative letter as a workhouse boy in the Victorian times! Lansana , for his creative and colourful poster on Christmas traditions around the world!
Maple	Anya , for good work on finding similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam. Fatima , for always maximising her talents to fulfil her potential especially during our mini art projects.
Elm	Melody and Nya-Mai -both for always being polite and considerate of others.



We love LEARNING

As you can see,
Willow Class had a
great time enjoying
the snow!



Year 1 and Year 2 took part in a
multiskills workshop with the PE
Network!



Year 6 and Year 4 worked together to use
Time Table Rockstars!



SEN Parent Workshop

Wednesday 8th February, 8:45am-9:15am Cherry Class

Please join our **SEND**CO, **Miss O'Reilly**, for an SEN parent workshop. We will be discussing the following:

- Identifying children with additional needs
- Support for children in the school
- External agencies that can support children
- Where to find support as parents/guardians

Please email vo'reilly@dkh.southwark.sch.uk if you would like to attend.



News from the School Council

Our school council had the opportunity to meet with **Miss Lewis**, our PSHE Lead, this week and discuss Jigsaw, the PSHE curriculum. Miss Lewis had a very interesting discussion with the school council and it was great to hear their views! They were able to provide useful feedback which will allow us to continue to improve the PSHE curriculum.

Here is what they told us:

"In Jigsaw we talk about relationships, families and our feelings".

"I like it when we use our chime. We close our eyes and imagine a calm place."

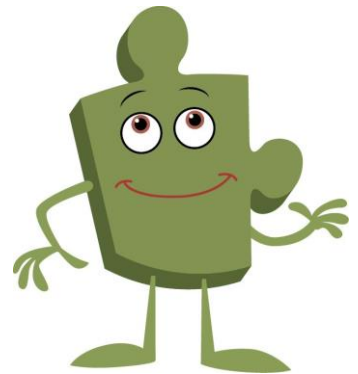
"Jigsaw will help us in the future to prepare us for secondary school".

Without Jigsaw school would be ...

"Chaotic"

"It would feel like a cage where there wasn't space to share".

"Jigsaw helps us to express our feeling and calm down".



Safety First

Please remember that the car park gate is not to be used for pedestrian access. Using this gate for pedestrian access puts both pedestrians and drivers at risk.

Please support us in keeping everyone as safe as possible. If you need to access breakfast club, use the buzzer and please wait for the pedestrian gate to be released. Using this gate is the safest way to enter the school.





Snowy Joy & The Griots

A Contemporary CULTURAL, FESTIVE Storytelling Experience for ages 6+

Margaret's MUSIC

SNOWY JOY & THE GRIOTS

This is no Ordinary Show! Oozing from the leaves of realistic, fantasy – **SNOWY JOY** (2019) written by Sade Fadipe and adapted for drama and musicality by **Margaret Omoniyi** is a truly cultural, festive, Storytelling experience for families.

Date: 17th Dec 2022 Time: 3-5pm
Adult only £5.00 / Child's Ticket £2.50
Family Ticket (1 Adult & up to 3 Children) £10
[Click here for more information and tickets.](#)

EPEC Being a Parent Together

KEEPING Families STRONG

This 10 week online course helps co-parents learn practical skills for everyday life.
For co-parents with children aged 2-11 years.

Wednesday mornings, 10am to 12pm

Starting Wednesday 11th January 2023 for 10 weeks (excluding February half term)

Dads and Mums want the best for their children, and sometimes it can be hard to agree about how to parent our children. This course, delivered by parents who have already benefited from this learning with their own children and families, will help you be the best for your children, whether you are living together or apart. Both parents need to attend and the group will help you to work together for your children. This course includes:

- Looking after yourselves as parents
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience
- Work together as a team to support your children

For more information, please contact **Claire Gager** at Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team;

07547 659 646 Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk

"It's been such a beneficial course for both of us, not just as parents but as



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DKH Winter Reading Challenge



Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Read while listening to music.	Read with your scarf on.	Read to a friend or family member on the phone.
Read the instructions to your favourite game and then play the game.	Read a book about winter.	Read in your cosiest pyjamas.
Read a non-fiction book.	Read while snuggled up in your favourite blanket.	Read with your favourite soft toy.
Read to someone older than you.	Read a book and pretend you are in a snowstorm.	Read a book while sipping a warm drink.

WRITING EXTENSION: Keep a journal about each activity that you do and include the book title and details about your experience.

Tick off each activity you complete and write the title of the book you read in the box. Bring your completed challenge card to school on 4 January 2023. All completed cards will be entered into a prize draw!

