



Thought of the Week

Light tomorrow with today. —Elizabeth Barrett Browning

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week with children rehearsing for their **Christmas performances**. Entrance to the performance is free but we will be accepting donations at the door. All generous donations will go towards providing additional, enriching opportunities for our pupils at DKH.

It's that time of year when there are more **coughs and colds** around. The NHS guidance states that it is fine to send your child to school with a [minor cough](#) or [common cold](#). However, if your child has a fever, the advice is to keep them off school until the fever goes. Please encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

The [Southwark Food Action Alliance](#) is a resource for anyone who cannot afford to buy food or cannot access food by applying to crisis support, find ways to increase their money or use the local food banks, community pantries or low-cost food options. **If you are unable to afford enough food, there is support available in Southwark.** Free and confidential advice and support is available, including for those who are refugees, asylum seekers or have NRPF. There is also help to make sure that you're getting all the money that you are entitled to as well as vouchers to help pregnant women and parents of young children to afford healthy food. You can contact the alliance by completing the [Southwark Community Support online referral](#) or by emailing communitysupportalliance@southwark.gov.uk or by Telephoning them on 020 7525 5000 and choosing option 3.

If you need help in accessing this support, please speak with the school office.

Wishing our school community a restful weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Young Apprentice Scheme

We are delighted to announce the start of our Young Apprentice Scheme. Children in Years 2 to 6 will have the chance to apply for roles across the school, from play leader and office assistant to reading buddy. Children who are would like to apply have been asked to express their interest and then complete an application form. Interviews will take place soon and successful children will be appointed to their new roles.

These roles will provide the successful pupils with the opportunity to develop leadership skills such as organisation, communication, cooperation and a sense of responsibility.

Calling all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Winter Winners Competition!

Have you logged into your **Learning with Parents** account?

Please speak with your class teacher if you need support.

What do you need to do?
Complete at least **one activity** for **every topic** set for you on Learning with Parents this term.

When do you need to complete them by?
Friday 6th January

What do you win?
A certificate and a virtual trophy!



Join in the FUN!



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Staying Safe On-Line

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In the **guide on page 5**, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.



A message from Safety Routes to School (SRS)

Parent cyclists are advised that parents' cycles have been **stolen** inside the gates of at least 4 local primary schools during recent weeks.

The thieves enter the school gates, blend in with the crowd and walk out with parents' bikes which have been left unlocked within school grounds as children are being dropped-off or collected. **Please ensure that all bikes are securely locked.**



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Dates for the Diary



05.12.22	EYFS Performance
06.12.22	Year 3 and 4 Performance
06.12.22	Reception and Year 6 height and weight check
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
14.12.22	Class Parties
16.12.22	Last day of term. 2pm finish
02.01.23	Bank Holiday
03.01.23	Inset Day
04.01.23	Children return to school for Spring Term
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
13.02.23 – 17.02.23	Half Term
20.02.23	Children return to school
22.02.23	Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme

Attendance

Caterpillar	92.59%	Eucalyptus	95.42%
Willow	93.78%	Sycamore	96.67%
Elder	95.56%	Hazel	98.15%
Palm	94.07%	Elm	93.16%
Beech	97.69%	Maple	95.65%

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 the care and respect she shows our environment and her peers. Ashley , for her excellent singing in our rehearsals for the Christmas show.
Reception	Callum , for always showing respect to others and for always being a kind and caring member of our class. Kiyah , for her fantastic effort and progress in phonics!
Willow	Erdi , for always being respectful of his teachers, peers and the learning environment. Khadija , for working hard towards her learning goals.
Elder	Kwaku , for being respectful of our school equipment and always taking care to tidy things away properly. Scarlett , for leading the singing in our Christmas play rehearsals
Palm	Dylan , for working hard to always try his best in class and in the playground. Elizabeth , for showing great respect in class by raising her hand to join in with class conversation and waiting patiently to answer.
Beech	Jayden , for being respectful to all members of the Beech Team! Elijah , for showing such a positive attitude during Christmas performance rehearsals
Eucalyptus	Owen S , for being a superstar in class discussions including respectfully listening to others. Alhaji , for his focus in his writing lessons.
Sycamore	Illy , for her wonderful calm and respectful manner of accepting the opinions of her peers. Ella , for demonstrating strength in tough situations, with a calm and positive manner.
Hazel	Malachi and George for consistently upholding the school value of respect, in and out of class!
Maple	Aarush , for describing and plotting co-ordinates in the 4 quadrants accurately. Leila , for always showing respect by valuing and appreciating others
Elm	Olivia , for always being respectful and focused during learning and staying on task. Oliva M , for being respectful and taking on board advice given to improve her learning.

Charles's Christmas Facts

Did you know that candy canes were invented to keep choir boys quiet?
Did you know that *Jingle Bells* was the first song played in space?

You can learn more about the history of candy canes [here](#).

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

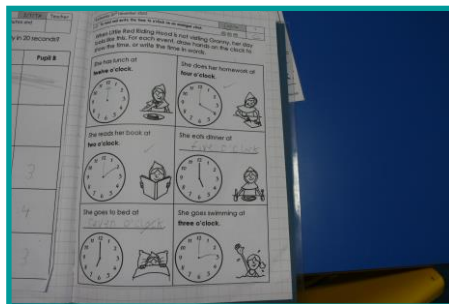
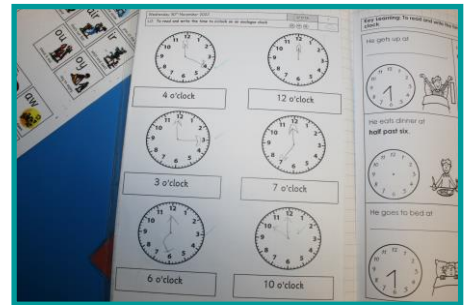
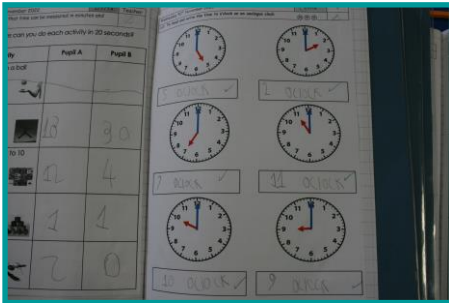
By Charles, Year 4





We love LEARNING

Year 1, Willow Class, have been learning all about time in their maths lessons this week. They have been using the words *o'clock* and *half past* to read the time. They have also learned about the minute hand and the hour hand and you can see all of their great learning, below! Children in Willow Class have *Learning with Parents* accounts. All parents in the class were sent a link to access the account which allows children to play fun games to support their learning at school. If you and your child have not yet logged on, don't delay! There is lots of fun and learning to be had!



FRI
9
DEC

3.15-5.30PM



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CAN YOU OR THE COMPANY YOU WORK FOR DONATE A PRIZE
OR VOUCHER FOR OUR RAFFLE?

PLUS WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF TEDDYS (WASHED),
TOYS, GAMES, GIFT SETS! PLEASE BRING TO THE PLAYGROUND
OR OFFICE BETWEEN 28 NOV TO 5 DEC
AND YOUR FESTIVE BAKES ON FRI 9 DEC!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

EMAIL FRIENDS@DKH.SOUTHWARK.SCH.UK

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

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IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are falling to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Butterfly Tennis Club Community Tennis Program

Dog Kennel Hill has been working with Butterfly Tennis Club for the last few years. It has been a great way to introduce pupils to tennis. **If your child qualifies for free school meals or pupil premium, the BTC Bursary Fund will pay for their fees and there will be no additional cost.** The school office can confirm if your child qualifies for free school meals or pupil premium.

The Butterfly Tennis Club (BTC), located in Camberwell is running a community tennis program for children from the age of five.

Term Time

We run class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:30-5:30pm. We can take up to 6 players in each group. **Pupils who are eligible will have the fees paid by the BTC Bursary Fund and will not have to pay for the sessions at the club.**

Price: The price of a one hour lesson is £7.50 per child, however payment is made for the full term which is generally between 12-14 weeks.

Holiday Camps

Holiday camps take place from 8:30-10:30am (Group 1: 5-9 years) and 10:30-12:30pm (Group 2: 10+)

Price:

The price for a holiday camp week will be £75 for a full week per child per session, or £15 per day per child per session.

Bursary :

The Bursary Fund at BTC will pay the full cost of the lessons for any eligible child. All children who are recipients of Free School Meals or Pupil Premium and/or whose parents receive any form of Universal Credit can have the lessons paid for by the Bursary Fund. Proof of eligibility will be required.

Contact:

To book your space or request a full list of available sessions, please contact:
Arum Akom - BTC Head Coach, 07950 405587, projectaa2021@outlook.com

Groups:

Red group 5 – 8 years

Orange group 8 – 9 years

Green group 10 – 11 years

Yellow group 11+



Join us for a Festive Feast!

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 our special Festive Feast on **Thursday the 8th of December 2022.**

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 sharing in the Festive Feast! We need to know so we can make sure there is enough festive food for everyone!



A FESTIVE FEAST

MAINS

**Traditional Roast Turkey
with Sausage, Stuffing, Roast
Potatoes, Carrots, Peas &
Gravy**

or

**Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry
Slice with Roast Potatoes,
Carrots, Peas & Gravy**

DESSERTS

Festive Cookie & Ice cream

Fresh Fruit Platter and Fruit Yoghurt

Festive Fresh Fruit Bowl

**Additionally Available - Five Choice Salad Bar,
Freshly Baked Bread, Drinking Water**