



## Thought of the Week

*Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. —Albert Einstein*

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's whole school assembly focused on **World Religion Day** which was intended to be a celebration of the common beliefs that religions share. We discussed the themes of various religions and pupils were able to identify that they shared a similar message: ***treat other the way you want to be treated***. This is the DKH Golden Rule and was a rule Dr Lettsom lived by too.

**Years 3 and 4** had a great visit to the Horniman Museum to support their History topic on Changes in Britain from the 'Stone Age to the Bronze Age.' You can see more [HERE](#). I would also like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to our parents and carers who support our school trips. Their help makes these trips possible! Year 3 and 4 have been immersed in the Stone Age and in art they created some wonderful paintings of a well-known monument. Have a look at their work [HERE](#). Can you guess which monument they depicted?

This week also saw the start of our 6 week **Yoga** programme led by our Yoga Instructor, Kellie Ansell. This unique and inclusive 6-week targeted programme is designed to support children of all ages to build their capacity for resilience. You can read more about the programme [HERE](#).

The **EYFS Reading Café** also started this week. EYFS parents are invited to take part on **Tuesdays from 8:45 to 9:00**. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some quality reading time with your child.



Wishing our school community a restful weekend.

**Barbara Ghezzi**

## Phonics News

Phonics teaches children the skill of decoding words by breaking them down into their individual sounds. This skill is essential for enabling children to read and spell both familiar and unfamiliar words.

We are very excited to share our new phonics area on the DKH website with you. You can find it [here](#).

### For parents and carers

There are video clips for you to watch that explain how we teach phonics, as well as how to say the sounds correctly and how to help your child when they read with you.

### For children

There are websites and other free resources to help children practise reading and spelling.

This area of the website will be regularly updated so check for other exciting news and resources.



## Food Glorious Food

At the end of this half term we will be celebrating the wonderful world of **Design and Technology** with a whole school **DT week**. Our focus will be Food and classes will be creating and making recipes (including smoothies and vegetable tarts). We will also have a **DKH Bake-Off**. Each class will create their own bread recipes. The class council will then judge the delicious creations and the winning class will receive a prize. So get creating and baking!





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## Dates for the Diary



17.01.23	Road Safety Training Years 3 and 4
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20.01.23	Year 1 Trip to Horniman Museum
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
10.03.23 – 17.03.23	British Science Week
15.03.23	Elder Class Assembly
16.03.23	Willow Class Assembly
29.03.23	EYFS Assembly
30.03.23	Parents Evening
31.03.23	Last day of the Spring Term – Finish at 2pm
03.04.23 – 14.04.23	End of term holidays

## Attendance

Caterpillar	94.71%	Eucalyptus	94.58%
Willow	93.59%	Sycamore	94.15%
Elder	93.33%	Hazel	92.89%
Palm	92.89%	Elm	90.11%
Beech	98.15%	Maple	94.69%

## 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>Rameira</b> , for her imaginative and creative play. <b>Amelia</b> , for being such a wonderful friend to children and adults alike.
Reception	<b>Tobias</b> , for his fantastic progress in phonics and his enthusiasm for writing! <b>Jaheim J.</b> , for being a caring, kind and responsible member of our class.
Willow	<b>Aro</b> , for his incredible determination in maths. <b>Ocean</b> , for using her own ideas in her writing and giving it a go independently.
Elder	<b>Charles</b> , for a wonderfully creative design for a clay tile <b>Urian</b> , for using ambitious vocabulary when asking questions about the great fire of London.
Palm	<b>Charles</b> , for producing a vibrant and detailed painting of Stone Henge. <b>Z'Niyah</b> , for her accurate representation of cave paintings using chalk and pastels.
Beech	<b>Haja</b> , for her great writing and for listening to feedback. <b>Zojen</b> , for her calm approach to learning.
Eucalyptus	<b>Jamal</b> , for his wonderful up-levelling of nouns and adjectives, and his use of similes. <b>Uthman</b> , for his great detecting skills on our Horniman Museum trip.
Sycamore	<b>Illy</b> , for her brilliant creative approach to working on challenging tasks. <b>Brooklyn</b> , for his wonderful focus and dedication to complete all his learning.
Hazel	<b>Lily</b> , for constructing very creative adverbial phrases in her writing! <b>Malachi</b> , for his creative topic page on forces!
Maple	<b>Ayyub</b> , for great focus and subsequent creativity and success during his ukulele lesson. <b>Shyeme</b> , for his rich knowledge of our WWII topic and great teamwork in PE.
Elm	<b>Joshua</b> , for being creative with his WW2 report writing this week. <b>Nuran</b> , for understanding and applying how to divide fractions by an integer.

## Charles's Friday Facts

**Did you know** that the ostrich egg is the largest egg in the world?  
**Did you know** that the hummingbird has the smallest egg in the world?

You can learn more about hummingbirds [HERE](#) and ostriches [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

Willow class have been exploring beach landscapes using mixed media. They first created their own horizon and shore lines, then moved to the art room to get creative by mixing paints. You can see their fantastic work, below!



We were so impressed with Richlove's writing that we could not help but share it. We think you will agree that it is **BRILLIANT!**

### How I Spent my Christmas holidays

We always celebrate Christmas with my Uncle, his wife and my cousin Ezra.

The next day of my school vacation my mum and I packed our luggage and wrapped our Christmas Presents for my Uncle, his wife Sweetie and my cousin Ezra.

On the 20th December my uncle and Ezra came to pick my mum and I to North Harn. I was so excited to see Ezra. We had a long cuddle, I showed him all my new story books and toys before we set off.

In the car we were singing Christmas songs together. We did not sleep early that day. We played a lot of different games on Ezra's desk top.

On the 24th we went to jump in Trampoline Park in Borehamwood. It was so much fun. I enjoyed all the activities there.

On the 25th we had breakfast together with so many different foods to make your choice. We went to church as a family. The Church Sunday School teachers gave me a Christmas Present and I was so happy. We took a family picture after church.

We came home to have our Christmas lunch and then we opened our presents. I got

### SEN Parent Workshop

**When? Wednesday 8th February, 8:45am-9:15am**

**Where? 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 need
- 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](mailto:vo'reilly@dkh.southwark.sch.uk) if you would like to attend.



### 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.



## FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

### CHILDREN'S WELLBEING PRACTITIONER SERVICE PRESENTS

Opening Conversations About  
Mental Health With Your Child:  
Emotional Wellbeing Workshop  
for Parents of 12-18 Year Olds

An Online Workshop On  
**Eventbrite**

**DATE: THURSDAY  
19TH JANUARY 2023  
TIME: 5-6PM**

"WHAT CAN I SAY TO  
MY TEENAGER TO  
HELP THEM?"

"MY TEENAGER  
SEEMS  
DEPRESSED,  
HOW DO I TALK  
TO HER ABOUT  
THIS?"

SCAN HERE



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and Maudsley  
NHS Foundation Trust

Do you want to understand more about your child's mental health but struggle to know where to start?

Join our culturally sensitive evening workshop that supports concerned parents with communication tools and clear pathways for seeking appropriate help.