



DKH Newsletter 6th January 2023



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,

Welcome back to the spring term and to our first newsletter of 2023! I hope that all of our pupils, families and staff had a peaceful and restful break. It has been lovely to see everyone back and I have been so pleased with how our children have settled back into their classroom routines and have focused on their learning.

We started the week with a whole school assembly looking at how New Year is celebrated across the world. We discussed how many people make resolutions this time of year and how a new year can be seen as a new start. Children shared their resolutions for the new year and discussed what they were going to focus on.

I am very excited to share with you that at the end of last year, Dog Kennel Hill joined the top 10% of London schools to achieve a **Gold STARS accreditation** for setting high standards to inspire others to transform travel habits by fully engaging the wider community to promote best practices, and to see a measurable reduction in the number of journeys made by car every day. STARS is TfL's accreditation scheme for London schools and nurseries. STARS inspires young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling. STARS supports pupils' wellbeing, helps to reduce congestion at the school gates and improve road safety and air quality. **We are so proud to be a GOLD STARS school!** We will be promoting active travel throughout the year and encourage our families to **walk, cycle, jog, scoot or even dance to school!**

Our **young apprentice scheme** is in full swing and training has started for some of our apprentices. Pupils are excited about their new roles and we know they will do a great job!

Wishing our school community a safe, healthy and peaceful 2023!

Barbara Ghezzi

Stay Active!

The PE and School Sports Network launched their own **YouTube channel** in 2020 as a way of helping pupils stay active in the classroom. Their channel now has over 200 active videos that encourage movement, physical activity and support learning. Click on the link below, choose a video and start moving!
[PE & School Sports Network - YouTube](#)



Can We Help?

Your child's school attendance is very important and we are here to help. If you need support to increase your child's attendance, please contact **Ms Shirley Nichols**, our attendance and safeguarding officer.

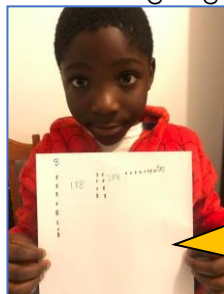
Days off school add up to lost learning			
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR			
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments			
0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96%	92%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	Persistent Absentee
Best chance of SUCCESS	Harder to make good progress	Less chance of success	CAUSE FOR CONCERN
			Serious concern Possible court action

Are you playing Learning with Parents?

Lots of our families are enjoying Learning with Parents! If your child is in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**, they can join in the fun too! If you have not signed into your account, speak with your class teacher who will send you a link. Signing in is easy and taking part is fun for the whole family!



Eliz loved the bunnies on her fingers helping her to count!



Eri was happy because he was able to think and play around the times table. The examples gave him a clue about how to solve the task given.





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Dates for the Diary



09.01.23	Years 3 and 4 visit to Horniman Museum
10.01.23	EYFS Reading Café starts
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
22.03.23	Parents' Evening
29.03.23	EYFS Assembly
30.03.23	Parents' Evening
31.03.23	Last day of term – early finish at 2pm

Attendance

Caterpillar	86.89%	Eucalyptus	94.65%
Willow	94.08%	Sycamore	92.79%
Elder	91.93%	Hazel	94.32%
Palm	94.76%	Elm	93.47%
Beech	94.06%	Maple	92.43%

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	All Nursery children for returning to school so confidently and enthusiastically!
Reception	Isaiah , for his thoughtful and kind words about his classmates, teachers and school! Blu , for his positive learning attitude and for trying his best during carpet times.
Willow	Erdi , for his ambition and really starting to challenge himself when working independently in English. Alice , for always following instructions and always being an excellent role model to her peers.
Elder	Aliyan , for amazing art work in 3D and sculpture. Elijah , for ambitious use of vocabulary to describe his goals, aims and dreams for the coming year.
Palm	Hanah and Micah for showing a fantastic attitude and great ambition towards their learning. They have both shown great ambition to start their 2023 learning with great success.
Beech	Mackenzie , for showing enthusiasm and ambition in shared reading sessions this week. Rebecca , for sharing her understanding of fact families with her peers. Well done Maths Superstar!
Eucalyptus	Mila , for working hard and trying her best in all lessons. Omar , for showing a great willingness to learn!
Sycamore	Chricila , for her amazing dedication within all lessons. She is always smiling and ready to take on new challenges. Hillary , for her great engaged with class discussions with insightful and fun facts. She is always willing to help her peers when they are stuck.
Hazel	Lansana , for his outstanding start to the term showing a ready to learn attitude. Elizabeth , for her tremendous determination toward completing work to the best of her ability.
Maple	Zion , for always having high expectations of himself in whatever he does Marlow , for his extensive prior knowledge of World War 2 facts.
Elm	Naz , for her positive attitude and enthusiasm in her maths sessions this week. Jeremiah , for excellent work when multiplying fractions and using mathematical vocabulary.

Charles's Fantastic Facts

By Charles, Year 4

Did you know that the Elasmosaurus's neck was more than half of the length of its body? (That's a long neck!)
Did you know that the Euoplocephalus was heavily armoured? Even its eyelids were protected by bony plates.

You can learn more about dinosaurs [HERE!](#)

If your child is good with deadlines and would like to contribute to the newsletter, please





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Happier January 2023

SUNDAY

1 Find three things to look forward to this year

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

MONDAY

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

16 Contribute positively to your local community

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

30 See how many people you can smile at today

TUESDAY

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future

WEDNESDAY

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down



THURSDAY

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today



FRIDAY

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside



SATURDAY

7 Learn something new and share it with others

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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SEN Parent Workshop

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

Where? Cherry Class

Please join our **SENDSCO, 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 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.





Nature Explorers with the London Wildlife Trust

Tuesdays from 24th January till 21st March
(no session half term)
3.30 onwards till 5pm

See in the spring and discover the nature on your doorstep with the London Wildlife Trust. Each week explore a different aspect of the wildlife in our nature garden with nature art, wildlife discovery, games and crafts.

A **free** course for families. Suitable for children of any age and their mums or dads living in Southwark. One free course per academic year.

Limited places. Booking on www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or contact



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