



Thought of the Week

The only courage anybody ever needs is the courage to follow their own dreams. ~ Oprah Winfrey

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Spring Term which started with a whole school assembly on Shrove Tuesday, also known as **Pancake Day**. We tried our hand at flipping a pancake and discussed why Shrove Tuesday is an important day in the Christian calendar. On Tuesday, our school lunch included pancakes, which proved to be very popular!

This week Year 6 took part in the Southwark Junior Citizenship scheme which was a unique and invaluable opportunity for our Year 6 pupils to learn citizenship messages and life skills from participating agencies, including: the Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, Southwark Council, the Blue Cross and the Transport for London Safety and Citizenship Team. Students spent their morning taking part in interactive scenarios that taught strategies for leading a safer and more responsible lifestyle.

The **London Fire Brigade** staff offers home visits and personal fire safety advice. They will also fit **free** smoke alarms where needed. If you would like a visit or more advice, email smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk or call 0800 028 4428.

This Friday, **School Council** started their filming project with **School Food Matters** and we are excited to share the results with you soon. Parents and carers are also reminded that DKH is a **water only school**. Some of our pupils have been very excited to purchase Prime Energy Drinks, however these are not suitable for school. Our school Food Policy can be found here.

Magna breakfast club and afterschool club has been operating successfully this week and children and the new team are working well together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank DKH staff who worked hard over the last few weeks to ensure that the school was still able to offer wrap around care to families, despite the unexpected difficulties.

Wishing our school community a restful weekend. **Barbara Ghezzi**

Percussion Festival

Our **DKH Samba Band** performed at the Southwark Music Service Percussion Festival at the South Bank Centre on Thursday afternoon. The band blew everyone away with their incredible drumming, percussion playing and singing, all after a long day of rehearsing. We are so proud of all our music groups who represent our school so well. Thanks to the teachers and parents who made this all possible!





You can see some behind the scenes photos, from the rehearsa, I here.

Note from the Office

Parents and carers are reminded that the school can only administer prescribed **medication**. If your child requires prescription medication at school, such as antibiotics, they must be provided to the school office with a completed medical consent form

Children should not have medication in their bags or pockets as this could result in maladministration, overdose or potentially pose a risk to other pupils and adults as a result of an alleraic reaction.

If you have any questions, please speak with the school office.

DKH Bake Off – The Results

Our school council judges had to make some difficult decisions and after much deliberation, they are pleased to present the results and the winner of the DKH Bake Off.

Specially Commended

Best flavour: Hazel Class

The judges loved the naan bread and the zingy homemade chutney.

Best texture: Reception

The judges praised the combination of crunchy outside and fluffy, bouncy interior.

Best appearance: Beech Class

The focaccia looked so professional, we thought they had been flown in directly from Italy.

OVERALL WINNER: WILLOW CLASS

These buns which resembled hedgehoas were fun and playful, as well as delicious. Well done, Willow Class!







Dates for the Diary



22.02.23	Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme		
23.02.23	Percussion Festival		
23.02.23	Hazel Class start swimming		
01.03.23	Palm Class Assembly		
03.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Assembly		
03.03.23	World Book Day		
06.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Animation Workshop		
08.03.23	Beech Class Assembly		
09.03.23	Sycamore Class Assembly		
10.03.23 – 17.03.23	British Science Week		
13.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Animation Workshop		
15.03.23	Elder Class Assembly		
16.03.23	Willow Class Assembly		
17.03.23	Year 5 Virtual STEM Space Challenge		
17.03.23	Red Nose Day		
20.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Animation Workshop		
20.03.23	Nursery Parents Evening		
22.03.23	Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening		
28.03.23	Year 5 Critical Thinking Workshop		
27.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Animation Workshop		
27.03.23	Nursery Parents Evening		
29.03.23	EYFS Assembly		
30.03.23	Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening		
31.03.23	Last day of the Spring Term – Finish at 2pm		
03.04.23 -	End of term holidays		
14.04.23	·		
17.04.23	Teacher Inset Day – No Children		
18.04.23	Children return to school		
18.04.23 – 21.04.23	Year 3 and Year 4 Bikeability workshops		

Attendance

Caterpillar	97.34%	Eucalyptus	95.93%
Willow	94.67%	Sycamore	90.5%
Elder	85.71%	Hazel	94.5%
Palm	95.56%	Elm	98.56%
Beech	90.08%	Maple	90.29%

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!

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Nursery	Yemaya, for her fantastic name writing. Daud, for his brilliant attitude to learning.		
Reception	Callum, for super listening skills and concentration during our learning. Phoenix-Rose, for her fantastic asteroid artwork!		
Willow	Lili, for her incredible ambition with her writing, working so hard at school and at home to make incredible progress. Eqra, for trying really hard to listen during carpet sessions, being brave and putting her hand up to contribute.		
Elder	For the WHOLE of Elder Class. All the adults working in Elder Class have been so impressed with the effort that all children have put into their focus and determination to show work of a high standard. Keep it up Elder Class, we are so proud of you!		
Palm	Rio, for being extremely ambitious with his guitar lessons and even sharing his skills in class music lessons. Maile, for her reading which has progressed in leaps and bounds.		
Beech	Jayden, for a fantastic pirate creation in art. Shamira, for her focus during shared reading and asking for "harder questions!"		
Eucalyptus	Fawaz, for doing his best and showing great ambition in Maths and Writing. Kai, for his excellent contributions to class discussions on pirates!		
Sycamore	Oliwier, for his courageous attitude in embracing his new class. Joppa, for her ambitious character description of the highwayman.		
Hazel	Malachi, for using ambitious vocabulary in his English writing! Qing, for her fantastic ability to work collaboratively with others in class!		
Maple	Taliah , for having high expectations of herself and working hard to improve her learning. Leila , for solving complicated word problems involving ratio and proportion.		
Elm	Jaiden, for taking advice and working hard on identifying the features of a newspaper report. Sara, for persevering at tricky ratio problems and not giving up!		

Charles's Friday Facts By Charles, Year 4

Did you know that the Archelon Sea Turtle was the largest sea turtle to ever live? **Did you know** that the biggest specimen measured 4.6 metres from head to tail and weighed 2.2–3.2 tons?



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

Beech class have made a great start to the new half term!

In Art we have been busy creating our own pirate portraits, first on whiteboards and then using pencils in our sketch books. We have also created a scene from *Treasure Island* using mixed media.

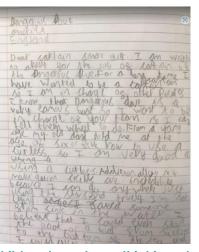




In English, we have been learning about pirates and have written a job application for a pirate captain. Here are some examples of the writing we have done.









In Maths we have started a new unit on Fractions. The children have been thinking about a whole and part of a whole. Haja said "The whole is Dulwich and part of that whole is my house!" Elijah said "The Premiership is the whole and part of the whole is Liverpool FC." The children have also split shapes into parts- sometimes equal and sometimes not.





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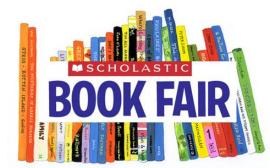


BOOK FAIR AND WORLD BOOK DAY AT DKH

We are very excited to let you know about these upcoming events focussing on books and reading.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair from **Thursday 23rd February** until **Tuesday 28th February**. Each day, all will be welcome in the lower hall after school to



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browse and purchase books. Prices start at only £2.99 and there is a wide range to select from. By purchasing these books, you will be helping to raise funds for our school library through commission – the more books bought, the more money goes to the school!

Join us on Thursday, Friday, Monday or Tuesday to take advantage of this offer.

World Book Day - Friday 3rd March

We will also be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March (one day later than usual). We will be encouraging everyone to...

- Dress up as a character from a favourite book.
- Bring in £1 to raise funds for the school library.
- Stay after school for a cake and book sale in the playground (or hall depending on weather!).
- Spend their National Book Token on the books provided by Rye Books.

We look forward to seeing as many members of our school community dressed up as possible!

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