



Thought of the Week

Every brilliant experiment, like every great work of art, starts with an act of imagination." – Jonah Lehrer

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's assembly focused on breaking down some of the barriers to science by answering the question *What does a scientist look like?* Curiosity about the world around us has inspired many scientists and pupils considered how these scientists look just like them!

Elder Class entertained children and parents alike with their brilliant *Little Red Riding Hood* story, with a twist. Whether the children were singing, acting or narrating, they did so with exceptional confidence and talent! Well done Elder Class, everyone enjoyed your assembly!

Willow Class treated us to an entertaining and educational assembly on the theme of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. There was wonderful acting and beautiful singing from the whole class! Everyone enjoyed the funny jokes, but also listened very carefully to the important warnings about looking after the planet where we live. Well done Year 1, for making us think and smile!

As part of Science Week, our **Year 6 pupils** spent Friday morning at Alleyns where they used telescopes to investigate space. They had a great time and particularly enjoyed the snack provided!

Southwark have published their **Easter Food and Fun activity programme** for children and young people. There are lots of great activities taking place across Southwark. Find out more by clicking [this link](#). Magna Group are also offering a holiday club and more details can be found [here](#).

Academy update: The academisation process is progressing well and our target date for transfer is still 1st April. We will update when the process is complete.

Wishing our school community a happy weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Our Curriculum

The **Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSE) curriculum** became statutory in September 2020. Relationships and Sex Education supports and guides children and young people in lifelong learning about relationships, emotions, the human biology of sex and sexuality. It is **compulsory** for all primary school children to receive relationship education. At DKH we follow the Christopher Winter's Project. **You can find out more [HERE](#)** as well as watch a video, which provides further information and answers **frequently asked questions**, [HERE](#). RSE will begin after the May Half Term.

GOODBYE GOODBYE

After 15 years of service, **Grace Omolaiye** has decided to take some time to focus on herself and her family and will be leaving at the end of the Spring term. We want to thank her for dedication to the DKH community and wish her the very best.

Sean Miller will also be leaving at the end of the Spring term to pursue new career goals. Mr Miller has been part of DKH for a long time as he was a former pupil! We wish him every success.

We would also like to say goodbye and best wishes to **Brad Frewin** who will be embarking on an exciting travelling adventure next week. We wish him much luck and happiness for the future.

Although they will all be very much missed, we wish them all the best for the future!

Science Week and Making Connections!

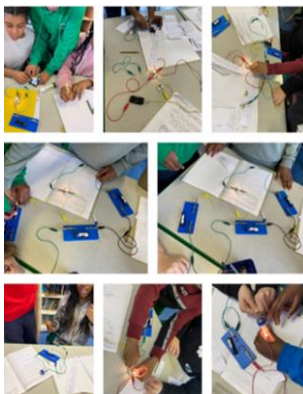


Elder Class drew themselves as scientists. They included some of the things that they would like to study.

Sycamore Class have been enjoying a fun filled Science week. They have worked in groups to create amazing posters of the space race.



Elm Class tested how changing the voltage in a circuit affects the brightness of a bulb. Some of the bulbs even changed shape when the voltage was increased...this caused a lot of excitement for the Elm scientists.



Beech Class looked at video presentations about the phases of the moon and made their own moon dials to track the phases of the moon.





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Dates for the Diary



20.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Animation Workshop
20.03.23	Nursery Parents Evening
21.03.23	Copleston Church Easter Assembly
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
28.03.23	Elder Class visit to Copleston Church
29.03.23	EYFS Assembly
30.03.23	Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening
30.03.23	Autism Awareness Day
31.03.23	Last day of the Spring Term – Finish at 2pm
03.04.23 – 14.04.23	End of term holidays
17.04.23	Teacher Inset Day – No Children
18.04.23	Children return to school for Summer Term
18.04.23 – 21.04.23	Year 3 and Year 4 Bikeability workshops
25.04.23	Year 5 Royal Observatory Visit
28.04.23	School Disco
01.05.23	Bank Holiday
02.05.23	Year 2 SATS start this week
08.05.23	Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles
09.05.23	Year 6 SATs start this week
23.05.23	Year 1 Multi-Sports Trip
29.05.23 – 02.06.23	Half Term
05.06.23	Children return to school

Attendance

Caterpillar	84.35%	Eucalyptus	94.42%
Willow	96.44%	Sycamore	99.42%
Elder	90.87%	Hazel	83.11%
Palm	94.07%	Elm	93.75%
Beech	94.84%	Maple	85.51%

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	Toheer , for his incredible movement to music. Aliyah , for her bravery when trying new things.
Reception	Phoenix-Rose , for her fantastic contributions to our whole class learning. Aminah , for always making sensible choices.
Willow	All of Willow Class , for being courageous and confident in their class assembly! Aro , for being super engaged in his learning, always doing the right thing and making incredible progress
Elder	All of Elder Class for all their hard work preparing for the assembly, including practising the songs, learning their words, singing well, and speaking loudly and clearly to entertain their audience.
Palm	Emmanuel , for demonstrating strong courage to always share his opinions and emotions with the class. Uwaila , for having the courage to always stick up for what's right.
Beech	Wa'Yanate , for perfectly demonstrating to the class how to change chords and keep to the rhythm in our ukelele class. Ziyad , for his commitment to always doing the best he can do!
Eucalyptus	Enzo , for his fantastic checking of his working out in maths. Davida , for her wonderful writing.
Sycamore	Maleek , for his wonderfully courageous effort in science within our group activity. Sarah , for her positive can-do attitude to learning new and exciting topics.
Hazel	Elizabeth , for her courageous attitude towards her swimming sessions this term! Ibrahim , for his fantastic ready to learn attitude in class!
Maple	Isaac , for always having the courage to take risks in his work. Jacob , for writing an excellent suspense paragraph in English.
Elm	Edem , for improved efforts and enthusiasm towards his learning. Zaira , for an amazing and incredibly detailed Anderson shelter.

Charles's Friday Facts *By Charles, Year 4*

Did you know that table tennis was invented in 1890 by a man called David Foster?
Did you know that According to the Olympic world library, over 10 million players participate in various table tennis tournaments each year?

You can learn more about table tennis [here](#).

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



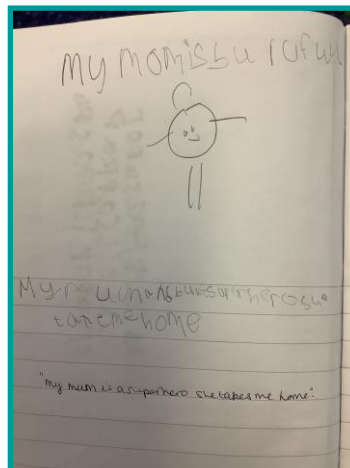
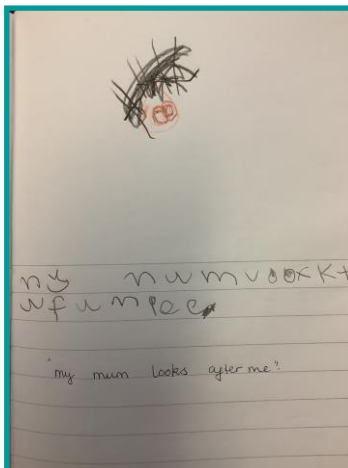
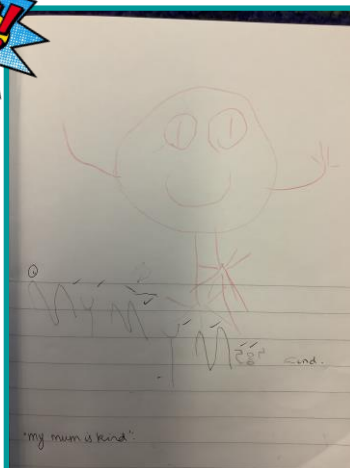
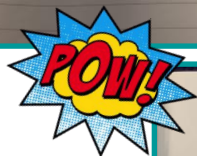
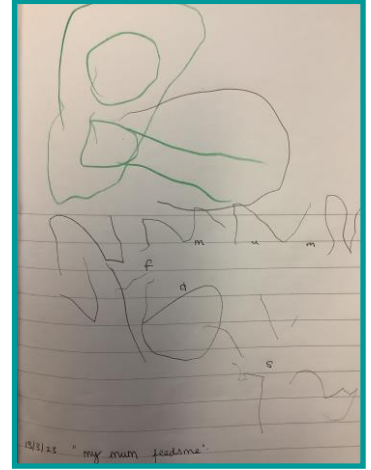
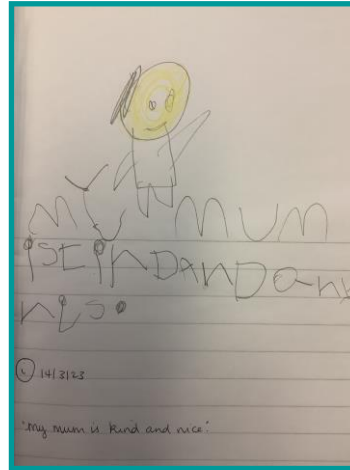
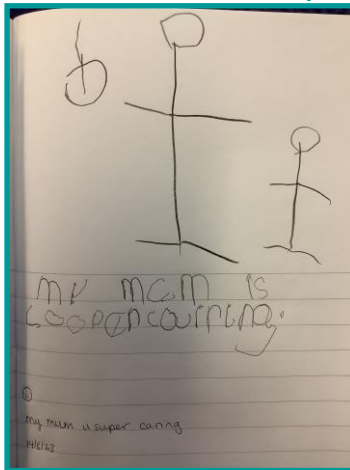
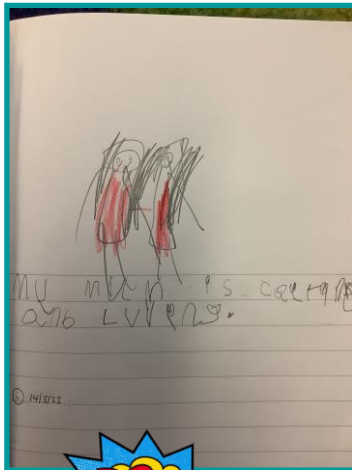
This week Reception read the story *Superhero Mum* and *Superhero Dad* by Timothy Knapman. We talked about what made our mums and dads super and then wrote a super sentence about them.

We then talked about what our real life super power was and tried to demonstrate this in our classroom. Can you spot these super powers at home?

- "I'm super thoughtful!" - Hamilton
- "I'm super happy!" - Rudi
- "I'm super kind!" - Shyanna
- "I've got super listening!" - Nahla
- "I'm good at saving people!" - Isaiah
- "I'm super helpful!" - Amira
- "I'm super at sharing!" - Phoenix-Rose



Here are just a few examples of our SUPER sentences. It is clear to see we have a lot of super mums and super dads!





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Instant Snow with Marvin and Milo!

These experiments have not been specifically safety tested for home use but we believe them to be safe if the instructions are followed. Adult supervision or direction is recommended as appropriate.

What you need

- Filtered water
- Plastic water bottles
- Freezer

Instructions

1. Fill two plastic water bottles with filtered water and leave them on their sides in the freezer.
2. After two to three hours take one bottle out to test it. Slam it on the counter once and see if anything changes.

Results and Explanation

You should see crystals of ice form at the top of the bottle and flurry downwards quickly.

Supercooled water is water that is liquid below its freezing point. When you slam the bottle it causes ice crystals to move and others to grow in a chain reaction.



DKH is a SAFE SPACE

DKH offers targeted support, safety planning and crisis intervention for anyone experiencing **Domestic Violence**. If you need support or know of anyone who needs support, please speak to our Safeguarding Officer, Shirley Nichols or our school office team who will direct you to our **safe space** to get help.

Support is also available through the **National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247** nationaldahelpline.org.uk and through **Solace on 0808 802 5565** or solacewomensaid.org

WE ARE TAKING A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

This is a safe space
You can get help here
Please talk to a member of staff

COOPERATION TOWN

***Food too expensive?
Join a food co-op!***

**Cooperation Town
is a new network of
community food co-ops.**

A food co-op is a neighbourhood buying group, where members get quality groceries at very affordable prices.

Co-ops buy food and household products in bulk and get supermarket surplus. They distribute all the items to their members at cost value - or even for free!

Food co-ops are organised by their members, who together decide what to buy and how to run the project. No bosses, no managers!

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How Does our Garden Grow?

Do you have green fingers? Do you enjoy gardening? DKH is very fortunate to have its very own allotment, which will soon be brimming with new growth but **we need your help!**

We would like more children to take part in a weekly gardening club and are looking for volunteers to support with this as well as volunteers to help take care of the allotment during the school breaks including watering during the warmer months. If you are able to help, please contact Barbara Ghezzi, Head of School.

