



## Thought of the Week

*If you are always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be. - Maya Angelou*

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We know how much children look forward to school trips, the value they add to the curriculum and how they enrich learning. We know that parents and carers have expressed that they want children to take part in more school trips and we want to organise more of these fantastic opportunities for children. **We do appreciate your help on school trips as it would be difficult to organise visits outside school without parent volunteers.**

This week we had some special visitors from Copleston Church to tell us about the **Easter Story**. Jo, the Minister at Copleston Church was joined by Edward, the Vicar and Tracy who told us why Easter is so important to the Christian faith and why we share eggs at Easter. You can see more [here](#). These visits support our RE curriculum and we are looking forward to arranging more visits, from a variety of places of worship, within our local community.

**Hazel Class** have been creative in their music lessons. Inspired by world renowned Calypso singer and songwriter, Calypso Rose, they have been creating some amazing music using the xylophone. You can see more [here](#).

Wishing those who are celebrating Ramada, all the blessings of the holy month. Ramadan Kareem.

Barbara Ghezzi

## Do You Have a Child in Year 2?

National Curriculum Assessments, commonly known as **SATs** are carried out in May to help inform teachers' judgements of pupils' attainment at the end of Year 2.

There will be an information session on **26 April 2023, from 9:00 to 9:30**, in the lower hall to provide parents and carers with more information about these assessments and how children can be supported at home.

## Autism Awareness Day

Next week, on Thursday, we will be celebrating *Autism Awareness Day*. This day is celebrated nationally and is focused on increasing the understanding and acceptance of people with Autism.

This year the theme for *Autism Awareness Day* is colour. As well as learning more about Autism, the children will be making colourful masks to show all the different and unique ways we each feel.



## 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.

## DKH Brass Band

On **Monday 27th March**, at the end of the school day, the Brass Band will play a short selection of pieces they have been working on this term.



Please feel free to listen, sing and dance along!

**Location:** in the playground (weather permitting).

**Time:** 3:30pm

## Are you a Rockstar?

Children in Year 2 to Year 6 have access to **Time Table**



**Rockstars (TTRS)**. TTRS is a fun way for children to confidently learn and practise their multiplication tables.

We recommend a little and often approach. **Playing 4 to 5 times a week for 3 minutes** will help children recall their multiplication and related division facts.

Learning times tables off by heart makes mental maths much easier. **It will boost your child's confidence in their maths lessons at school, but it's also a skill they'll use all the time in the world outside school.**

We know that when children know their multiplication tables well, it helps them to master key concepts and move quickly through more complex maths problems with confidence.

If your child has misplaced their login details, please ask their class teacher who can provide these. **Let's start ROCKING [HERE!](#)**



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## Dates for the Diary



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
26.04.23	Year 2 SATS meeting 9:00 – 9:30 Lower Hall
28.04.23	School Disco
01.05.23	Bank Holiday
03.05.23	Year 1 Phonics meeting 9:00 – 9:30 Lower Hall
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
12.06.23 – 16.06.23	Healthy Eating Week
16.06.23	Year 6 University Taster Session

## Attendance

Caterpillar	97.4%	Eucalyptus	96.58%
Willow	98.19%	Sycamore	91.56%
Elder	94.31%	Hazel	90.91%
Palm	98.11%	Elm	93.16%
Beech	98.79%	Maple	90.55%

## 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>Harvey</b> , for his fantastic attitude to learning! <b>Zian</b> , for never giving up!
Reception	<b>Hamilton</b> , for his fantastic progress in phonics. <b>Da'shae</b> , for his enthusiasm towards his writing this week!
Willow	<b>Tasnim</b> , for her ongoing resilience with writing taking her time and doing her absolute best in each lesson. <b>Erdi</b> , for his willingness to explain his understanding to others, being patient and a good friend.
Elder	<b>River</b> , for showing perseverance and working hard to improve his writing. <b>Madina</b> , for improving her rate of work, while still keeping her handwriting beautifully neat.
Palm	<b>Rio</b> , for his 'I can do this!' attitude to his learning. <b>Emmanuel</b> , for his focus and fantastic attitude.
Beech	<b>Daniel</b> , for his positive attitude during writing tasks this week. <b>Ebony</b> , for drawing an amazing Captain Blackbeard illustration!
Eucalyptus	<b>Alhaji</b> , for his perseverance in his ukulele playing and in his writing - fantastic editing! <b>Lyla</b> , for her great effort in our new maths topics of unit conversion.
Sycamore	<b>Arujan</b> , for her fabulous resilience and demonstrating a wonderfully positive attitude. <b>Khiyari</b> , for his delightful demonstration of positive leadership skills within the class.
Hazel	<b>Karima</b> and <b>Lily</b> , for their determination to overcome any challenge in their learning and not letting anything deter them from achieving success!
Maple	<b>Marlow</b> , for dealing positively with challenges especially in writing and always willing to give everything a go. <b>Nuran</b> , for solving long multiplication calculations and applying to solving problems.
Elm	<b>Selorm</b> , for being a resilient learner and for supporting her peers with long multiplication. <b>Aiden</b> , for being resilient in reading and making such good progress.

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

**Did you know** that the Vikings were from Scandinavia?

**Did you know** that among the many gods Vikings believed in were Thor, the god of thunder, and Loki, a cheeky mischief-maker who could shape-shift to become all different kinds of animals?

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

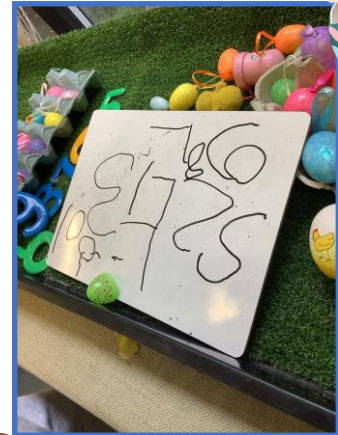
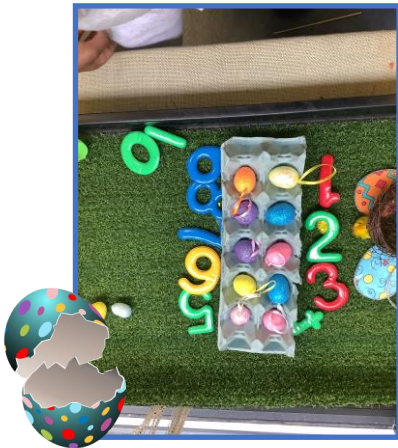
If your child is good with deadlines and would like to contribute to the newsletter, please speak with Barbara Ghezzi, Head of School.



## We love LEARNING

Nursery is getting ready for Easter! In the Early Years we love celebrating different festivals and cultures. We have learnt all about the Easter celebration. We have talked about the ways people celebrate Easter and our own experiences of the celebration. We have been counting eggs and matching the numerals, we have even been writing numbers! We have eaten delicious hot cross buns and had egg and spoon races!

Happy Easter from the Early Years to all those who celebrate.







## Parent Zone is Helping Families Stay Safe On-Line

[Parent Zone Local for Southwark](#) is a **FREE** digital skills service that is being launched for families promoting media literacy. It has loads of **online safety resources and advice** on equipping young people with core media literacy skills. It is supported by the Department for Media, Literacy and Sport (DCMS) media literacy taskforce fund. The service also provides live online broadcasts for parents, as well as games and activities around digital life.

Parent Zone is also currently gathering information about how parents/carers and their children can learn important **skills for engaging confidently and safely with life online**. This will help inform the way they design and evaluate their resources and services, to meet the needs of parents in Southwark. Please follow the link to complete a short, 5 minute, survey. [Click here to complete the survey](#).



**Understanding  
the digital world  
isn't always easy**

Parent Zone Local is here to help. You can find information, advice and events to help your family feel **safer**, more **confident** and **in control** online.

Find out more  
[parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal](https://parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal)



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## How can Parent Zone Local help you?

- > Feel confident, safer and in control online
- > Access live parent broadcasts
- > Try family games and activities
- > Explore a library of information
- > Media literacy made simple



Not sure where to start? **Katharine** is here to connect you to the information and support you need.

Get in touch with the email below.

[pzlocal@parentzone.org.uk](mailto:pzlocal@parentzone.org.uk)

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<https://parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal/southwark>



**DO TRY THIS AT HOME**

Featuring: **Marvin and Milo**

**What you need:** • An orange  
• A deep bowl or container • Water

**Issue #146**

Hey Milo - do you think oranges float better with or without their skin?

Fill the bowl with water and put the orange in it. What happens?

Now peel the orange and put it in the water again. What happens this time?

You should find that the orange floats when its skin is still on, but sinks after you peel it off!

Orange skin is full of tiny air pockets that help make the orange less dense overall than water, so it floats. Removing the skin makes the orange denser than water, so it sinks.

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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

- An orange
- A deep bowl or container
- Water

### Instructions

1. Fill the bowl with water and put the orange in it. What happens?
2. Now peel the orange and put it in the water again. What happens this time?

### Results and Explanation

You should find that the orange floats when its skin is still on, but sinks after you peel it off!

Orange skin is full of tiny air pockets that help make the orange less dense overall than water, so it floats. Removing the skin makes the orange denser than water, so it sinks.



## Easter Holiday Family Activities at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening

28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

*Have fun on these on one of these courses for dads, mums and children of any age with the London Wildlife Trust. **Southwark residents only.** Free but booking essential. [www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events)*

### Beautiful Birds

**Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April**

**10am till 3pm**

Come for a day or stay for both days, a fun two day course discovering our garden birds. Learn how to recognise birds by sight and song through fun activities and games. Take part in the nest challenge and find out about birds nests and their eggs.

### Fantastic Minibeasts and Where to Find Them

**Thursday 13th and Friday 14th April**

**10am till 3pm**

Come for a day or stay for both days, a fun two day course discovering minibeasts. Finding, sorting, games, activities, crafts. For all the family.

To find out more and for booking visit  
[www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events) or contact  
Diana [dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk)  
07740717930 for any queries.



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## 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](https://nationaldahelpline.org.uk) and through **Solace** on 0808 802 5565 or [solacewomensaid.org](https://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!

**Start a community food co-op today  
on your street or your estate!**

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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.

