



Thought of the Week

The tallest oak in the forest was once just a little nut that held its ground. - Unknown

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the **Summer Term**. I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing break. The Summer Term is a busy term and there will be lots of learning and exciting activities taking place please do check Dates for the Diary on page 2 of the newsletter.

We know that parents and carers have expressed that they want children to take part in more school trips and staff have been working hard to organise 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.**

DKH will be celebrating the **Coronation of King Charles III** on Friday the 5th of June with a **whole school picnic**. Children will take part in a variety of activities to commemorate this special occasion. The picnic menu is on page 4 of this newsletter. If your child does not normally have a school dinner and they would like to have a picnic lunch provided by the school, please let the office know by Wednesday 26th April so that the kitchen can cater for the correct number of pupils.

We have been informed by NEU Trade Union of their proposal to take **strike action** on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Based on the current information, the school will be open to all pupils on Thursday 27th April. **On Tuesday 2nd May the school will be closed to EYFS and open to Years 1 – 6.**

Academy Update: Due to outstanding paperwork, which is required from the local authority, our academy conversion date has been delayed until the 1st of June.

The Staff, Governors and Pupils at Dog Kennel Hill Primary School would like to wish all our Muslim pupils, parents and staff a Happy and Blessed Eid. **Eid Mubarak!** **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.

We have a NEW video which provides detailed information about the RSE curriculum. You can see it as well as more information about RSE [HERE](#). RSE will begin after the May Half Term.

Earth Day

DKH celebrated Earth Day on Friday 21st of April. The theme was **Invest in our Planet**. Pupils took part in various Earth Day



activities, linked to geography, science, history and art.

The aims of this learning experience were to describe the effects that human activity has on the Earth, define carbon footprint and understand how our activities impact the environment. Pupils were also encouraged to suggest ways they could reduce their carbon footprint at school and at home and how they could help protect their environment.

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.

Note from the Office

When reporting your child's absence, please provide us with information regarding the exact symptoms your child is experiencing. Absences cannot be authorised if your child is simply reported as unwell.

Parents and carers will be contacted if a child is absent and they have not been reported as absent. You may also receive a text follow-up message.





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Dates for the Diary



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	Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 begins
12.06.23 – 16.06.23	Healthy Eating Week
16.06.23	Year 6 University Taster Session
19.06.23 – 23.06.23	Year 6 School Journey
21.06.23	Year 2 visit to Tower of London
23.06.23	Year 5 visit to British Museum
26.06.23	Art Week begins
03.07.23 – 07.07.23	Year 3 and Year 4 Bikeability workshops
05.07.23	Year 6 Science workshop with Harris - Dulwich

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	Andrew , for his ambitious approach to building! Jeffrey , for his fantastic counting
Reception	Kiyah , for always trying her best in writing and using her sounds to help her. Shyanna , for her positive attitude to her learning and for always being a kind friend.
Willow	Ariyah , for her ambition and always tuning into our learning. She is hungry for knowledge and always tries her best. Iris , for her beautiful presentation in all her work, always taking her time to make sure she produces impeccable work!
Elder	Mouhamed L , for showing ambition in Maths by attempting some tricky calculations (and getting them right!) Damiah , for aiming high with ideas, spelling and punctuation. Keep it up!
Palm	Muhydeen , for showing a real determination in wanting to learn more about our new topic of the Ancient Egyptians. Moses , for working on his personal growth so he can be the best learner he can be. What a star!
Beech	Nana , for a positive attitude and focus during independent learning this week. Johnston , for being calm and helpful in class this week.
Eucalyptus	Emmie , for her excellent retelling of the Treasure Island story. Chikamso , for making great progress in addition and subtraction.
Sycamore	Imrich , for his ambitious and creative writing in English. Illy , for her wonderful dedication towards her learning.
Hazel	Joju and Lansana for being very ambitious learners across all subjects!
Maple	Hannah , for always having and maintaining high expectations for herself and others in everything she puts her mind to. Isaac , for writing some good expanded noun phrases to describe the setting of 'The Dreamgiver.'
Elm	Naz , for her fantastic attitude towards school and for using varied sentence starters in her writing. Ayyub , for being an ambitious learner and showing focus in all subject areas.

Attendance

Caterpillar	84.42%	Eucalyptus	93.81%
Willow	93.71%	Sycamore	86.43%
Elder	96.55%	Hazel	92.75%
Palm	91.13%	Elm	94.51%
Beech	96.94%	Maple	80.12%

Charles's Friday Facts By Charles, Year 4

Did you know that when a saiga antelope calf is two days old, it run faster than a human?

Did you know that they have an unusual hanging nose, which makes them look like a bit like a camel?

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

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



We love LEARNING

This week, the team from Bikeability have been running some exciting workshops to help the children improve their confidence and skills in riding a bicycle.

Children in years 3 and 4 took part in workshops at Lettsom Gardens covering gear changing and signalling. This programme will also be offered to children in years 5 and 6, later in the year.

See the full story and huge gallery [HERE](#)



DKH DISCO



Friday 28 April
6-7.30pm
Refreshments
available

£3.50 per child
(all children must be
accompanied by a
responsible adult)

With the Amazing DJ Dan



CELEBRATE THE KING'S CORONATION

SANDWICHES

Tuna and Cucumber
Cucumber and Cream Cheese
Vegan Mini Sausage Rolls

SIDES

Potato Wedges
Garlic Dough Balls
Carrot and Cucumber Batons

DESSERTS

Victoria Sponge Cake
Vanilla Ice Cream

Served Friday 5 May 2023