



## Thought of the Week

Logic will get you from A to Z. Imagination will get you everywhere. – Albert Einstein

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to let you know that on **Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May**, (weather permitting) children will take part in a variety of activities including a whole school 'afternoon tea' style picnic to celebrate the **Coronation of King Charles III**. To add to the festive atmosphere, the DKH Brass Band will be playing and children will be encouraged to bring in **picnic blankets**. If your child does not normally have a school lunch and would like to have school picnic lunch on the day, please let the office know so that the catering team can ensure there are enough lunches for everyone.

This week, our Friday assembly included an opportunity to remember **Miss Gustaffe** on the one year anniversary of her passing. Pupils took part in a minute of silent reflection while a candle was lit.

We have been informed by NEU Trade Union of their proposal to take **strike action** on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Based on the current information, the school will be **will be closed to EYFS and open to Years 1 – 6** on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

This week Ms McCoy, Elder Class Teacher and KS1 Phase Lead, led a parent information session on **Year 2 SATS**. If you were not able to attend, you can see what was covered [here](#).

Finally, I would like to thank the Friends of DKH for all of their hard work in organising the **school disco**. I look forward to seeing our pupils and families there!

Wishing our school community a peaceful Bank Holiday weekend.  
**Barbara Ghezzi**

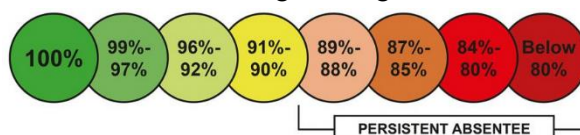
## Our Curriculum

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.

**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.

## Attendance Matters

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 lead.



## Which CIRCLE are you in?

## Do You Have a Child in Year 1?

Do you know about the Phonics Screen check?

There will be an information session on **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, from 9:00 to 9:30**, in the lower hall to provide parents and carers with more information about this assessment and how children can be supported at home.

## In Memoriam

**Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever.** It is with these words that we remember Miss Gustaffe on the one year anniversary of her passing. The pupils, staff and DKH School Community will always cherish the beautiful memories of Miss Gustaffe.

*Our hearts are with you and you are greatly missed but your warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever.*

With our love and as we remember Miss Gustaffe.

*In Memoriam*



## Healthy School Matters

At Dog Kennel Hill, we care about students' health and their future. As you may recall from previous newsletters, we have been actively working with **School Food Matters on the Healthy Zones Project**.

This project aims to embed and improve our school food policy and the food provision at afterschool club. School Food Matters are a charity that exists to teach children about food and to improve children's access to healthy and sustainable food during their time at school. Our **School Council** have created a video to share the importance of healthy eating. The video was shared at our school assembly and now we want to share it with YOU! [See the video here!](#)



# DKH Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## Dates for the Diary



28.04.23	School Disco
01.05.23	Bank Holiday
02.05.23	Year 2 SATS start this week
03.05.23	Year 1 Phonics meeting 9:00 – 9:30 Lower Hall
05.05.23	Coronation Picnic
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
13.06.23	Eucalyptus Class Denmark Hill Platform Cricket Festival
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 – 14.03.23	Year 5 and Year 6 Bikeability workshops
05.07.23	Year 6 Science workshop with Harris - Dulwich
10.07.23	EYFS and Year 1 Sports FUN Day
13.07.23	School Reports distributed

## Attendance

Caterpillar	94.44%	Eucalyptus	98.51%
Willow	98.22%	Sycamore	97.77%
Elder	97.32%	Hazel	96.44%
Palm	97.7%	Elm	97.86%
Beech	99.6%	Maple	90.45%

## 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>Hailey</b> , for her beautiful mark making. <b>Nova</b> , for always being so kind and caring.
Reception	<b>Jedel</b> , for his fantastic positive attitude towards his learning. <b>Liam</b> , for his fantastic creativity at our creative table this week. You have been so busy making amazing models!
Willow	<b>Richlove</b> , for being an amazing maths partner, explaining her understanding beautifully. <b>Bene</b> , for creating a beautiful painting based on the work of Jasper John.
Elder	<b>Mariatu</b> and <b>O'Shea</b> , for creative story writing by imagining a new traditional tale set in DKH.
Palm	<b>Z'Niyah</b> , for always trying her best in everything she does and her impressive art last week. <b>Liya</b> , for always trying to think of new ideas with all she does.
Beech	<b>Johnston</b> , for proudly creating a wonderful pharaoh picture <b>James</b> , for his endless enthusiasm during independent work
Eucalyptus	<b>Kojo</b> , for his focussed contributions in class discussions. <b>Alex</b> , for his hard work in Maths.
Sycamore	<b>Sarah</b> , for her creative approach to solving mathematical equations. <b>Ameen</b> , for demonstrating empathy and respect to all around him.
Hazel	<b>Caroline</b> , for writing a very creative setting description of the labyrinth for the Greek myth <i>Theseus and the Minotaur</i> . <b>Ibrahim</b> , for thinking creatively in maths, finding many ways of solving a word problem based on perimeter in maths.
Maple	<b>Kendeh</b> , for his creative Earth Day artwork <b>Bola</b> , for her excellent character description of <i>The Dreamgiver</i> using figurative language.
Elm	<b>Zaira</b> , for her creativity and focus during our music lessons and general mature attitude during SATS preparation. <b>Mariane</b> , for always being kind and considerate and for working hard across all areas.

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

**Did you know** that Pokemon was created in 1996 by Satoshi Tagin?

**Did you know** that Rhydon was the first Pokemon ever to be created?

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

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



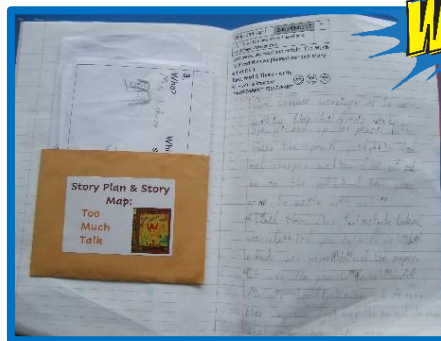
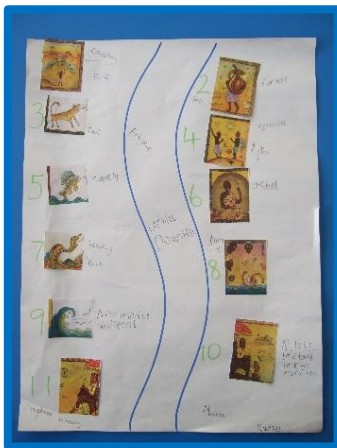
## We love LEARNING

Year 2 have been reading a traditional African tale called *Too Much Talk*. It is a funny story and they liked it a lot!!!

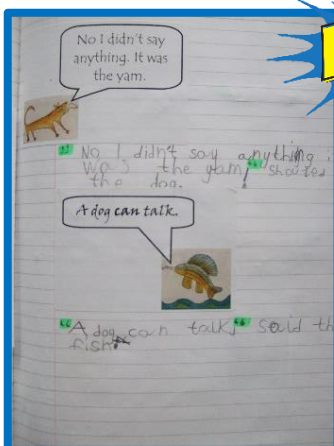
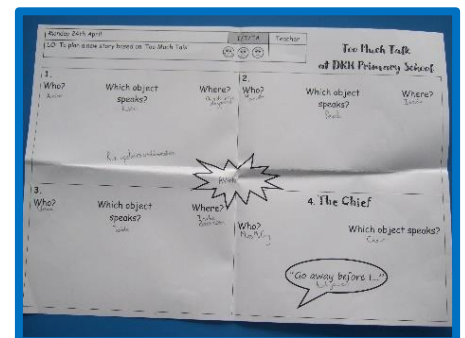
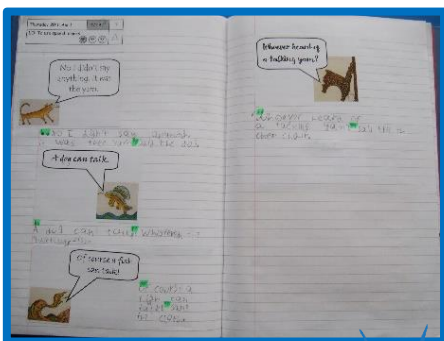
In groups, they ordered the story events and added adjectives and adverbs to help them retell the story. Then, they practised learning how to tell the story and even told it to Ms Ghezzi, from memory.

They practised using speech to make their story more interesting.

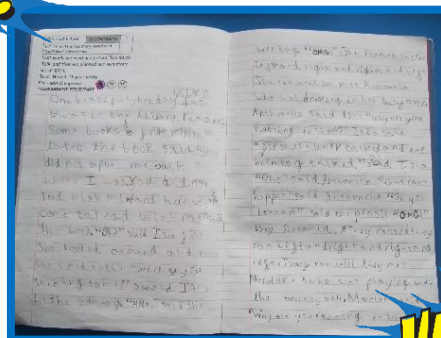
After that, they planned a new story called *Too Much Talk at DKH*. It was based on the original story, but they changed the characters and the objects. They mapped out their story and then started to write...



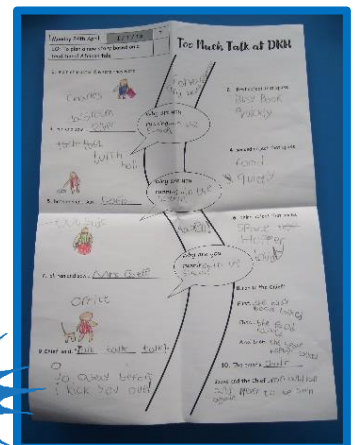
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## CELEBRATE THE KING'S CORONATION

### **Whole School Picnic Menu**

#### **SANDWICHES**

Tuna and Sweet Corn  
Cucumber and Cream Cheese  
Vegan Mini Sausage Rolls

#### **SIDES**

Tortilla Chips  
Vegan Nuggets  
Carrot and Cucumber Batons

#### **DESSERTS**

Victoria Sponge Cake  
Vanilla Ice Cream

**Served Friday 5 May 2023**



To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, DKH will be holding a special day of exciting celebrations and fun activities for all pupils on

## Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2023

These include:

- Taking part in history and art activities in their year group, to celebrate and learn about the coronation ceremony.
- Enjoying a whole school 'Afternoon tea' style picnic. The school kitchen will provide this as the lunch option on the day and we encourage children to bring picnic blankets.
- An opportunity to enjoy the DKH Brass Band.

Children and staff are invited to:

**Dress to Express your Inner Royalty**

Or

**Wear Red, White and Blue**



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## **EPEC Being a Parent:**

**For parents of children aged 2 – 11 years**

This 9 week course helps parents learn practical skills for everyday life

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience

**Tuesdays** 10am-12pm  
At 1<sup>st</sup> Place Children's Centre, 12  
Chumleigh St, London  
SE5 0RN (Burgess Park)  
(Starting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

**Wednesdays** 10am-12pm  
At Crawford Children & Family Centre,  
5 Crawford Rd, London SE5 9NF  
(Starting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

For more information, please contact

Claire Gager at Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team;

07547 659 646 [Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk)

"I found the EPEC parenting course amazing. I learnt new things and I feel more relaxed when I come to a challenge with my child."

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