



Thought of the Week

If you are positive, you'll see opportunities instead of obstacles. – Confucious

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to extend a huge well done to our incredible **Year 2** pupils who not only completed their SATs exams this week but were also exceptional ambassadors for our school values. Their hard work alongside the tremendous efforts of the Year 2 teaching team has been exceptional and will have undoubtably paid off!

This week has also seen a lot of **egg**citement in our **Early Years**. Children and staff were delighted to see our eggs hatching and to welcome our fluffy new chicks to the classroom! We hope you were able to join in the excitement and watch the action as it unfolded during our live stream on Wednesday. **Thank you to the Friends of DKH** who funded this memorable opportunity.

The **Friends of DKH** support the school in a variety of ways and provide opportunities to enhance learning for all of our pupils. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Friends on friends@dkh.southwark.sch.uk.

Our **Year 6** pupils also had a well-deserved break at the Adventure Playground to celebrate all of their hard work. You can see all the smiles [here!](#)

Parents and carers will be aware that **Magna Groups** have announced that they are no longer able to provide wrap around care as of Monday 5th of June due to insufficient demand. We understand that this decision may cause hardship for some of our families, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. Unfortunately, despite our efforts in trying to maintain a wrap around provision, the service did not receive enough demand to remain sustainable. We apologise for the abrupt nature of this announcement and for not being able to provide more notice.

Thank you to parents and carers who have taken time to share their views using our **feedback survey**. If you have not yet completed the survey, please take 5 minutes to provide us with your feedback before the survey closes on Sunday. <https://forms.gle/GdkUH1HfwiHyH1bdA>

Wishing our school community a sunny 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.

Message from the Office

Our school gates open at 8.45am and shut promptly at 9:00am. If you arrive after this time, please take your child to the School Office to be signed in as classrooms doors are closed and registers are completed.

We respectfully ask that you ensure children arrive on time. Arriving on time is important for a variety of reasons:

- It is the legal responsibility of parents or carers to ensure that their children attend their registered school on time, each day.
- If a child is late, they miss important information about the day's activities.
- A child who is late will miss school work.
- Children who arrive in good time for registration are able to talk to their friends before school and settle into the school day.
- A child who is late disrupts lessons and other children.

Parents and carers are also reminded that **children should be collected at 15:15 and no later than 15:30**. There have been an increasing number of children still on site until 16:00 or even later. The school is not able to offer child care and parents and carers are kindly asked to make arrangements for their children to be collected on time. **Please note that our safeguarding responsibilities require that anyone one collecting a child must be 16 years of age or older.**

Walk to School Week!

Our school assembly on Monday looked at the benefits of **active travel** on our health, wellbeing and the environment. Active travel strengthens muscles and improves posture. It even makes our immune cells more active! It releases endorphins which reduce stress and tiredness. On top of that, active travel has zero emissions. If you take the bus to school, consider getting off a stop earlier and walking to reap the benefits of active travel. If you have a bike, dust off Your helmet and try cycling!





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Dates for the Diary



23.05.23	Year 1 Multi-Sports Trip
26.05.23	London History Day
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
14.06.23	Healthy School Matters Taster Session at 15:15
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
01.07.23	DKH Summer Fair
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
11.07.23	Spanish Day
13.07.23	School Reports distributed
17.07.23	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports FUN Day
13.07.23	School Reports sent home
14.07.23	Year 3 and 4 trip to British Museum

Attendance

Caterpillar	92.93%	Eucalyptus	96.67%
Willow	95.56%	Sycamore	93.89%
Elder	95.02%	Hazel	95.02%
Palm	98.85%	Elm	94.02%
Beech	96.3%	Maple	93.34%

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	Harvey , for his fantastic play dough creations. Fredel , for always trying his best.
Reception	Ainhoa , for always being a kind friend, looking out for others and showing our school value of respect! Liam , for working so hard in his phonics sessions this week! Keep it up!
Willow	Eliz , for resilience, challenging herself when she finds something tricky. Well done for making progress with your comprehension skills! Sofia , for sitting beautifully on the carpet, listening actively and contributing to class discussions.
Elder	Urian and Neriah , for a huge effort to write a whole, new story based on an African Traditional tale. Great effort to use all your writing 'tools'!
Palm	Asia and Joel , for both for working so hard to improve their attitude to learning!
Beech	Monisola , for showing determination when creating her Egyptian mask. Lenny , for focus and skill in our ukelele lesson.
Eucalyptus	Vanessa , for her resilience in her music lessons. Gaël , for his focus on lesson tasks.
Sycamore	Ella , for her fantastic positivity and resilience. A great can-do attitude. Jack , for his dedication and triumph in all subjects.
Hazel	Fatima , for showing resilience in math's this term specifically when working with problem solving. Lily , for always persisting and persevering with learning challenges across a wide range of subjects!
Maple	Anyra , for her resilience and perseverance in everything that she puts her mind to. Mahamed for good work on classifying animals based on their similarities and differences.
Elm	Isis , for her hard work across the curriculum and for always setting a fantastic example Rasheed , for excellent scientific thinking when classifying animals -well done!

Charles's Friday Facts By Charles, Year 4

Did you know that there are over 700 species of meat eating (carnivorous) plants in the world?

Did you know that most carnivorous plants eat insects but some carnivorous plants can eat rodents or frogs?

You can learn more about carnivorous plants [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 term, Eucalyptus have been studying Ancient Egypt in History and Shape and Symmetry in Maths. On the last two Tuesdays, our budding historians and mathematicians created coffin masks with a focus on making their design symmetrical.

You can see more fantastic masks on our school blog, [here](#) and explore coffin masks at The British Museum, [here](#).





DOG KENNEL HILL SUMMER FAIR 1ST JULY



DKH FRIENDS are pleased to say that this year's summer fair will be taking place on **1st July**.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the planning & preparation as well as on the day. If you would love to be involved please contact us through your class rep or on the email below.

We are a very welcoming bunch & appreciate any help, big or small!!

Do you run your own company or have a lovely boss ??

We are looking for companies to either sponsor one of our stalls at the fair or to kindly donate a prize for our raffle,

We are looking for prizes of products, vouchers or tickets from your business!

For sponsorship opportunities please drop us an email.

We are now happily receiving any good quality donations of 2nd hand books and toys for the bric a brac stall - these can be left either in office or by the Mary Seacole building

Do you have any unwanted presents and gift sets, we would love these as well for our tombola

friends@dkh.southwark.sch.uk



Half Term 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 deposit required. www.wildlondon.org.uk/events*

Powerful Plants

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd June

10am till 3pm

Come for a day or stay for both days, a fun two day course discovering the plants in our garden.

Thursday - you will forage for edible plants, make teas, herbal sandwiches and pictures.

Friday - the focus is on medicinal plants with balm, lotion and potion making.

Stories, games and crafts. Choose your day or come to both. Booking is online at www.wildlondon.org.uk/events Contact us directly if you have a problem with the booking. dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk



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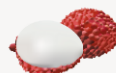


Contact us: claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk
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Baby & Us is a 9 week **peer-led** group which helps parents **feel confident** for parenting & everyday life with your **new baby** (0-9 months old)

Starting **Thursday 11th May 2023** 10am-12pm

Venue: Rachel Leigh Community Hall,
32 Andrews Walk, London SE17 3JQ



HEALTHY ZONES

Parent session
(With free food tasters)

Date: Wednesday 14th
June 2023

Time: 3:15pm

Location: In the
playground / lunch hall



Dog Kennel Hill has been working on the Healthy Zones Project delivered by School Food Matters to spread awareness and embed our school food policy.

You're invited to this open session to learn more about our policy. In particular what a brilliant balanced packed lunch looks like, to taste food fit for a nutritious lunch and to let us know your thoughts about our school food policy.

We will also be handing out recipes for you to try at home!

LETTSOM ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY

FIND US INSIDE LETTSOM GARDENS SE5

JUNE 18TH
2-6 pm

plants, cakes, beverages and more
PLEASE JOIN US!

HOME START
Lambeth

Have you experienced domestic abuse?

Would you like to attend a group where you learn the dynamics of domestic abuse, share your experience and support others?

Every Wednesday
7 June - 19 July
7pm - 9pm
Via Zoom

The Freedom Programme



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