



Thought of the Week

The sun himself is weak when he first rises, and gathers strength and courage as the day gets on. – Charles Dickens

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our assembly this week focused on **diversity** and how it is this diversity of people and cultures that makes life more interesting. We discussed that we might be similar to others in our school community, or we might be very different, but we are all welcome and we are all part of a wonderful, diverse world.

Children across KS2 were very fortunate to have a talk by an educational volunteer from the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institute) this week. Children learned about the amazing work the RNLI do and most importantly, they learned how important it is to stay safe when they visit the seaside. A huge thank you to **Mrs Serfontein** for organising this informative session.



This week was another week filled with trips and visits. **Year 6** pupils, not taking part in the school journey, enjoyed a visit to the Science Museum as well as the Dulwich Picture Gallery and Horniman Museum. **Year 2** enjoyed a day at the Tower of London while **Year 5** visited the British Museum. **Thank you** to parents and carers who supported these trips. Your participation makes these fantastic opportunities possible.



This week we welcomed back **South London Urban Growers (SLUG)**, who worked with some **Year 1** pupils. See them in action, [here](#).

You may recall that last Friday, **Year 6** took part in a university taster day at **UCL**. We did not want you to miss out on the fun so see [here](#) for some pictures from the day.

Wishing our school community a happy weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Note from the Office

Parents and carer received a letter this week regarding proposed changes to the length of the school day. These changes would see the **school day end for all pupils from in Years 1 to 6 at 3:30**. Parents and carers are invited to provide feedback by sending their response to office@dkh.southwark.sch.uk. The consultation period will close at midday on Friday 30th June 2023.

How does our Garden Grow?

On Fridays, some of our **Reception Class** pupils enjoy gardening club with our school governor, Mr Martin Fin. They tasted strawberries, lettuce and rocket. They dug up potatoes and made the bean wigwam you can see in the photo below. Then they planted some beans. It was so much fun!



DKH ANNUAL BIG DRAW

Help us launch the start of Art Week by coming along to the playground from **9:00 to 9.30 on Monday 26th June** and joining us in the BIG DRAW. The theme this year is **FOOD!** Sit with your child, relax, DRAW and enjoy yourself!



There's no better way to kick start the week ahead and to be part of the **ART WEEK celebrations**. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Here's your chance to get published in the Guardian!

The [Young Country Diary series](#) is open for submissions! Every three months, as the UK enters a new season, children, aged 8-14, can send their submission using this link: [C'mon kids! Here's your chance to get published in the Guardian | Wildlife | The Guardian](#). If your child enters, do let us know!



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Dates for the Diary



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
17.07.23	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Sports FUN Day
18.07.23	Children meet their new teachers
19.07.23	Last Day – 2pm finish
04.09.23– 05.09.23	Autumn Term Starts - INSET Days – No children
06.09.23	Children return to school for the Autumn Term

Attendance

Caterpillar	90.74%	Eucalyptus	95.83%
Willow	93.42%	Sycamore	96.11%
Elder	97.22%	Hazel	95.56%
Palm	92.25%	Elm	95.73%
Beech	92.13%	Maple	95.65%

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	Crystelle , for her wonderful positive outlook and kindness to all around her. Ellie , for being kind and welcoming to our new nursery friends.
Reception	Hamilton , for his fantastic concentration and learning lots of facts about David Attenborough! Claude , for his mature attitude towards his learning this week!
Willow	Jaden , for being an incredibly kind and gentle friend! Aro , for challenging himself in both English and maths, and making amazing progress.
Elder	Scarlett , for extra research at home about the Tower of London to prepare for our visit. Damiah , for 'checking in' on a classmate who was hurt and asking if she was okay during our visit.
Palm	Micah , for being sensitive and caring towards others Hanah , for being caring towards others when they are upset.
Beech	Summer and Yva , for creating a wonderful watercolour painting as a team. Well done!
Eucalyptus	Mikayla , for always doing her best in lessons. Lyla , for her contributions to class discussions.
Sycamore	Sikemi , for her wonderful empathy and kindness towards her peers. Miguel , for his enthusiasm towards learning and ability to provide exciting facts relating to the topic.
Hazel	Mia , for always showing empathy to others in class and being very supportive. Joju , for her fantastic ambitious attitude towards her learning this week!
Maple	Mahamed , for being a great DKH ambassador this week and always making positive choices.
Elm	Issan , for his great participation during a workshop at the Dulwich Picture Gallery

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

Did you know that a python's tooth is thinner than a needle?

Did you know that Pythons are nonvenomous snakes? They do not use venom to catch their prey. Instead, they belong to the group of snakes called constrictors.

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

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

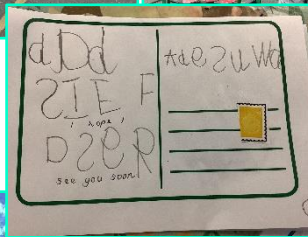


We love LEARNING

Nursery have been learning all about holidays! Our classroom had a summer holiday makeover and we have been loving packing and unpacking their holiday suitcase with all the essentials. We have been talking about the different places people go on holiday and the different transport people take. We had the opportunity to share our own experiences of going on holiday:



'I went on a camel in Egypt.'
'My hotel had a TV.'
'I swam with a floaty.'



The children worked together as a team to build an airplane! The children loved taking it in turns to be the pilot and choosing where to fly to. We even did a bit of REAL LIFE airplane spotting and tallied how many we saw fly over the playground.

We are having the best time on our Nursery holiday and have written postcards to share with our family about our fabulous adventures!



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**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



**DKH
Year 6
present**

Oliver Twist
by Charles Dickens

**Thursday 13th July
5.30pm**

**Tickets
£1**

**in the
Dining Hall**

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**Lettsom Gardens
SUMMER PARTY
Saturday 8 July
3 - 10 pm
Food & Drinks
Live Music
ALL WELCOME**

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**Big City Butterflies
SUMMER SOCIAL!**

We want to say THANK YOU to our wonderful community of project partners, volunteers and supporters.

Join us for:

- Moth trap opening
- Guided foraging walk
- Print your own tote bag
- Pizza & drinks
- An amazing BCB goody bag

5:30-8:30pm @Tower Hamlets Cemetary Park
Book your FREE place:
<https://tinyurl.com/y55akmuh>

Butterfly Conservation