



Thought of the Week

It takes courage to grow and become who you really are. – EE Cummings

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday the 5th of June was **World Environment Day** and this year marked the 50th anniversary of when this important day was established by the United Nations General Assembly. As part of our whole school assembly we focused on this year's theme – **Solution to Plastic Pollution**. We challenged pupils and our school community to consider how they could reduce the amount of plastic they use, particularly single use plastic. I was very impressed with our children and how they were able to explain why it is important to reduce plastic pollution and the impact that plastic has on the environment and the food chain.

This week DKH showcased their musical talent. Children across the school had the opportunity to perform to an audience of parents and peers. These are important opportunities which provide children a sense of achievement, help to build self-confidence, develop creative and artistic expression and cultivate teamwork. **A huge thank you to Ms Omoniyi and Mr Wales for organising a wonderful week where music was truly in the air.**

We were delighted to welcome a very special visitor on Friday. Gary Douglas, Southwark's Sustainable Travel Officer, took part in our celebration assembly to present DKH with a Gold Award for their hard work in encouraging and supporting active travel. **The benefits of active travel on our physical health, mental health and the environment are well known.** Help us continue to be a influencer in this area by making your journey to school an active one!

Parents and carers are reminded that all school **policies** can be found on the school website and that hard copies can be requested from the school office.

Sycamore Class have been developing their cricket skills in PE and you can see them in action, [here](#)

Year 6 are excited to announce that parents and cares will be invited to their wonderful performance of **Oliver!** on **Thursday 13th July at 17:30**. More details will be available soon.

Wishing our school community a sunny weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

How does our garden grow?

Our beautiful allotment continues to grow and flourish and we are pleased to announce that DKH, with support from **The Friends**, have started working with **South London Urban Growers (SLUG)**. This means that more children



have the opportunity to garden, grow and enjoy the benefits of working with nature. You can see more [here](#).

This hot weather makes our garden very thirsty. **Do you have time to help us water?**



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!

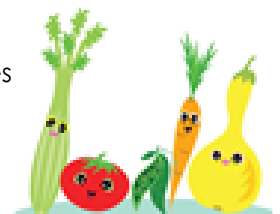
Healthy Eating Week

Healthy Eating Week starts on **Monday 12th June** and we have lots of exciting activities planned. As part of DT lessons, children will be creating their own delicious and healthy recipes.

There will be a **Healthy Zones parent session** on Wednesday 14th June with lots of tasters as well as ideas and suggestions about what a brilliant packed lunch could look like. (See details above.)

We are also compiling a **DKH Healthy Eating Cookbook** and would love to feature recipes from parents, carers, staff and pupils to create a cookbook which reflect a variety of cuisines and showcases all the wonderful cultures at DKH.

Please submit your recipe either electronically to the school office on school@dkh.southwark.sch.uk or in writing to your class teacher by Friday 16th June.





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Dates for the Diary



12.06.23	Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4
12.06.23	Phonics Screening Check begins
12.06.23	Reception Class trip to Horniman Museum
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
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

Attendance

Caterpillar	97.47%	Eucalyptus	97.08%
Willow	99.57%	Sycamore	94.44%
Elder	98.81%	Hazel	93.5%
Palm	98.08%	Elm	95.6%
Beech	91.32%	Maple	93.72%

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	Adesuwa , for her ambitious attitude to learning! Harvey , for always trying his best!
Reception	Isha , for being a consistently kind and caring member of our class! Amira S , for her can do attitude and positivity towards her learning!
Willow	Sofia , for encouraging and showing our school value of empathy. Ariyah , for showing great passion and enthusiasm for learning.
Elder	Madina , for working more independently and improving her rate of work to write a fictional diary entry in English. Anthionella , for being a positive, cheerful, helpful member of Elder Class.
Palm	Fahiz , for trying so hard to be ambitious by setting goals for himself in his learning. Jordan , for having high standards for himself particularly in his creative writing.
Beech	Nana , for great focus in his independent work. Zojen , fantastic engagement in multiplication activities.
Eucalyptus	Niah , for determination to learn all her times tables. Mosiah , for always striving to do his best.
Sycamore	Xavier , for his amazing work in maths, drawing and describing triangles. Sikemi , for her astonishing resilience and ability to engage with peers.
Hazel	Elizabeth , for always ensuring she is doing the right thing Asya , for always being so caring and supportive to others in class
Maple	Joshua , for having high expectations of himself and others. Taliah , for identifying Maya cities on a map correctly.
Elm	Gautami , for always working incredibly hard and setting an excellent example for her peers. Angel , for working well both independently and as part of a group and being so helpful around the classroom.

Charles's Friday Facts By Charles, Year 4

Did you know that the first Spider-Man comic was published in 1962 and was called *The Amazing Fantasy*, Volume 15?

Did you know that Spider-Man wasn't actually going to be a spider-based superhero? Stan Lee actually wanted to base a comic on a fly or insect but decided on a spider.

You can learn more about Spider-Man [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

Last half-term Reception Class learnt about life-cycles. We were lucky enough to observe the life cycle of a butterfly. We observed closely as the caterpillar grew, made their chrysalis and emerged as butterflies. We let the butterflies go into our garden so that they could find a new home.

We also watch and observed as 8 chicks emerge from their eggs! We learnt how to keep the chicks healthy and happy by changing their bedding, feeding them, and making sure they had enough water to drink. We learnt that we needed to wash our hands before and after handling the chicks in order to keep ourselves and the chicks healthy.

We have also had a tank full of tadpoles in our class. We have learnt about the life-cycle of a tadpole and are eagerly awaiting the tadpoles to turn into froglets. Watch this space !

You can learn more about the life cycle of a frog [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

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In this modern age, we're privileged to be able to experience art from other cultures at the press of a button. A popular example of this is the Japanese animation style known as anime. Although anime appeals to all generations in the West, its largest demographic by far is that of children and young people. However, doesn't mean that all anime is age-appropriate, and parents and carers are encouraged to make themselves aware of the kind of content their children could be exposed to.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, an anime web series based on the popular video game, Cyberpunk 2077. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as Fortnite and Call of Duty, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG Genshin Impact may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. Yandere Simulator, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. Death Note, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as '18-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. Pokémon and One Piece are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: Grave of the Fireflies, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in Fortnite, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

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