



## Thought of the Week

*Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later. - Og Mandino*

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started with a whole school assembly sharing how DKH will celebrate **Jeans for Genes Day**. Our children were fantastic role models for our school value of empathy and it was great to see everyone in their denim on Friday morning.

A **Year 6 transition meeting** was held to support Year 6 parents and carers who are now thinking about secondary schools for their child. If you were not able to attend the meeting, full details can be found on our website [HERE](#). If you have questions about the secondary schools admissions process, please contact the school office to book an appointment. **We are here to help!**

**Year 4** had an exciting week learning about Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. In English, they developed their understanding of the play and in Art, they created paintings of scenes and characters. They even learned songs about the play! This learning culminated in a trip to the Unicorn Theatre to see a child friendly version of *The Tempest*. It was a great day! A **HUGE thank you** to the **Year 4 Team** for their hard work in coordinating this great event, to the **parents and carers** who support the trip, to the **Unicorn Theatre** who supported us, to the **catering team** who made the lunches and to **Mila's dad** who made sure everyone got home safely!

I am pleased to share that **Gardening Club** has resumed and that **Mr Butt** and his gardening team back on the allotment. You can see more of their green fingered adventures [HERE](#)!

**DKH is a Healthy School** and we know that a good breakfast and a balanced and nutritious lunch is essential for children's concentration and learning. Last year, we worked with School Food Matters to update our [Food Policy](#). They have also provided some quick and healthy breakfast ideas [HERE](#) and some tips for packing a balanced lunch [HERE](#). Please remember that DKH is a **water only** school.

Wishing our school community a restful weekend.

**Barbara Ghezzi**

## Reminders from the Office

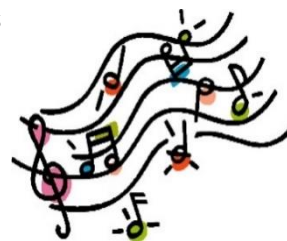
While we understand that children may occasionally need to stay home due to not feeling well, **it's important for us to have clear information about the reasons for your child's absence**. Simply stating that a child is "not feeling well" without providing more specific details could result in the absence being categorised as unauthorised.

To ensure the safety of our children, please remember that **anyone collecting a child at the end of the school day must be 16 years or older**. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Meet our KS2 Music Teacher

**Mr James Dixon**, of Southwark Music Service has joined DKH as our KS2 Music and Choir Teacher. In this video interview, Mr Dixon discusses his musical background, what started his love of all things music, and of course, what brought him into teaching. [WATCH HERE](#)

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Dixon and thank him for chatting to us. It was really interesting to hear about his life and how he is enjoying teaching at DKH so far!



## Cycle to School Week

Get ready for **Cycle to School Week** which starts **Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September**. Why should you and your family get on your wheels and join in?



# Cycle to School Week

1. Cycling encourages independence in our children!
2. Cycling reduces congestion and supports cleaner air. Fewer cars mean quieter and safer roads, especially around our school gates!
3. An active start to the day is fantastic for health and gets children ready for learning.
4. And last but not least, it's just plain FUN!

Let's cycle, scoot or even roller-skate our way to a healthier, happier, and more eco-friendly school experience.



## Dates for the Diary



25.09.23	Cycle to School Week
25.09.23	Year 3 Spanish Workshop with Alleyn's start
02.10.23	Black History Month Begins
04.10.23	Year 3 Trip to London Transport Museum
05.10.23	School Council Elections
10.10.23	World Mental Health Day #HelloYellow
20.10.23	Year 6 Fix-a-Bike workshop
23.10.23 – 27.10.23	Half Term
02.11.23	Year 4 start swimming
03.11.23	Year 1 and Year 2 Multi-Skills event
06.11.23	Nursery Parents Evening
07.11.23	Parents Evening
08.11.23	Parents Evening
13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week Begins
20.11.23	British Maths Week Begins
21.11.23	Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme Trip
23.11.23	Flu Vaccinations
27.11.23	Alleyn's Drama workshop with Year 4 starts
11.12.23	EYFS Christmas Performance
11.12.23	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance
12.12.23	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Performance
13.12.23	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performance

## Attendance

Caterpillar	97.58%	Rowan	97.3%
Willow	99.03%	Hazel	99.19%
Elder	94.87%	Elm	92.96%
Beech	96.03%	Maple	95.49%

## 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!

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Ayesha</b> , for her creative approach to storytelling!
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Sadie</b> , for her fantastic courage and can-do attitude this week! <b>Rameira</b> , for creating some fantastic transient art this week using a variety of resources - you are very creative!
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Amira</b> , for creating a beautiful piece of art during our session in the art room. Well done Amira! <b>Blu</b> , for being brave and trying his best to overcome his fear.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Garsha</b> , for making a fantastic effort with all his work and showing good focus during his independent work. <b>Misola</b> , for putting a creative spin on a new story we are writing and using some words and phrases from stories that she has read.
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Ioan</b> , for his wonderful characters he created and drew. <b>Chelsea</b> , for confident and considered performances in drama.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Micah</b> , for showing a mature attitude to his independent learning. <b>Muhydeen</b> , for enthusiasm and skill during our Tempest writing, reading and art work.
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Uthman</b> , for his creative sculpture making skills in art! <b>Fawaz</b> , for challenging himself in his writing lessons and always staying on task!
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Khiyari</b> , for using the column method to solve addition and subtraction worded problems. <b>Lily</b> , for being creative with her autobiographical writing by using varied sentence starters and a range of conjunctions.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Emmie</b> , for her creativity shown across art and music this week and for always making valuable contributions in class. <b>Karima</b> , for her fantastic contribution in music this week and for always doing her best in her learning.

## Charles's Friday Facts *By Charles, Year 5*

**Did you know** that the oldest song was written around 3,400 years ago and it is titled the Hurrian Hymn to Nikkal?

**Did you know** that music was created at least 35,000 years ago?

You can learn more about the history of music [HERE](#).

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

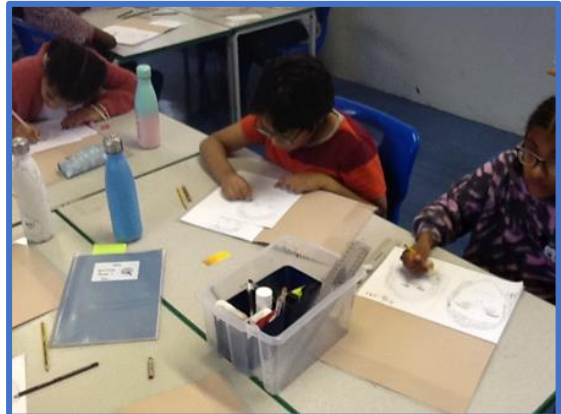


## We love LEARNING

### A Buzz of creativity in Elm Class...

This week **Elm Class** we have been celebrating the value of the week, **CREATIVITY**, across our learning. In **Art** we created our self portraits and Ms Kelly-Roberts was blown away by the fantastic progression we have shown in our work. These were so brilliant, that she was able to identify each of us by our sketches.

In **Music** we experimented with dynamics (variation in loudness) in music. We played a variety of instruments which included triangles and drums and some of us took on the role of conductors, signalling when we should play louder and softer. We had had some great ideas on how this could be achieved.







## Flu Vaccine

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

**Your child can receive the flu vaccine at school on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.** You can read more about the flu vaccine by using these links: [Letter from Southwark](#) and [Protect Against the Flu Flyer](#)

Please use the link below to access the electronic consent form or scan the QR code.

[Link for Electronic Consent Form](#)

Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do NOT want to vaccinate your child against flu this year.



## TGI Mixed Age Sports Club

Starting  
6th September  
2023



Children in Reception to Year 6 can take part in a TGI Mixed Age Sports Club at DKH.

Available Monday to Friday, term time only.

All payments to be made on **ARBOR**.

All payments to be made in **24 hours in advance** of attending the booked club.

*Please note, bookings are non-refundable and cannot be transferred.*

Children should wear trainers and are encouraged to bring a **healthy snack**.

Cost	
1 hour (mixed age sports) 15:30 - 16:30	£5.50
1 hour (games skills) 16:30 - 17:30	£5.50
2 hours (mixed age sports and game skills) 15:30—17:30	£9.50
10 hours Monday to Friday (mixed age sports and games skills) 15:30—17:30	£38.00

## YOUNG MUSICIAN



## GROUP PIANO LESSONS SATURDAYS THURSDAYS

**BOOK YOUR FREE TASTER SATURDAY 16TH SEPT 11.30**

*At the Telegraph Hill Community centre  
Kitto road SE14 5TY*

**Young Musician is a fun group piano lesson for children aged 4 and 5**

**Contact: [nausicaa.ramerino@gmail.com](mailto:nausicaa.ramerino@gmail.com)  
07868-232-868**

## Autumn Term Family Courses

**At The Centre for Wildlife Gardening  
28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE  
For Southwark residents / free (refundable booking deposit required)**



### Weekly Family Nature Explorers After School Sessions

Tuesday 19th September – 14<sup>th</sup> November  
3.45 till 5pm (no session in the half term week)  
Free family sessions after school. Discovering the wildlife in our nature reserve with fun activities, crafts and games. Suitable for primary age children but you are welcome to bring your little ones too.

### Half Term Bushcraft

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10am till 3pm  
A two day family workshop helping you to improve your survival skills. It can be booked as a single day or both days. On Monday you will try out shelter building and water filtering and on Tuesday you will be foraging for food and fire lighting. Aimed at primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your older and younger ones too.



### Half Term Tremendous Trees

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 10am till 3pm  
Discover the trees in our wildlife garden, how they benefit wildlife and how to identify them. Games, nature art and fun activities. Suitable for children of any age but particularly primary aged children.



To find out more about these events and book your space please visit [www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events)

