



Thought of the Week

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new. – Albert Einstein

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to let you know that DKH has now completed the academy transfer process and has received confirmation from the Secretary of State that as of **1st October**, DKH and RPS will join the **Nexus Multi-Academy Trust** and become academies. We can't wait to embark on this new journey together, and continue to make DKH the best school for our children and school community.

This week we were excited to welcome Year 12 pupils from Alleyn's School. Over the next few weeks, these pupils and their teacher will be working with **Beech Class** to deliver a series of **Spanish** sessions. Our partnership with Alleyn's continues to grow and this year children across the school will be able to take part in a variety of sessions with Alleyn's including drama, music and dance. You can see more from the first Spanish session [HERE](#).

Remember, you can keep up with all the **latest DKH news** on our blog, which can be found on our website and here: [DKH News](#).

Parents and carers are reminded that children are welcome to wear watches to school as long as they are not smartwatches. However, **no jewellery should be worn in school**. If children have pierced ears then small studs are allowed, no hoops or dangly earrings please. Earrings and other jewellery can be easily caught and pulled during the day especially at playtime and P.E, resulting in potential injuries.

Finally, we are excited to launch **Black History Month** next week. As a school we are committed to fostering an environment of inclusion, understanding and appreciation for diversity. We pride ourselves in delivering a rich and diverse curriculum throughout the year. However, in October we have also planned a variety of engaging activities to continue to educate, inspire and celebrate Black History. The theme of this year's Black History Month is **Celebrating our Sisters**. Children will be taking part in a **Music and Storytelling Workshop** delivered by Margaret's Music as well as an **Art Day** exploring BAME female artists. In addition, each year group will be **researching and learning** about an aspect of BAME achievements.

There are more exciting activities planned so watch this space!

Wishing our school community a restful and peaceful weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Note from the Office



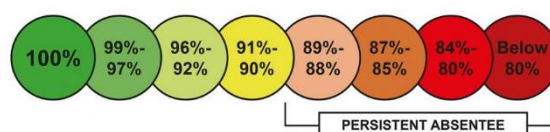
Parents and carers are reminded to please ensure they notify the school office of any updates to their contact information. **The school requires that at least two emergency contacts are provided.** This is crucial in case your child falls ill or experiences an accident. Please contact the school office to check or update your details.

Attendance Matters

Consistent attendance ensures your child does not miss out on valuable learning. Each day builds on the previous day's learning so **regular attendance** is key to **successful learning**.

School is also where children form **friendships, learn teamwork and develop social skills**. Consistent attendance helps to build on these skills.

If you need support with your child's attendance or have further questions, please contact **Ms Nichols**, via the school office.



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Cycle to School Week

It was great to witness so many of our children embracing **active travel** by cycling and scooting to school, with some of our parents joining in too! We were thrilled to see so many of our pupils and parents reaping the benefits of these healthy and eco-friendly choices. You can see more [here](#)!



Cycle to School Week



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Dates for the Diary



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
12.10.23	School Council Elections
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	Alley'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
19.12.23	Class Parties
20.12.23	Last day of Autumn Term

Attendance

Caterpillar	96.62%	Rowan	97.84%
Willow	97.58%	Hazel	98.77%
Elder	98.29%	Elm	85.45%
Beech	94.82%	Maple	97.92%

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	Lloyd for being a kind and generous friend.
Reception	Toheer , for his fantastic team work and encouragement this week! Yemaya , for always looking out for others.
Willow	Ainhua , for always trying her absolute best and improving her handwriting as a result of her focus. Jaheim J , for always checking in on his peers when they are feeling sad. Everyone is lucky to have a friend like you, Jaheim!
Elder	Aro and Lili , for being good maths partners, helping others when they can.
Beech	Freddie , for his great contributions to class discussions. River , for his caring nature to others.
Rowan	Daisy , for her attention to detail during independent learning time in maths and English. Monisola , for her calm and thoughtful approach to her class friends.
Hazel	Niah , for always using kindness in all areas around the school! Alexander O , for always taking pride in his work and producing work that is clear and well presented !
Maple	Joju , for always willing to understand and help others around her. Brooklyn , for identifying and working out common factors and multiples between two numbers.
Elm	Owen S , for his incredible commitment to learning and genuine consideration for others. Tamara , for always being kind and sharing her artistic skills with a peer.

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

Did you know that the longest song ever recorded is called *The Rise and Fall of Bossanova*, by PC III, and it is 13 hours, 23 minutes and 32 seconds long?

Did you know that this is a world record and is recorded in the Guinness Book of Records?

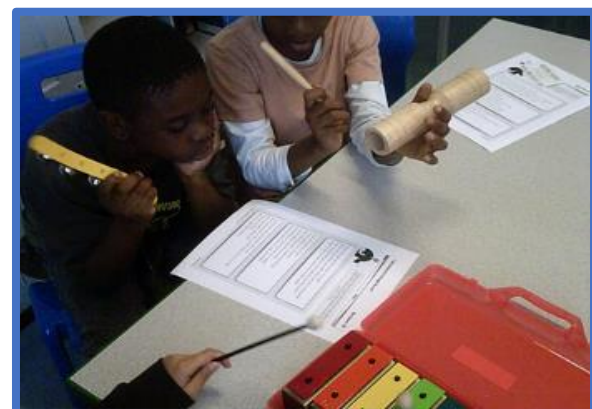
You can learn more about world records [HERE](#).

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 week in RE, **Hazel Class** been exploring how people express their faiths through the arts. We had the opportunity to put extracts from the Bible to music and create a song. We had a lot of fun using a variety of instruments.



Do you want to learn to play the drums?

Come get started on your musical journey learning drums with Arun.

As a cross-genre percussionist, drummer and bandleader, Arun has wide experience teaching children and young people how to access their inner musicality, creativity and confidence.

Lessons are £20.25 per half-hour and occur during the afternoon on Mondays or Tuesdays at DKH.

No experience necessary.

Contact Arun via Whatsapp at 07775616271 or e-mail arun.janssens@gmail.com for further inquiries.



OPEN DAY

Old Kent Road Fire Station

Saturday, 30th September 2023 12pm–4pm

- Your chance to meet local firefighters and get fire safety advice.
- See our latest fire and rescue service equipment.
- VR headsets, line rescue demonstrations, 64 metre turntable ladder, hydraulic car cutting equipment, facepainting, sand art.

405 Old Kent Road London SE1 5JH
For more info contact Old Kent Road fire station:
T 02085551200 ex 84535



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 23rd 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.

