



Quote of the Week

He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life. – Muhammad Ali

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of what has been a very busy half term. This week has been no different and it has been packed with activities. The school has been abuzz with learning and excitement as children took part in a range of activities for Black History Month. Our whole school Art Day was based on the theme, *Celebrating our Sisters* and resulted in some very impressive work which we hope to share with you soon. As part of Black History Month, children also took part in a fantastic **Music Workshop** and enjoyed a brilliant **Story Telling Workshop**. You can see more on our website, [here](#) and [here](#). A huge thank you to **Mr Lalchan** and **Ms Kelly-Roberts** for organising such a wonderful celebration of Black History and diversity. The celebrations will continue at the end of the day with an opportunity for parents, carers and children to enjoy the culinary contributions of our diverse school community. Thank you to the **Friends of DKH** for organising this wonderful event of sharing, celebration and community. On **Tuesday 30th October**, children can also enjoy a special themed lunch menu. Please see details on page 4 of this newsletter.

This week, Year 4 enjoyed a visit to **The Courtauld Gallery** and somehow managed to miss the rain! Year 6 took part in the **Fix-A-Bike Workshop** which provided children a range of useful skills to support active travel now and when they transition to secondary schools. Year 3 finished their **swimming lessons** and had their final Spanish workshop with Alley's.

We had our second **Open Morning** and our Year 6 tour guides received many compliments for their friendly and confident tours of the school. Prospective parents really appreciated hearing about the school from a child's perspective. Well done to our tour guides!

Parent Evening letters went out this week and we look forward to welcoming you to parent's evening. This is a great opportunity to meet with the class teacher and discuss the progress that your child has been making. If you have misplaced the letter, please speak with your child's class teacher.

I am also excited to share with you that **Ms Lewis** and her husband are expecting their first child. This is wonderful news and we wish them all the best.

Wishing our school community a restful half term. **Barbara Ghezzi**

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH
2023**



Note from the Office



Over the past few months, DKH has been committed to providing a morning and after-school club to support working parents while offering enriching activities for our children. We understand the value these programs bring to our school community and have worked diligently to maintain them. However, despite our best efforts, we regret to inform you that these clubs have not received enough bookings to remain financially viable.

As a result, we have made the difficult decision to **discontinue both the Wake and Shake Club and the Mixed Age Sports Club. The last day the clubs will be available is Friday 20th October 2023.**

We understand that this may be disappointing news for both you and your children, and we want to assure you that this decision was not made lightly.

Parents and carers who use the clubs have been contacted directly and any advance payments will be refunded.

DKH School Council

Our School Council Executive Committee is organised and ready to start. We can't wait to hear their brilliant ideas!



Our Class Representatives are ready for the challenge! They are committed to being excellent role models for our school values and champions for the views and needs of their peers.

School Council Executive Committee

Lansana, Chair
George, Vice Chair
Illy, Treasurer
Ameen, Secretary

Class Representatives

Elder:	Ariyah and Athen
Beech:	Scarlett and Damiah
Rowan:	Hanah and Seyram
Hazel:	Uthman and Fawaz
Elm Year 5:	Charles and Jazmine
Elm Year 6:	Aaron T and Ella
Maple:	Lady and Aaron



Dates for the Diary



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
08.11.23	Year 4 Money Twist Workshop
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
01.12.23	Winter Fair
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
15.12.23	Last day of afterschool clubs
19.12.23	Class Parties
20.12.23	Last day of Autumn Term
08.01.24	Start of Spring Term – Children return to school
11.01.24	Elm Class swimming sessions begin
22.01.24	Alley's Art workshop with Maple Class start

Attendance

Caterpillar	88.43%	Rowan	94.12%
Willow	94.69%	Hazel	99.59%
Elder	96.58%	Elm	93.7%
Beech	96.43%	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!

Nursery	Fredel , for always being respectful to his peers and grown-ups in nursery!
Reception	Ashley , for being a kind and caring friend. Adnan , for his fantastic art work this week!
Willow	Rudi , for all his hard work this half term, going above and beyond and practicing writing at home, creating an awesome comic! Nahla , for being respectful to all adults and having beautiful manners.
Elder	Sofia , for fantastic focus and producing a beautiful piece of art work during BHM art day. Ire , for always showing respect, having lovely manners, greeting adults politely, and always saying please and thank you.
Beech	Kartier , for his respect of the classroom - always wanting to help clean up after art. Isa , for her respectful nature and her fantastic descriptive writing.
Rowan	The whole class deserve an award this week as they were brilliant art ambassadors for our school at the Courtauld Gallery.
Hazel	Joel and Anas A , for always respecting the rules of the school and setting a good example for others.
Maple	Mia , for always valuing and appreciating others in a respectful manner. Lady , for her wonderful Black History Month art work in the style of Alma Thomas.
Elm	Oliwier and Lyla , for always being respectful to both adults and peers in the school.

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

Did you know that one quarter of all the bones in your body are in your feet?

Did you know that the human skeleton has more than 200 bones?

You can learn more about the human skeleton [here!](#)

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

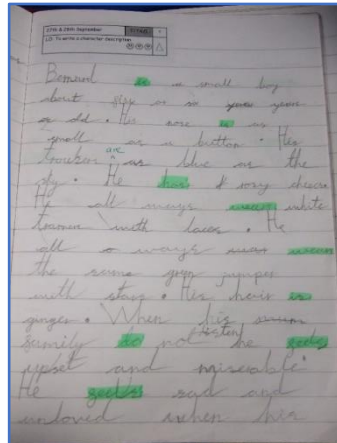
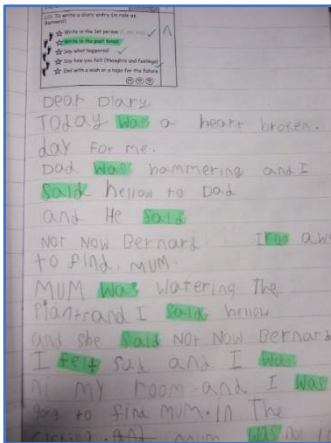


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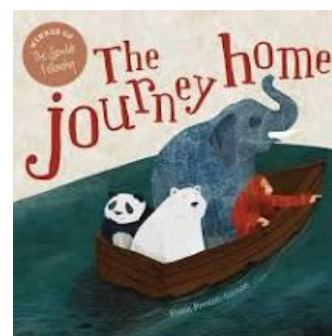
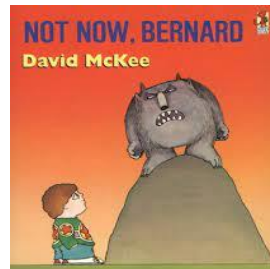
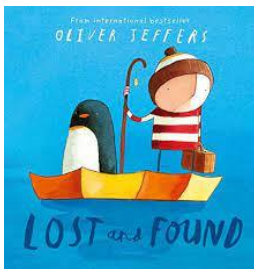
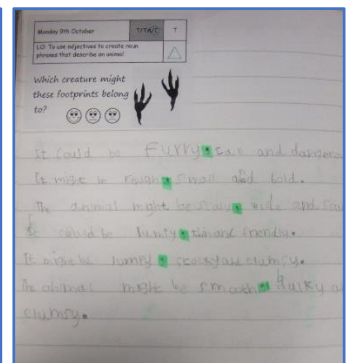
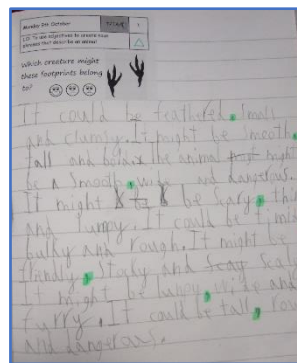
Year 2 have been very busy this half term...

We have read three different texts: *Lost and Found*, *Not Now, Bernard!* and *The Journey Home*.

We wrote diary entries in role as Bernard and described his character:



Then, in *The Journey Home*, we found strange footprints in the classroom and tried to think about the type of creature that the footprints belonged to...



We used our ideas about monsters and strange creatures from the stories to create a moving monster in DT. We used split pins as the pivots and then we linked levers together to make linkages.





Caribbean Beef Pie
Served with Mash Potato

Or

Caribbean Chickpea Coconut Curry
Served with Rice

Corn on the cob

Pineapple Upside Down Cake with
Custard

Or

Fresh Fruit

Tuesday 31 October 2023

UPCOMING DKH FRIENDS EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM

20

OCTOBER

CELEBRATION
OF BLACK
CULTURE

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NOVEMBER

DKH APPLE
DAY

10

NOVEMBER

DKH SCHOOL
DISCO

15

NOVEMBER

DKH FRIENDS
AGM

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DECEMBER

DKH WINTER
FAIR

IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED DROP US AN EMAIL
FRIENDS@DKH.SOUTHWARK.SCH.UK