



## Thought of the Week

*Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations. - Dr. Mae Jemison*

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to let you know that **School Council** elections are taking place next week. Children in Years 2 to 6 have been encouraged to consider running for school council by sharing their ideas and vision for the school and then asking their peers to vote for them. On **12<sup>th</sup> October** children will be voting for the peer they want to represent them on the DKH School Council.

Pupil voice is highly regarded at DKH and one of the ways our children can express their ideas is via the School Council. School Council gives children a voice in school decisions, fosters communication, solves problems, develops leadership skills, builds community and also promotes the understanding of British values such as democracy while encouraging mutual respect within the school community. We are looking forward to welcoming our new School Council soon and will share election results with you next week.

### School Trips

We have already had a few great school trips this year and teachers are busy planning even more exciting trips. We know that children love going on a school trip and that they can really bring their learning alive, however, **we rely on the support of parents and carers to make these trips possible**. Your presence not only enhances the experience for your child but also ensures the safety and success of these educational adventures.

**Southwark's Local Offer** shows what's available in the borough for children and young people. From parent and carers training information programs to information and support for anyone in Southwark experiencing problems with their mental wellbeing. This is a great resource and you can find out more at <https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/>

Wishing our school community a peaceful weekend.

**Barbara Ghezzi**

## Note from the Office

Please remind children to **lock bicycles and scooters** when leaving them in the bike shed, as there have been instances of missing bicycles in the area.

Please be aware that the school cannot assume responsibility for any damages, accidents, or losses incurred.



## Hello Yellow!

Hello Yellow Day is **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**.

This day is in recognition that at some point in our lives, we all struggle with how we're feeling and that it is normal to have ups and downs. DKH would like to invite everyone to **wear yellow** on this day and donate **£1** to the YoungMinds's campaign for World Mental Health Day. Whether you want to wear all yellow or just a little bit of yellow, any yellow is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health. For more information please see:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

and remember to wear yellow and donate to YoungMinds. Together we can create a brighter future for young people's mental health.

**YOUNGmINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

## Black History Month

Southwark have announced a month-long programme of events, presentations, visiting authors and workshops for all, including half term activities for children. You can find out more on their website [HERE](#). The events are free and a true celebration of our community.

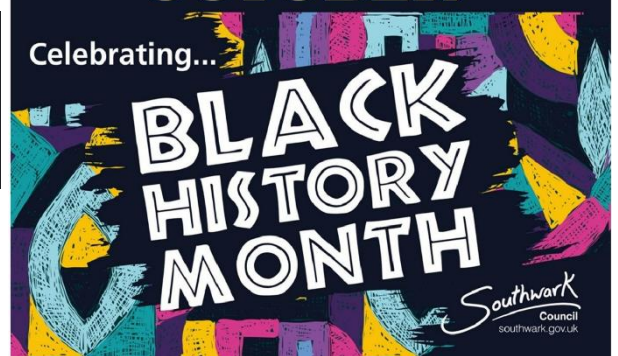
We are excited to share that as part of DKH's celebration of Black History Month, we will be welcoming **Ms Omoniyi** on

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October for a **Music and Storytelling Workshop** for children from Nursery to Year 6. A huge thank you to the **Friends of DKH** for supporting this workshop and to **Mr Lalchan** and **Ms Kelly-Roberts** for all of their hard work in organising another fantastic Black History Month at DKH.



## Events at Southwark Libraries throughout OCTOBER

Celebrating...





# DKH Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## Dates for the Diary



10.10.23	World Mental Health Day #HelloYellow
12.10.23	School Council Elections
19.10.23	Year 4 Art Workshop at Somerset House
19.10.23	Year 2 and Year 5 Fire Safety Workshop
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
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
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	94.64%	Rowan	96.4%
Willow	96.59%	Hazel	96.63%
Elder	97.44%	Elm	88.22%
Beech	95.87%	Maple	96.11%

## 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>Sarai</b> , for her bravery as she starts school.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Crystelle</b> for her fantastic independent writing this week! <b>Adnan</b> , for his enthusiasm in phonics this week!
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Kiyah</b> , for showing courage and challenging herself in phonics. <b>Jaheim B</b> , for being compassionate and caring, always checking on his peers when they are in the blue zone.
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Eliza</b> , for fantastic work finding answers for a comprehension. Eliza re read the text and looked for keywords - well done! <b>Bene</b> , for using a range of good writing skills to write diary entries in role as different characters from our story 'Not Now Bernard'
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Madina</b> , for her courage in swimming. <b>Amira</b> , for her fantastic use of vocabulary in maths.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Johnston</b> , for persevering with his India art board and producing lovely animal pictures. <b>Summer</b> , for producing a truly unique tiger poem this week- well done!
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Kai</b> , for mastering new skills and not allowing mistakes to hinder his learning journey! <b>Maile</b> , for her fantastic work using the column method to add and subtract 5-digit numbers!
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Fatima</b> , for always being brave and taking considered risks in all of her work <b>Mercy</b> , for her excellent biographical writing on Harriet Tubman.
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Attia</b> , for settling in so well at DKH and for being confident and courageous in class class. <b>Emmanuel</b> , for sharing melon seeds he germinated at home (and are now growing) with his whole class.

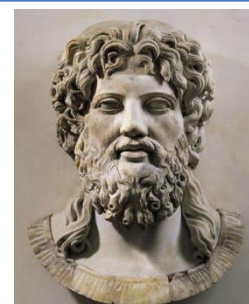
## Charles's Friday Facts *By Charles, Year 5*

**Did you know** that there are twelve major Greek deities? They are: Zeus, Hera, Dionysus, Poseidon, Hephaestus, Apollo, Artemis, Athena, Aphrodite, Demeter, Aires and Hermes.

**Did you know** that Greeks refer to planets by their original gods rather than the Roman versions?

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

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









## 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](mailto:arun.janssens@gmail.com) for further inquiries.



WILD ROOTS FOREST SCHOOL



## HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

23rd–25th October, 10am–4pm, 5–11 year olds  
Lettsom Gardens, SE22



Contact [kath@wildrootsforestschoool.co.uk](mailto:kath@wildrootsforestschoool.co.uk) to book your place  
[www.wildrootsforestschoool.co.uk](http://www.wildrootsforestschoool.co.uk) @wildroots\_forestschoool\_se15

## 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.

