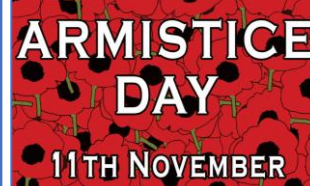




Quote of the Week

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them. - Laurence Binyon



A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our school assembly centred on **Armistice Day** and the importance of remembrance. I was proud of how attentively and respectfully the children participated. On Monday, the entire school will observe a **minute of silence** to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives. This will be followed by The Last Post, played by Mr Wales.



Our **Wild Classroom** continues to grow and we are so excited for all of the enriching learning opportunities it will provide. Thank you to the Friends of DKH for all of their hard work in creating this amazing space for our pupils. **If you would like to find out how you can support**

The Friends, please contact them on friends@dkh.southwark.sch.uk.

We know that **money matters** and this week, **Year 4** started a series of three workshops delivered by a charity called MyBnk. MyBnk works with schools to help young people across the UK understand money and form positive habits related to money. You can see more [HERE](#).

Our **School Council** had their first meeting of the academic year where they had the opportunity to share their ideas on how to make our school even better. In their next meeting they will identify their priorities and make a yearly development plan so that their vision can become a reality! Well done to our school council!

As many of you know, regrettably, I have made the difficult decision to leave DKH at the end of the Autumn Term. The bonds I have formed with our incredible children, dedicated staff, and supportive parents have left an indelible mark on my heart. The prospect of bidding farewell feels unreal, but the challenges posed by my lengthy commute have hindered my ability to fully contribute to the school community. It is with great sadness that I will say goodbye at the end of December. **However, it is not December yet and there is still much to do and tell you.** So, until then, I would like to continue to wish our school community a peaceful weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Antibullying Week

Next week we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying week and the theme this year is **Make A Noise About Bullying**. The week will be kicked off with **Odd Socks Day** on Monday 13th November, where adults and children are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



The theme **Make A Noise About Bullying** came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

At DKH children will be dedicating PHSE lesson time to talking about how we can create positive change to tackle bullying in our school.



Playleaders

In an exciting and empowering session our Year 6 pupils embarked on a journey to become playleaders. With a focus on enhancing their ability to organise and lead games, collaborate effectively and create a positive playtime atmosphere, this training was a positive step in developing leadership skills and fostering an even more vibrant and inclusive school environment. By the end of the session, our Year 6 playleaders and grown not only in skill but in spirit! They left the training session with the confidence and knowledge to take their roles seriously and make a real difference in the lives of their peers. **We can't wait to see the positive impact they will bring to our school's playtimes in the coming weeks and months.**





Dates for the Diary



13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week Begins
13.11.23	Odd Sock Day
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
30.11.23	Year 3 Pedestrian Training
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	Alleyn's Art workshop with Maple Class start
15.01.24	Year 4 visit to Horniman Museum
22.01.24	Alleyn's Art workshop with Maple Class Start
12.02.24	Half Term
04.03.24	Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class starts

Attendance

Caterpillar	91.28%	Rowan	97.84%
Willow	95.17%	Hazel	99.1%
Elder	98.72%	Elm	90.74%
Beech	98.81%	Maple	98.61%

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	Nurah , for her fabulous rocket building!
Reception	Efehan , for his fantastic improvement in his counting – keep it up! Nova , for her determination and enthusiasm in phonics!
Willow	Desire , for creating a beautiful drawing as part of our PSHE lesson this week. Daniella , for working really hard in phonics and blending words that she has found tricky in the past.
Elder	Chikaima , for creativity in her writing describing the setting of a story and when planning a new story Athen , for working hard to improve his handwriting and the presentation of his work overall
Beech	River , for his amazing Anansi artwork which used an array of textures and colours. Hannah , for her creative approach to her Remembrance poppy artwork.
Rowan	Zaccari , for creating a wonderful Arctic scene. Austin , for creating two wonderful posters for English tourism and London landmarks.
Hazel	Anas S and Shamsudeen for always working super hard to use ambitious vocabulary in their creative writing.
Maple	Chidima , for a huge improvement in her reading comprehension skills. George , for a creative character description in English this week.
Elm	Enzo , for his creativity during independent writing; incorporating beautiful figurative language. Sarah , for her resilience with her understanding of equivalent fractions.

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

Did you know that the first school in Britain was a grammar school established in 597AD?

Did you know that There was no national system of education before the 19th century, and only a small section of the child population received any schooling.

You can learn more about how schools have changed [HERE](#)

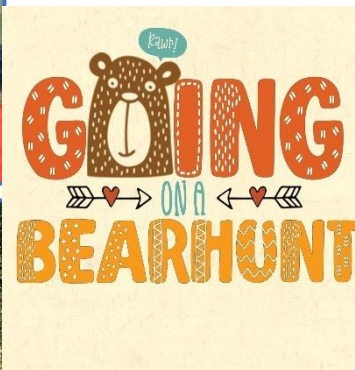
If your child is good with deadlines and would like to contribute to the newsletter, please speak with Barbara Ghezzi, Head of School.



We love LEARNING

This week **Reception Class** kicked off their learning by talking about Bonfire Night! We talked about our own experiences of attending fireworks displays and talked about the sounds and colours we had heard. We made bonfire pictures, launched our own rockets and then watched a sparkler show in the EYFS Garden.

In Literacy we have been reading *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, by Michael Rosen. We even went on our own bear hunt in the DKH Forest! We have been using the repeated refrain from the story to orally retell the story. Next we will use our sounds to write labels for our own bear hunt pictures. You can enjoy the story, at home, [HERE](#).





**DKH FRIENDS**

WITH THE AMAZING DJ DAN

DISCO NIGHT



£3.50
Per
child

10 NOV
6PM-8PM

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Lettsom Allotments Christmas Sale

Sunday, 3rd December 2023
12am-4pm
Lettsom Gardens,
off Grove Park,
Camberwell



Stocking fillers of homemade jams, chutneys, tinctures and a raffle to win a hamper.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

WOOHOO... MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy 😊 Here's what you do:

- 1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
- 2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
- 3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.**

Monday
13TH
November

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



THE DOG KENNEL HILL SCHOOL WINTER FAIR



FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

3.30–5.30

Santa, Games, Mulled Wine & More...

See you there!