



Quote of the Week

Courage is the most important of virtues because, without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently. –Maya Angelou

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see children in their odd socks on Monday in support of Anti-Bullying Week. As part of Anti-bullying Week, our whole school assembly discussed what bullying is: The **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. We discussed that bullying can happen face to face or online.

We also defined banter as: The playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks. We said it is NOT banter if:

1. You would be upset if someone said it to you
2. It's hurtful
3. You're not friends
4. Someone's asked you to stop
5. The target isn't laughing
6. It focuses on someone's insecurities

Children were able to identify who they could speak to if they were concerned that bullying was taking place and they were vocal in their stance that **Bullying is not welcome at DKH!**

In sporting news, our **DKH football team** had their first match this week against Grange Primary. While the result may not have been in our favour, I am incredibly proud of how well the team played. Their effort and teamwork was truly commendable. Losses are a part of the game, but what matters most is the spirit and dedication our players displayed on the field. Please join me in congratulating the team for their hard work. We look forward to more matches and continued growth throughout the season.

Flu Vaccinations next week!

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. Your child can receive the flu vaccine at school on **Thursday 23rd November 2023**. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Year 4 were excited to welcome the Alleen's drama team for the first in a series of four drama workshops. The drama sessions support Rowan Class's current learning about the Antarctic and some of the first people to explore it. You can see more on our website by using this [LINK](#).

Southwark have announced their program for the Southwark Winter of Food and Fun. The programme aims to give local families **access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the winter holidays**. You can find more information [HERE](#).

Wishing our school community a peaceful weekend.
Barbara Ghezzi

Tate Kids!

Some of our children were fortunate to be involved in a special filming in Brixton for Tate Kids. They took part in a workshop with the artist Diana Agunbiade-Kolawole making photographic self-portraits using objects from home which felt special to them and related to their culture and family. This project was inspired by the *A World in Common* exhibition and we can't wait to share the finished film with you! You can learn more about the exhibition [HERE](#) and the artist,



Activity programme for children and young people aged 4-16 years who get benefits-related free school meals

21 December 2023 - 5 January 2024

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Dates for the Diary



13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week Begins
13.11.23	Odd Sock Day
13.11.23	Alleyn's Drama workshop with Year 4 starts
21.11.23	Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme Trip
23.11.23	Flu Vaccinations
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
14.12.23	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
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
16.02.24	School Photos and Class Photos
04.03.24	Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class starts

Attendance

Caterpillar	91.71%	Rowan	98.15%
Willow	96.14%	Hazel	95.43%
Elder	94.47%	Elm	94.07%
Beech	93.48%	Maple	96.18%

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	Eleanor , for her brilliant rangoli pattern!
Reception	Ellie , for always looking out for others and being a caring friend. Keziah , for her fantastic writing this week - you have shown such determination!
Willow	Tobias , for his incredible behaviour for learning this week, listening on the carpet and making great progress with his maths. Well done Tob! Claude , for being an empathetic and great friend to his classmates, encouraging everybody and bringing positivity to the classroom.
Elder	Eliz , for being a supportive friend, and always showing kindness and compassion. Iris , for applying new knowledge and skills to continually improve her work.
Beech	Damiah , for her focus and determination when writing her story. Camari-Lee , for his fantastic use of vocabulary when explaining when we need to regroup when subtracting.
Rowan	Yva , for her never-ending caring attitude to her peers and the environment. Zojen , for her resilience during swimming lessons.
Hazel	Hanan , for always looking out for her peers. Dylan , for his tremendous efforts in all his subjects!
Maple	Ibrahim , for always willing to understand and help others around him. Sikemi , for good work on comparing and interpreting data between different climate zones.
Elm	Jazmine , for her confidence and empathy shown during a discussion about different religious celebrations. Gael , for working hard this week, ensuring he completes all tasks well in class.

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

Did you know that Stevie Wonder's *Happy Birthday To You* was written in 1979?

Did you know that the original Happy Birthday To You lyrics and melody appeared in 1912 and were written by Mildred and Dr Patty Hill?

You can learn more about birthday songs from around the world, [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 **Nursery** have been learning all about Diwali as part of our celebration topic!
We learnt that Diwali is sometimes called the Festival of Light!

To celebrate we made rangoli patterns, made salt dough diva lamps and made a special banana lassi drink!

Watch and enjoy our great Diwali video [HERE!!](#)



THE DOG KENNEL HILL SCHOOL WINTER FAIR

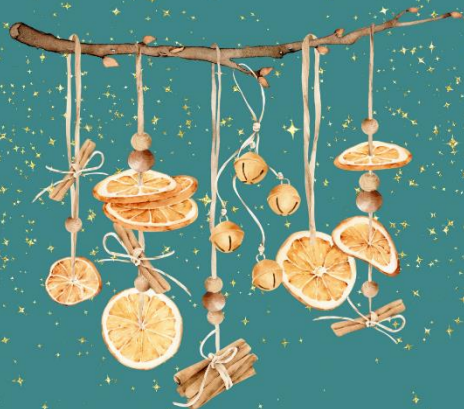
DONATIONS REQUIRED!

We're looking for donations for the
TEDDY TOMBOLA, TOMBOLA, XMAS
JUMPER STALL, BOOKS & BRIC A BRAC!
Please bring your washed teddy's and
jumpers and all other donations to the
school office from next week!

Plus, could your business or employer
donate a raffle prize? Please email
friends@dkh.southwark.sch.uk

Thank you
The Friends of DKH

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FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
3.30-5.30

Santa, Games, Mulled Wine & More...
See you there!

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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Festive Menu

Thursday 14 December 2023

Roast Turkey

Or

Roast Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Stuffing

Carrots & Peas

Festive Biscuit & Ice Cream

Fruit Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Slices

Seasonal Fruit Bowl

5 Choice Salad Bar, Cool Water, Milk & Freshly Baked Bread also available

We offer medical diet & allergen support,
please speak to your school office in the first instance