



## Quote of the Week

*A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new. – Albert Einstein*

## A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our whole school assembly this week celebrated **World Children's Day** and looked at the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We discussed the rights that children have been assured in many countries around the world but it was surprising to learn that there are still countries where children do not have these rights – for example, the right to an education. Worldwide, there are approximately 264 million children who are not able to attend school.

This week, our **Year 6** pupils completed the Southwark Junior Citizenship scheme. You can see more on page 3 of this newsletter and we are delighted that they have all been recognised as **Safer Southwark Citizens!**

Our **DKH Football Team** had their second match this week and were ready to show what they are made of. They played a brilliant game against Robert Browning displaying excellent teamwork, communication and passing, resulting in a **2-1 win!**

**Year 6 playleaders** have been taking their responsibilities seriously and can be found organising and delivering a range of games during lunchtime. We are so proud of the leadership skills they have been displaying as well as their conscientious attitude!

### Reminders

Please remember that our school remains a **nut-free environment** to ensure the safety and well-being of all children and staff. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation in refraining from including any nut-containing items in your child's lunches, snacks, or any food items eaten on-site, including chocolate spreads which contain nuts. Your continued support plays a crucial role in maintaining a secure, safe and inclusive space for everyone.

Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of **following the proper channels** when it comes to addressing any issues involving our children. If there are concerns or conflicts between pupils, kindly refrain from approaching other parents directly. Instead, let's work together to maintain open communication with the school. This ensures that matters are handled appropriately and in the best interest of all involved.

Wishing our school community a peaceful weekend.

**Barbara Ghezzi**

## Maths is fun!



At DKH we follow a mastery approach to the teaching and learning of maths. It means children develop a strong conceptual understanding of maths using concrete, pictorial and abstract representations. **To support our maths teaching children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to access Learning with Parents.** Parents can log in [here](#).

**Children in Years 3 to 6 have access to Time Tables Rockstars.** This is a fun way for children to



learn their time tables and corresponding division facts. We know that children who can quickly recall their multiplication facts build a strong foundation for more advanced mathematical concepts. TTRS engages children and the learning process is FUN. Children have their own login details and can access TTRS at <https://ttrockstars.com/>

## Congratulations!



Well done to **Emmie** for her fantastic book review of *Anjay and the Mumbai Sun*. Her review won the Big Read competition at Alleyn's and this week she was presented with a prize of some exciting new books. We can't wait to hear what Emmie thinks of these new books!

## Allotment News!

Do you enjoy spending time outside? Do you enjoy gardening? We are looking for families help us with a **BIG DIG** to get our allotment ready for Spring planting. If you are able to support with this, please contact Barbara Ghezzi or the school office.

Our **gardening club** had a great time at the allotment this week working with **Mr Butt**. They were amazed (and so were we) to see how big their leeks had grown! They also made lovely bird feeders to feed the birds over the winter months. [Click here for more.](#)





## Dates for the Diary



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| 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            | School Panto                                     |
| 20.12.23            | Last day of Winter 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     |
| 06.02.24            | School Photos and Class Photos                   |
| 12.02.24            | Half Term  |
| 04.03.24            | Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class starts  |
| 29.03.24 – 12.04.24 | Easter Break                                     |
| 15.04.23            | INSET Day – No Children                          |

## Attendance

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|-------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Caterpillar | 95.37% | Rowan | 98.15% |
| Willow      | 88.26% | Hazel | 97.12% |
| Elder       | 97.44% | Elm   | 88.28% |
| Beech       | 91.7%  | Maple | 99.31% |

## 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!

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| Nursery   | <b>Harvey</b> , for always having the courage to do new things.  |
| Reception | <b>Jeffrey</b> , for his fantastic listening skills this week!<br><b>Muneerah</b> , for always being a kind and caring friend to everyone!   |
| Willow    | <b>Liam</b> , for taking his time to create a very impressive poster with information about bullying.<br><b>Phoenix</b> , for being so focused on her work and listening intently on the carpet.   |
| Elder     | <b>Mubarak</b> , for showing courage in all his learning and taking risks.<br><b>Lia</b> , for being really focussed in gardening club and asking great questions.   |
| Beech     | <b>Ioan</b> , for his determination to have fantastic handwriting.<br><b>Urian</b> , for his systematic approach to maths games.   |
| Rowan     | <b>Tara</b> , for her courage and determination during swimming lessons.<br><b>Geoffrey</b> , for his 100% effort in swimming.   |
| Hazel     | <b>Chikamso</b> , for always pushing herself to do her best and achieve lots more!<br><b>Trevor</b> , for his fantastic division skills in maths this week.  |
| Maple     | <b>Elizabeth</b> , for good work on finding decimal equivalents of fractions and an improved confidence in her maths work this year.<br><b>Imrich</b> , for always being brave and resilient in undertaking any tasks that is required of him. |
| Elm       | <b>Aamyah</b> , for her increased confidence and courage to share her ideas in class.<br><b>Owen M</b> , for a great piece of writing, using the success criteria effectively.   |

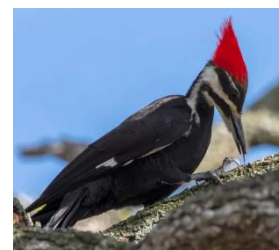
## Charles's Friday Facts *By Charles, Year 5*

**Did you know** that woodpeckers have air pockets in their head to act as shock absorbers?

**Did you know** that woodpeckers like dead or dying trees where the heartwood is already soft, making it easier for them to excavate food?

You can learn more about woodpeckers and how they avoid headaches, [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, **Year 6** pupils visited the Old Kent Road Fire Station to participate in the **Southwark Junior Citizenship Scheme**. The scheme is a unique and invaluable opportunity for Year 6 children to learn citizenship messages and life skills from participating agencies, including: the Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, Southwark Council, Trading Standards agency and the Transport for London Safety and Citizenship Team.

The children took part in interactive scenarios that taught strategies for leading a safer and more responsible lifestyle.







## 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](mailto:friends@dkh.southwark.sch.uk)

Thank you  
The Friends of DKH

## THE DOG KENNEL HILL SCHOOL WINTER FAIR



FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
3.30-5.30

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



## The Holly and the Ivy

Sunday 10th December 10am till 3pm  
at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening,  
28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

Have fun exploring our wildlife garden on this one day family course. Discover the evergreen trees and plants and how they benefit wildlife. Make a wreath for your door and other decorations. Stories, crafts, a fire (weather permitting).

Southwark residents only. Suitable for primary aged children and their parents but feel free to bring along your little ones. Free but £3 deposit required but please let us know if this is too much for you.



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## Tree Day

Sunday 3rd December 11am till 3pm  
at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening,  
28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

*Come and celebrate trees at this free drop-in event!*

Music from Lark in the Woods

Tree walk and tree trail

Refreshments - hot drinks and cakes.

Indoor and outdoor festive wooden crafts.

Local beekeeper, Andy Kingsley, with honey products stall

Tree stories

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Free event but donations are welcome. All profits are invested into London Wildlife Trust's conservation and education work, and the care of its nature reserves.



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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