



Quote of the Week

Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud. – Maya Angelou

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're pleased to announce that Dog Kennel Hill is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for **reporting your child's absence due to illness**, called **Studybugs**. Parents and carers can access the free Studybugs app or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school. **Get the app or register now at <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>.**

You might have noticed a significant transformation to an area of our playground during the October half term. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the **Friends of DKH**, our 'wild' classroom is beginning to emerge. Stay tuned as this space continues to evolve into a fantastic outdoor environment for educational exploration and sensory experiences!



Get your dancing shoes on! The **DKH Disco** returns **Friday 10th November**. The fun starts at 6pm and runs through to 8pm. For more information [CLICK HERE](#) and see the poster on page 4 of this newsletter.

Reception parents and carers are invited to a **Phonics Workshop on Wednesday 15th November from 15:15 to 15:30**.

This workshop is an opportunity to learn about how we teach phonics and early reading at school and how you can support your child at home.

Wishing our school community a relaxing weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Note from the Office



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. There are government guidelines which say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. You read more [HERE](#). If you do keep your child at home, please use **Studybugs** on the first day of absence and let us know the reason your child is not in school.

Active Travel

Have you noticed our new **walking map**? Lots of children and families have been studying it as they enter or leave the school grounds. **Stop and have a look!** Our map shows realistic 5 and 10 minute walk zones and promotes **active travel** to, and from, school. You can find the map on the wall leading to the playground from the Dog Kennel Hill gate (just past the car park barrier.)



Playleaders

We are excited to announce that children in Years 5 and 6 have been offered the opportunity to take part in **playleader training** with the PE Network. Playleader training is a great way for young people to develop leadership skills. Our aspiring playleaders will learn what it is to be a good leader, plan and prepare fun activities for children to take part in and then deliver these activities during lunchtimes. Our group of Year 6 aspiring leaders will have their training next week, with our group of Year 5 aspiring playleaders scheduled to take part in the training in the New Year.

Barvember!

November is also Barvember! Throughout the month of November, children will be taking part in a series of **Maths challenges** using bar models.

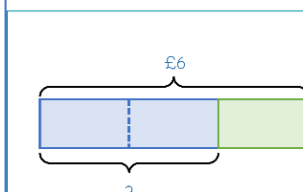
Bar model are used to support children in problem solving. You can find the Barvember challenges [HERE!](#)

A cake costs twice as much as a drink.



The total cost of a cake and a drink is £6

How much does a cake cost?

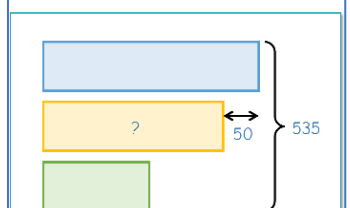


535 people are asked what their favourite fruit is.

50 more people like apples than oranges.

Half as many people like pears as apples.

How many people said their favourite fruit is oranges?





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Dates for the Diary



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	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
12.02.24	Half Term

Attendance

Caterpillar	89.91%	Rowan	95.69%
Willow	91.35%	Hazel	93.42%
Elder	92.8%	Elm	86.5%
Beech	92.52%	Maple	91.13%

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	Effie , who has a 'reach for the stars' mindset which is reflected in everything she does in Nursery!
Reception	Zayan , for his fantastic name writing this week – we are so proud of your progress! Lianne , for her determination and fantastic creative ideas!
Willow	Isaiah , for ambition, working very hard in phonics and growing in confidence every day. Well done Isaiah for working so hard! Jedell , for being an incredible friend when a member of the class was struggling. Everyone should have a friend like you Jedell.
Elder	Alice , for great use of ambitious vocabulary to describe the lion in our new story 'Katie in London.' Mzee , for using amazing similes in his writing to describe the lion from our new story.
Beech	Scarlett , for setting herself the ambition of using joined up handwriting. Kwaku , for his fantastic focus in lessons.
Rowan	Hannah , for aiming high in her writing and reading and making great progress. Nana , for making a 100% effort with his writing about Matthew Henson.
Hazel	Omar , for his ambitious attitude to learning across all curriculum subjects. Lenny , for his superb inference skills in shared reading!
Maple	Malachi , for always having high expectations of himself and always striving to do better. Asya , for good work on identifying algebraic expressions in Maths this week.
Elm	Miguel , for his focus and hard work in maths and for always challenging himself. Z'Niyah , for her mature approach towards her learning and for always challenging herself across all areas of the curriculum.

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

Did you know that Halloween (the traditions held on 31st October) originated as a Celtic holiday called Samhain (pronounced sah-win).

Did you know that Samhain is a Gaelic word that means "summer's end."

You can learn more about the history of Halloween [on BBC Newsround](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-56184444).

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

In **Willow Class** this week, we started our Maths topic on shape and pattern. We explored 3D shapes and identified how many faces, edges and vertices each shape had. We played a game where we chose a shape and gave clues to our partner. Our partner then had to guess the shape we were describing. We also worked in our table teams to build a tower using 3d shapes, discussing what shapes would make a good base of the tower and why. This was so much fun!



In English, we started our unit on the traditional tale, *The Little Red Hen* and one of our lessons involved acting out the story in small groups. We loved this and we were very brave when performing to the rest of the class.





DKH FRIENDS

WITH THE AMAZING DJ DAN

DISCO NIGHT



**10 NOV
6PM-
8PM**

**FOOD &
REFRESHMENTS**

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health

See what illnesses are going around

Secure system, all communications encrypted



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UPCOMING DKH FRIENDS

EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM

20

OCTOBER

CELEBRATION
OF BLACK
CULTURE

3

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
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