



Quote of the Week

What really matters is not whether we have problems, but how we go through them. We must keep going on to make it through whatever we are facing. – Rosa Parks

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's whole school assembly commemorated the anniversary of Rosa Parks' arrest, emphasising the remarkable courage displayed by an ordinary individual who became a catalyst for the civil rights movement. We also discussed our school value of courage and how we all could be inspired by Rosa Parks to be courageous and stand against unfairness.

What's on this December?

It is now December and we only have a few weeks before the end of the Autumn Term. We are excited about the **Winter Fair** which takes place today, starting at 15:30. We also have a lot of other exciting events planned for December and you can see the full lineup [HERE](#)!

Children and staff have been busy this week and there has been a festive buzz in the air as children rehearse for upcoming performances. From a Bossy King to a Spanish Christmas, there is lots to look forward to and we hope you can join us for the festivities!

Term time holidays

Parents and carers are kindly reminded that the law requires parents and carers to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. The school is not able to authorise holidays in term time and we ask you to please consider the timing of your family holiday. Please remember that research shows that children often do not catch up from work missed – this could have serious consequences for your child's learning and progress. Also, there are 175 non-school days in each year for holidays, cultural experiences and family time.

Updates

Our new **Parents, Carers and Visitors Code of Conduct** can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Term dates for the 2024 – 2024 academic year are on the school website and can be found [HERE](#). Parents and carers are encouraged to review these as there are some changes. Most notably, October half term will be two weeks long.

Wishing our school community a warm and restful weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

DKH Rocks!

Well done to our **TTRS MVPs!** They have been rocking their timetables and can respond to questions in less than 2 seconds. I know you will agree that this is impressive! **Ayyash**, who is top of the leaderboard, can recall his multiplication facts in under 1 second! That's amazing!

Rank	Name	Class	Rock Status
1	Ayyash	Rowan	Rock Hero
2	Tamara	Elm	Rock Legend
3	Mikayla	Elm	Rock Legend
4	Kwaku	Beech	Rock Legend
5	Mercy	Maple	Rock Legend
6	Khiyari	Maple	Rock Legend
7	Emmanuel	Elm	Rock Legend
8	Trevane	Maple	Rock Legend
9	Mosiah	Hazel	Rock Legend
10	Joju	Maple	Rock Legend
11	Lansana	Maple	Rock Legend
12	Owen	Elm	Rock Legend
13	Kojo	Hazel	Rock Legend
14	Amira	Beech	Rock Legend
15	Ibrahim	Maple	Rock Legend
16	Ziyad	Rowan	Rock Legend
17	Austin	Elm	Rock Legend
18	Maguette	Maple	Rock Legend
19	Maleek	Maple	Rock Legend
20	Brooklyn	Maple	Rock Legend



Safer Active Travel

We want to encourage our pupils and families to be **safe and active travellers**. To support this, children in Beech Class took part in practical pedestrian training this week. Pedestrian training supports young road users to understand the very real dangers of the road. After a whole class discussion, groups of children are taken out to practice crossing at junctions and where cars are parked. You can see more [HERE](#).





Dates for the Diary



01.12.23	Winter Fair
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
18.12.23	EYFS Christmas Performance
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
16.04.23	Children return to school
18.04.23	Hazel Class swimming sessions begin
22.04.23	Year 3 and Year 4 bikability week begins

Attendance

Caterpillar	91.74%	Rowan	95.08%
Willow	85%	Hazel	95.04%
Elder	93.76%	Elm	93.07%
Beech	92.13%	Maple	95.83%

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	Huxley , for always trying so hard!
Reception	Jody-Ann , for always trying her absolute best during our whole class learning! Hailey , for her fantastic progress in phonics this term! You have wowed us!
Willow	Kiyah , for being a welcoming, caring and kind friend to a new pupil. Isha , for challenging herself with her writing, becoming more independent by using resources to help her!
Elder	Khadija , for performing a Christmas songs solo in front of the class! Great singing! Ocean , for persevering with her handwriting. Keep it up Ocean!
Beech	Morolake , for her focus in our writing lessons. Sofie , for her resilience in maths.
Rowan	Adam , your peers have said you are just a great swimmer! Dylan , for showing resilience and determination in his writing.
Hazel	All of Hazel Class for showing resilience towards their learning in science this term - learning lots of tricky vocabulary and understanding the anatomy of the heart and its role in circulation. It's been mind boggling at times but they have loved it and stuck with it!
Maple	Lansana , for always dealing with challenges and change in a positive manner. Gabriel , for using the formula for working out unknown angles in a triangle.
Elm	Xavier , for his resilience shown in his learning this week. Keep up the good work! Mila , for her consistent focus and resilience shown in her learning.

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

Did you know that an alligator snapping turtle can stay underwater for a whole hour without taking a breath?

Did you know that it can weigh up to 200 pounds and have a lifespan of up to 100 years?

You can learn more about turtles [HERE](#).

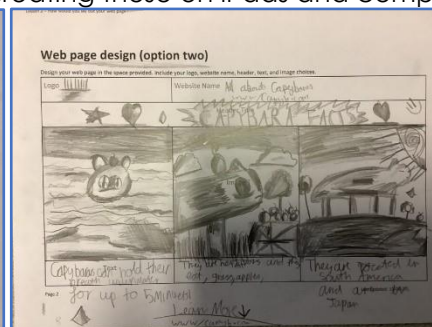
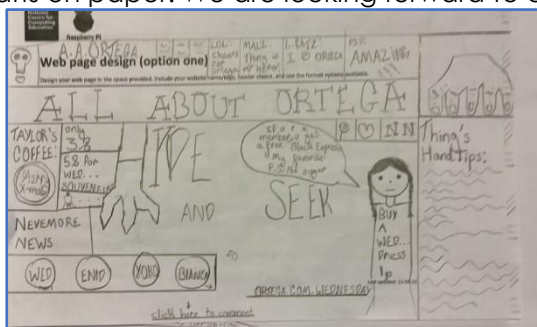
If your child is good with deadlines and would like to contribute to the newsletter, please speak with Barbara Ghezzi, Head of School.



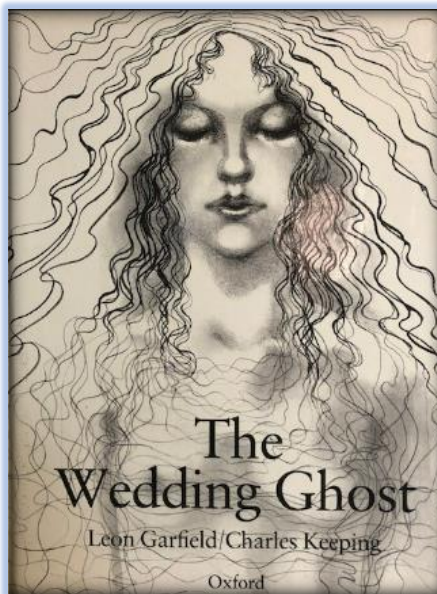
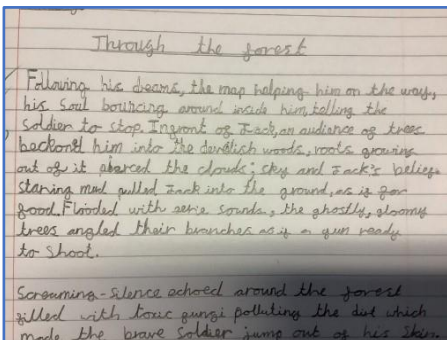
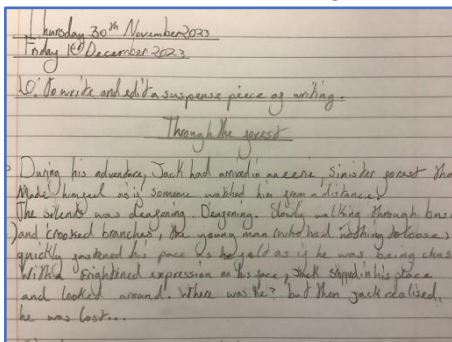
We love LEARNING

In **Elm Class** we have been working very hard. This week, we covered so many exciting topics and we are proud to share some of our learning highlights below.

In **Computing**, we have been learning about website design. Here are some examples of our website drafts on paper. We are looking forward to creating these on iPads and computers.



In **English**, we used drama to re-enact a forest scene from *The Wedding Ghost*. In our writing, we used many writing devices, including personification. Take a look at some examples:



In **PHSE**, we have been discussing the cause and effects of bullying. In order to recognise what bullying is, we had 'voting stations' in the classroom to sort scenarios that are examples of **bullying**, **not bullying** and if we were **not sure**. We had meaningful discussions around this topic.





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 officer in the first instance.



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.



Protecting London's wildlife for the future

To find out more visit
www.wildlondon.org.uk/events



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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dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk



FESTIVE FOREST FUN

HALF-DAY HOLIDAY CLUB FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

10AM-12.30PM
FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER
LETTSON GARDENS, GROVE HILL ROAD, SE5

FREE
(LIMITED PLACES. PRIOR BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL)

MAKE TOYS AND DECORATIONS FROM NATURAL MATERIALS

PLAY OUTDOORS, CLIMB TREES, BUILD DENS

SING SONGS AROUND A NO-BURN FIRE

WARM UP WITH HOT CHOCOLATE AND MINCE PIES

VISIT WILDROOTSFORESTSCHOOL.CO.UK TO BOOK



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Saturday 9 DECEMBER

Camberwell Community Xmas

11am - 2pm - Camberwell Green

Santa and Rapunzel are coming to the Saturday market at Camberwell Green bringing free Caribbean lunch, free treats, decoration fun, festive music and fun-packed active games to get the kids moving!

FREE WARMING CARRIBEAN LUNCH FOR ALL

Low cook, no cook recipes

Community Stalls with info on local food charities, warm spaces, welfare and cost of living advice

Hygiene products, warm clothes and food to give away.

FREE FESTIVE CHOIR & MUSIC

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

- Energy Games
- Making Christmas Treats
- Badges and Decorations
- Face Painting

Mr & Mrs Santa in the Grotto with a Free Stocking Filler

Older People arts & crafts

Partnership Southwark's Wellbeing Van offering NHS physical and mental health advice, information and services

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