



Quote of the Week

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour, and some style - Maya Angelou

A Message from our Interim Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Dog Kennel Hill! I hope that all our children and families had a fantastic and restful holiday. It has been wonderful to welcome the children into school every morning and to see how eager and excited they are to be back at school. Thank you to all the families who have been warmly welcoming me as the Interim Deputy Headteacher.

I am delighted to be starting this term as the Interim Deputy Headteacher. I am looking forward to continuing to work with the children, families, and staff to ensure Dog Kennel Hill continues to thrive. It has been a delight to see all the fantastic learning taking place this week within the school and I am look forward to seeing this continue. I will still be continuing my role as the school SENDCO and working alongside our families to support their children's education.

Victoria O'Reilly

Reminder

Due to staff training, Early Years (our Nursery and Reception Classes), will close at 2:50pm on Thursday 18th January. Please ensure that you collect your child by 2:50pm on Thursday 18th January.

Free Tickets to see the London Lions!

LONDON LIONS
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Dear London Youth Games family,

We are thrilled to extend an invite to you to join us at the Copper Box Arena on Thursday, 18th January, at 7:00pm for our EuroCup playoff game.

This game holds immense significance as we are playing for a spot in the EuroCup Women Quarterfinals, a stage of the competition never reached before by a British women's team!

EVENT DETAILS

DATE Thursday 18th December
TIME 7:00 PM
VENUE Copper Box Arena

Book your free tickets now using promo code: **LYG783**

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

@londonlions & @londonlionsw

We have been able to secure four free tickets for the London Lions game on Thursday 18th December at 7pm. The tickets will be given on a first come, first served basis. Please ask at the office.

Best Foot Forward!

PLAYERS WANTED

A NEW Girls Football Team is coming to Southwark and we are looking for players to join our journey.

Scan the QR code to register your interest. We are currently looking for players to join our U9's (current year 3) and U11's (current year 5).

NEW GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

For any girls interested in playing football please read on. A new football team is looking for girls to play in the under 9's and under 11's team. Scan the QR code for more information.



Dates for the Diary



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 – 16.02.24	Half Term
04.03.24	Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class starts
05.03.24	Imperial War Museum – Maple Class
29.03.24 – 12.04.24	Easter Break
15.04.24	INSET Day – No Children
16.04.24	Children return to school
18.04.24	Hazel Class swimming sessions begin
22.04.24	Year 3 and Year 4 bikeability week begins
05.05.24	Bank Holiday – No school
13.05.24	Year 6 SATS begin
20.05.24	Year 6 School Journey begins
27.05.24 – 31.05.24	Half Term

Attendance

Caterpillar	93%	Rowan	87%
Willow	94%	Hazel	98%
Elder	100%	Elm	91%
Beech	95%	Maple	99%

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	All of Nursery for their ambitious resolutions for 2024. Together we will learn to draw cheetahs, ride bikes and count to big numbers!
Reception	Toheer for consistently being responsible, thoughtful and caring member of our class. You have really worked as team to look after our classroom environment this week! Jeffrey for consistently being responsible, thoughtful and caring member of our class. You have really worked as team to look after our classroom environment this week!
Willow	Jaheim B for showing a positive attitude to learning and listening intently on the carpet. Well done Jaheim! Amira Sesay for growing in independence in her writing and using ambitious vocabulary to extend her writing.
Elder	Eliza for aiming high with her handwriting. Your writing looks beautiful, keep it up! Erdi for using ambitious words and phrases to describe what happened when the great fire of London started.
Beech	Mohamed S for exceptional written work across a range of subjects. Mariatu for a high level of contribution to class discussion.
Rowan	Daniel for focus and determination in writing Layla for showing drive and ambition in our formal division lessons- well done!
Hazel	Jordan for his ambitious vocabulary choices in his writing this week. Hanan for showing that she is a reflective learner by reviewing her work and trying her very best to always improve it!
Maple	Ezra for being able to multiply proper fractions and fractions by an integer. Arujan for always having high expectations of herself and always striving to do better.
Elm	Austin for an excellent piece of writing and for sharing his rich prior knowledge of WW2. Ameen for a fantastic piece of writing and for ALWAYS being so supportive in class.

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

Did you know that a hagfish can create a bucketful of a slimy substance, in seconds, to warn off predators. The hagfish can also get rid of the slimy substance, just as quick, by tying itself in a knot and then squeezing! You can learn more about the hagfish on Newsround:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/46987007>

If your child is good with deadlines and would like to contribute to the newsletter, please speak with Victoria O'Reilly, Interim Deputy Headteacher.

We love LEARNING

Beech class



To begin the new year, Beech class are studying the Stone Age. They have started reading their new class book *Stone Age Boy* and writing diary entries based on the book, as well getting to grips with BC and AD dating. In their studies of the Stone Age, Beech Class looked at cave drawings and used them as inspiration to create their own artwork. They paid close attention to hand stencil cave art in particular. As you can see from the photos, the resulting pieces of art were fantastic.