

# DKH Newsletter 23rd February 2024



### Quote of the Week

"Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners" — Laurence Sterne

# A Message from our Interim Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our families, we hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing half-term break. It has been wonderful to see the children return refreshed and excited to begin a new half-term ready for learning.

Hazel class performed wonderfully in their class assembly based on light. All the children remembered many amazing facts and spoke confidently. The children in the other classes, teachers and adults all commented on how informative the assembly was. Well done Hazel class, we are all proud of you!

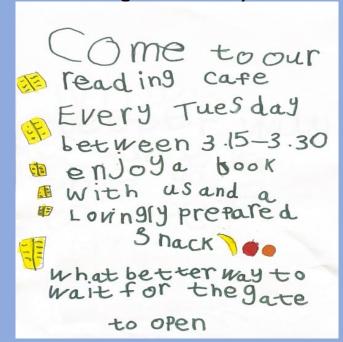
Pancake day was also a huge success. This was held on Monday as this year pancake day fell in the half-term. The children really enjoyed the menu and eating many yummy pancakes. Many thanks to the kitchen staff for putting together Pancake Day and ensuring the children had lovely pancake treats.

Victoria O'Reilly

### Parent/Career Conduct

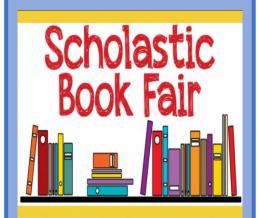
We ask all parents and carers to remember to treat all members of the school community with respect, inside and outside of the school – setting a good example with speech and behaviour and to seek a peaceful solution to all issues. As a school we cannot condone inappropriate conduct displayed by our parents as this does not set a good example for our pupils.

# Reading Café in Early Year



The Reading Café in Caterpillar and Ladybird class got off to an amazing start. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended to share reading with their child. The reading café will be continuing every Tuesday from 3:15pm until 3:30pm, please stop by to enjoy a book and snack.

### Scholastics Book Fair



The scholastics book fair will be continuing to run until Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February. The fair will be in the lower hall after school. Please pop in if you would like to browse and purchase any books.



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# Dates for the Diary



28.2.24	Beech Class Assembly 9:05-9:30am		
29.2.24	Elder Class Assembly 9:05-9:30am		
05.03.24	Parent/Career Coffee Morning with the Educational		
	Psychologist 9:00am -9:30am		
04.03.23-	World Book Day Activities		
08.03.23			
04.03.24	Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class starts		
04.03.24	Reading café in the dining hall from 8:30am-8:45am		
05.03.24	Book swap in the playground		
05.03.24	Imperial War Museum – Maple Class		
07.03.24	Official World Book Day		
11.03.24	Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class		
6.3.24	Willow Class Assembly 9:05-9:30am		
13.3.24	EYFS Assembly 9:05-9:30am		
18.3.24	Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class		
25.3.24	Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class		
29.03.24 -	Easter Break		
12.04.24			
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		
06.05.24	Bank Holiday – No school		
13.05.24	Year 6 SATS begin		
20.05.24	Year 6 School Journey begins		
27.05.24 –	Half Term		
31.05.24			

# **Attendance**

Caterpillar	85%	Rowan	93%
Willow	95%	Hazel	98%
Elder	98%	Elm	83%
Beech	91%	Maple	98%

# 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!

Well done!			
Nursery	<b>Ayla</b> for being so brave and making new friends at nursery.		
Reception	Crystelle for her amazing handwriting.  Muneerah for blending in phonics perfectly.		
Willow	Shyanna for always having respect for every member of our willow class team.  Mayowa for working really hard in his speech and language sessions.		
Elder	Ocean & Aro for fantastic maths work adding 2-digit numbers with regrouping, and choosing the strategy that you preferred. Your newly acquired maths skill is very impressive!		
Beech	O'Shea for his incredible instructional writing and his amazing volcano model! Charles for his great use of maths vocabulary in our work on fractions.		
Rowan	Monisola for her teamwork, kindness and positive attitude in all of her learning.  James for his focus and determination		
Hazel	during our writing tasks this week.  Alex and Kojo for being very respectful towards their peers and showing consideration this week!		
Maple	Caroline for always valuing and appreciating her peers and all adults.  Lily for correctly identifying the different viewpoints relating to The Holocaust in our WW2 topic.		
Elm	Karima for using her own excellent know of times tables when calculating fractions, decimals and percentages Charles for always working hard, being kind, helpful and respectful.		

Charles's Friday Facts By Charles, Year 5
Did you know that long eared owl babies fluff
themselves up to make themselves look bigger!
As well as this they spread their newly grown
wings back to and forth to make themselves look
scarier!

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



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# We love LEARNING

Maple Class have been working with Alleyns Secondary School since the beginning of the Spring term on an art project based on our World War 2 topic. We made 'Peace Doves', which involved us designing and creating these wonderful models.











We also made 'Anderson Shelters' as part of our home learning.

