



Quote of the week

"Doing Good is a simple and universal vision. A vision to which each and every one of us can connect and contribute to its realisation. A vision based on the belief that by doing good deeds, positive thinking and affirmative choice of words, feelings and actions, we can enhance goodness in the world." - Shari Arison

It's been another busy week at DKH.

Hazel Class visited the Imperial war museum. They explored and learnt about World War II which is part of their history topic this term. The children were super well behaved and we are very proud of all of them.

Elder class visited Copleston Church this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visits and are currently writing about their observations and what they have learnt on their visits.

We would like to thank all parents who volunteered to accompany the children on their school trips. Your help is sincerely appreciated.

EYFS Assembly

On Wednesday the Early Years did a retelling of the very hungry caterpillar to their parents and year one. We were so proud of the children for being very brave in front of an audience and remembering their lines! Amazing work early years! We are very proud of you all!!

Ramadan Mubarak to all our pupils and families who started fasting on the 4th March to observe the Holy month of Ramadan.



Our Curriculum

The **Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSE) curriculum** became statutory in September 2020. Relationships and Sex Education supports and guides children and young people in lifelong learning about relationships, emotions, the human biology of sex and sexuality. It is **compulsory** for all primary school children to receive relationship education. At DKH we follow the Christopher Winter's Project. **You can find out more [HERE](#)** as well as watch a video, which provides further information and answers **frequently asked questions, [HERE](#)**. RSE will begin after the May Half Term.



Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. **Schools have a responsibility** to proactively manage and improve attendance across their school community.

Ms Nichols, our Safeguarding and Intervention Officer, is here to help and support. Please feel free to contact her via the school to organise a meeting or phone call.

Class Attendance

Reception	96.1%	Willow	93.2%
Elder	95.2%	Beech	95.2%
Rowan	94.9%	Hazel	97.2%
Elm	93.5%	Maple	95.9%

Well done **HAZEL** who has the highest attendance this week!



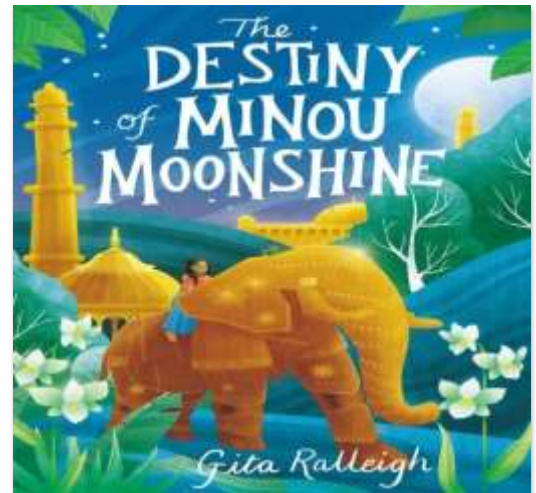
Our special guest

On 12th March 2024, we were very fortunate to welcome Gita Ralleigh to our school. Gita is a poet, writer and doctor and she shared how her passion for reading as well as stories about her life and family, inspired her to write. When she began writing, she set her own fantasy adventure in an alternative version of India: Indica.

She inspired us all by providing top tips to write and shared that **reading as a writer** and **editing** your writing, is key. Gita also shared her latest book, **"The Destiny of Minou Moonshine"** and each class at DKH were lucky enough to receive a copy of the book! The children had the opportunity for a 'question and answer' session with Gita, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We'd like to thank Gita for visiting our school and for inspiring our young writers at DKH. Who knows: perhaps one day in the future, we'd be able to invite one of our pupils as a visiting author to the school. A huge thank you to Mel (Year 5 parent) for organising this for the school.

"Keep going and believe your story matters!" Gita Ralleigh



Gita's Bio:

As a child, Gita Ralleigh loved reading fantasy adventures that took her to faraway lands. The closest she came was on family holidays to India, where old palaces, ice-capped mountains, monkeys and elephants were part of everyday life. *The Destiny of Minou Moonshine*, her debut children's book was published in 2023 by Zephyr/Bloomsbury and her second *The Voyage of Sam Singh* is out in July 2024 from the same publisher. She lives in London and teaches creative writing at Imperial College.

Dates for the Diary....



18.3.24	Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class	Elm Class is learning about circuits and electricity in class. As part of our partnership work with Alleyns the year 12 pupils are supporting Elm Class.
18.3.24	Nursery Parents' Evening in Cherry Class	Please check Tapestry and book a slot via Tapestry from 7 th March onwards.
19.3.24	Reception – Year 6 parents evening	Letters were sent home on Thursday 7 th March. Please select a slot as soon as possible. Meetings will be booked on a first come first served basis.
20.3.24	Reception – Year 6 parents evening	Letters were sent home on Thursday 7 th March. Please select a slot as soon as possible. Meetings will be booked on a first come first served basis.
25.3.24	Alleyn's Science workshop with Elm Class	Elm Class is learning about circuits and electricity in class. As part of our partnership work with Alleyns the year 12 pupils are supporting Elm Class.
28.03.24	Last Day of Term	School will close as usual at 15:15 for EYFS and 15:30 for Year 1-6

EASTER Half Term Break 29th March – 15th April

15.04.24	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	All staff will be in training all day.
16.04.24	Children return to school	
18.04.24	Hazel class - weekly swimming lessons start	All children should bring their swimming kit and a towel to school.
19.04.24	Family Art Club begins	Families who signed up to the club should enter the Mary Seacole building from 3:45. The Art club will take place in the art room and finish at 5pm.
22.04.24	Year 3 and year 4 bike ability week begins	Children will be trained on cycle safety
02.05.24	New Nursery parents open morning	The presentation will take place in the lower hall from 9:15onwards. Parents should enter form the main office entrance Grove Hill Lane.
06.05.24	Bank Holiday – school closed	
09.05.24	Year 1 Parents phonic workshop for Year 1 and 2 parents.	The workshop will take place in the lower hall from 9am – 9:30am. Parents can enter the hall directly from the playground after drop off.
13.05.24	Year 6 SATs begins	Year 6 children are invited to have breakfast at school from 8am
20.05.24	Year 6 school journey begins	Year 6 pupils leave for their residential to HINDLEAP at 10am



Charles' Friday facts

Did you know: Pikas can adjust their body temperature by changing their posture and those postures are referred to as puff and lounge.

Five Fun Facts About... The American Pika

- Although often misidentified as a mouse, the American pika is the smallest member of the rabbit family. ...
- American pikas do not hibernate. ...
- The American pika is also called mouse hare, rock rabbit, conys and whistling hare for their high-pitched "meep" alarm call.



Reading Areas

As part of world book day celebrations, all classes focused on making their book areas more attractive and purposeful. Here are some pictures.



STARS 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	Boen for being a kind friend!
Reception	Rameira for being kind and helpful to others. Nova for being thoughtful and caring to others
Willow	Jaheim J for taking his time with his writing, remembering what he needs to do to be successful. Jedell - for being an empathetic friend who cares about everyone's emotional wellbeing.
Elder	Khadija for amazing work in English and Maths - you are making so much progress, keep it up! Garsha for a fantastic, positive attitude to his work, especially in writing!
Beech	O'Shea for being a great new friend to the latest member of Team Beech. Sofie for always thinking and caring for others.
Rowan	Ebony for her focus and determination to do her best in Maths and English Daniel for the kindness his shows towards his peers at playtime.
Hazel	Whole Class: For their fantastic behavior and enthusiasm when visiting the Imperial War Museum!
Elm	Qing - for her hard work and improved enthusiasm towards her learning. Attiat - for her eagerness during science sessions delivered by Alleyn's.
Maple	Asya for always seeking to understand and support others that needs her help. Malachi for being able to say what the time is by the hour in Spanish.

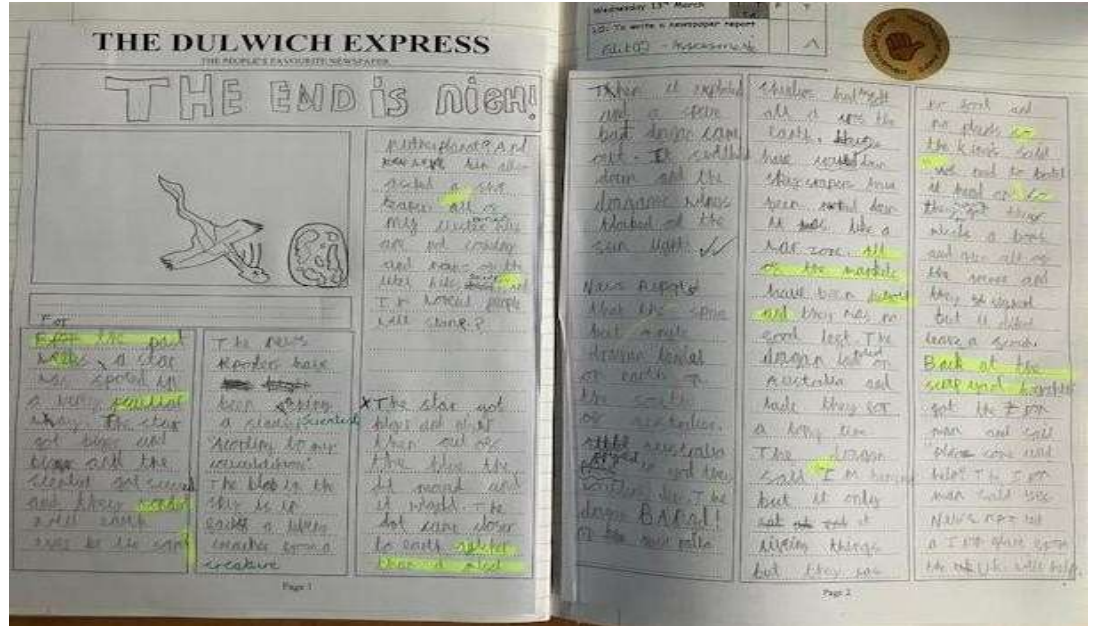


We love LEARNING

This Week In Rowan:

In our English lessons, we have been writing about The Iron Man. As we listened to the author Ted Hughes read chapter 4, we drew our responses with some great artwork. Then we wrote some fabulous newspaper reports.

To coincide with World Book Day, Rowan Class created fantastic portraits of our favourite authors. **The results were amazing!!**





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EVERY MONDAY (17:00-18:00)

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YEARS OLD

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