



## Quote of the day:



Our website blog page is regularly updated with new news items and galleries so be sure to take a look. Here are three new stories and galleries of some of our children's excellent artwork for you to enjoy. Please click on the links for more.

### Beech Class Music

We joined our music teacher Mr Dixon and Beech class this afternoon in the music room as they got busy learning a new Latin Swing number on their recorders called Pineapples are Juicy!

See the gallery: <https://bit.ly/3x0V5lh>

### English meets Art: Author Portraits:

In this collection of images, Literacy meets art as our inspired children immortalise their favourite authors by creating their portrait.

See the gallery: <https://bit.ly/3TnXVyM>

### Book Focus: The Ironman

This term for English, Rowan class have been reading the much loved illustrated novel, The Ironman by Ted Hughes.

See the gallery: <https://bit.ly/3PpMmWE>

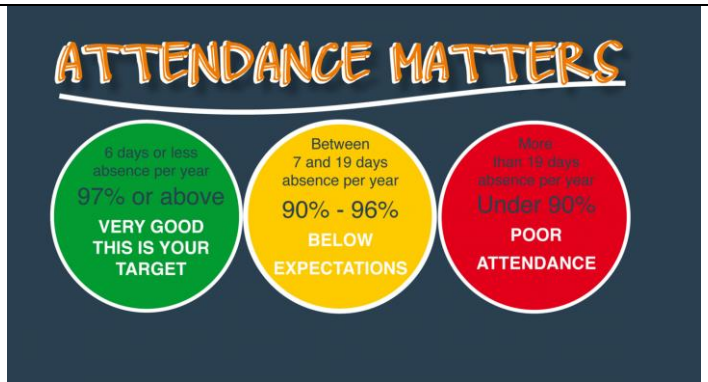
### History meets Art: Boudica

For History, Rowan class have been looking at Roman Britain and the Warrior Queen Boudica.

See the gallery: <https://bit.ly/3THnZpU>

## 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

<b>Reception</b>	91.4%	<b>Willow</b>	85.9%
<b>Elder</b>	96.1%	<b>Beech</b>	91.3%
<b>Rowan</b>	94.5%	<b>Hazel</b>	92.5%
<b>Elm</b>	86.1%	<b>Maple</b>	93.8%

Well done Elder Class who has the highest attendance this week!





# The Big Read



Well done to our pupils who participated in the Big Read at Alleyns on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Illy, Enzo, Austin and Caroline represented DKH at this very exciting event.

It was a great turnout on Saturday and a total of 63 children from 8 different schools attended. They all had a great time. Our children impressed the organisers by being so well behaved, engaged in the reading and asking lots of questions confidently.

Thank you so much for Saturday's Big Read for organising this and inviting DKH to take part.

Below are some comments from some of our pupils who read the book, met the author E.L. Norry and engaged in the Big Read at Alleyns.

The day was very well presented and around every corner there was someone telling us directions and they were all really nice. When we came in, they gave us a name tag and there were different tables with multiple activities for us to complete.. The author was very nice and asked multiple questions to people and gave me a high five for my answer. When we got our book signed, we were able to ask questions and we had a conversation about our favourite books. At the door, when we left, they gave us a goody bag and we could buy books. It was a very good experience and I feel like more people should have turned up. I would definitely recommend this to more people and if I could go again, I WOULD!

**Illy (Maple Class)**

It was fun and the author was lovely and very interesting. I really liked the book and I loved getting it signed by the author. The snacks were delicious and the goody bags had great things inside. It was very well presented and more kids should definitely do it in the future.

My favourite part was definitely the book signing because we got to ask the author questions and I loved it. I could also hear everything that she was saying which was very useful.

**Caroline (Maple Class)**

The day was really fun. We got to learn about the book and the fantasy world. We learnt how to write books and got some really good inspiration from E.L.Norry. We were also greeted with lots of snacks about the book there were other activities to do. We could ask questions about the book and there was this very nice quiz that you could do.

**Enzo (Elm Class)**

# Dates for the Diary....



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
<b>EASTER Half Term Break 29<sup>th</sup> March – 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
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 9:15 onwards. Parents should enter from 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



### Parenting Workshops

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities is a popular parenting programme for anyone raising children. They welcome parents and carers from all backgrounds who would like to work on their parenting skills and build positive relationships with their children and teenagers. Please find attached a link to their leaflet for more information including dates and times.

<https://bit.ly/4ailjW>

### Parent conduct on our school premises

We respectfully ask parents and carers to ensure that their conduct on the playground reflects the inclusive and nurturing environment we strive to create at Dog Kennel Hill Primary. I kindly ask that any concerns or issues regarding pupil behaviour, teaching or learning be brought to the school's attention through the appropriate channels. This ensures fairness, appropriateness, and effective resolution for all involved.

### Charles' Friday facts

#### Did you know?

Chinchillas have the softest fur in the world. It is so soft and dense that a flea could suffocate in it.



Chinchillas are one of the longest-lived rodents, making it to a ripe old age of 20 in managed care. It's crazy-soft fur is dense, with 50 to 75 hairs springing from a single hair follicle. In contrast, humans have only 2 to 3 hairs growing out of a single follicle. Chinchillas like to chill!



### 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!

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Zion</b> for having the courage to keep going when he finds things tricky. We are so proud of you Zion!!
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Aliyah</b> for her great blending in phonics. <b>Daud</b> for working hard to improve his hand writing.
<b>Willow</b>	<b>For courage - Lexi Mai</b> for being brave and working so hard to settle into our class. We are so happy to have you learning with us Lexi, Well done 😊  <b>Rudi</b> for always making the right choices, being empathetic and kind to all in Willow Class. 😊
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Alice &amp; Chikaima</b> for being excellent role models in Elder class, always trying their best and producing high quality work at all times
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Morolake</b> for writing a poem that beautifully reflects on the self and sharing it with the class. <b>Charles</b> for his great contributions to class discussions on time in Maths.
<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Muhydeen-</b> for sharing his creative ideas in English this week <b>Ziyad-</b> For showing courage and determination in his work during Ramadan
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Liya-</b> for putting so much effort into her writing this term, specifically focussing on her use of grammar and punctuation! <b>Alhaji-</b> For always tackling new tasks with a positive and optimistic mindset!
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Owen S -</b> for consistently doing his best and for always being a fantastic role model <b>Tamara -</b> for her resilience, hard work and exceptional creativity
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Maleek</b> for always taking considered risks and being brave to trying new things <b>Joju</b> for her confident inference skills when analysing images of Jesus in RE.



Every Tuesday the Early Years host a reading café!

We invite parents and carers to head into the Early Years and enjoy a story with their children and a delicious snack!

The children are so excited for reading café and love getting the classroom ready for visitors and making the snacks!

Parents say:

*It was lovely reading with the kids, well done to the organisers!*

*It's great to read together!*

*We love coming to reading café.*



# We love LEARNING

## This Week in Beech Class

This half term, Beech Class have been learning all about volcanoes! Smiles and gasps were all around as Beech Class created their own volcanoes and eruptions. To make sure that anyone can get involved with this fun activity, Beech Class wrote up sets of instructions for others to follow. Beech Class have also written fact files about volcanoes and have begun to write their own story set on a volcanic island!





# Safer communities



## Keeping yourself and your family safe

We want our children and families to have a happy, healthy environment to live and commute in, if you are concerned about antisocial behaviour or crime in your area here are your links to agencies that can help, **please remember** if you don't report incidents that concern you the agencies that can help will never know about it:

### Antisocial and threatening behaviour

Search online and use this link below:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/noise-and-antisocial-behaviour/antisocial-and-threatening-behaviour#>

**When it's not an emergency, you should report it online.**

**In an emergency, such as when someone is injured, being threatened or in danger, always call 999**

You can also:

- contact Southwark Antisocial Behaviour Unit by telephone 020 7525
- call Southwark Police on 101 (24 hours), or you can report it online
- contact your landlord, as they also have powers to tackle antisocial behaviour if you're a tenant of a registered social landlord or housing association
- council tenant and homeowners can report antisocial behaviour directly to their resident services officer.
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### See below contact details for our local safer neighbourhood team

Champion Hill safer neighbourhood team

Twitter: @MPSChampionHill

Telephone: 0208 721 2448





## Easter Holiday Family Workshops at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

All days are from **10am till 3pm** and are for Southwark residents only. Booking is required. Free but £3 refundable deposit (please contact [dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk) if this is too much for you). Visit our website [www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events) to find these and other activities. Suitable for primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your younger ones too. These are **not** drop-in activities. Only one course per adult each academic year.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April Brilliant Birds

Join us for one or two days discovering our local garden birds and how they make nests, migrate and how to help them. Take part in the nest challenge. Find your inner cuckoo! Fun activities, crafts and games.

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Minibeast Magic

Join us for one or two days to discover minibeasts high and low. How to sort them and how to create habitats for them. Games, pond dipping, crafts, minibeast racing, bush beating.



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[www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events)

