



# DKH Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

To start our new academic year, our pupils read *Journey* by Aaron Becker. We discussed and wrote about the themes of loneliness and friendship with creativity at the center of our work. Pupils created their own worlds and explored ways to express their feelings.

A big thank you to **Marie Kelly-Roberts** (Cedar Class Teacher and Art Lead) for organising the project and putting together this absolutely phenomenal display showcasing work from the whole School.





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Each class created pieces of Writing and Artwork based on the story.

**Year 1** created balloons and magic carpets.

**Year 2** made collages to depict the settings from the story.

**Year 3** made 3D hot air balloons using pastels and card.

**Year 4** used mono-printing techniques to create objects they would use in their magical land.

**Year 5** created their own comic strips.

**Year 6** worked together in groups to create huge life-sized versions of the illustrations in the story.

Diary entries were written by pupils from across the school, in the role of the girl expressing how she was feeling throughout the journey.

Here are some of their wonderful creations...





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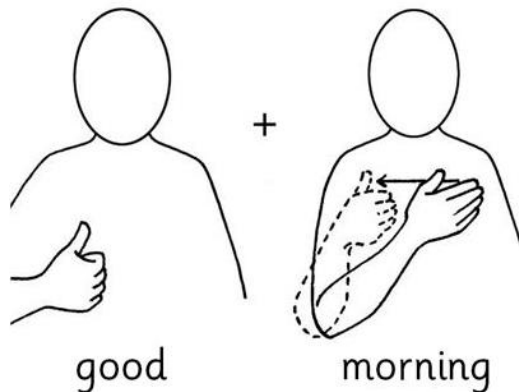
## Charles' Friday Fact

Did you know that the first 'flying machine' was built and flown by the Wright brothers?



## Makaton Sign of the Week

Every Monday the staff and the children will be learning a Makaton sign. Makaton is a language with speech, signs and symbols used to support people who have difficulty communicating. We teach it to all of our children and staff so that we can become even more inclusive as a school. This week our Makaton sign was "Good morning". We use this in our assemblies and when answering the register. Please practice this at home too!



## Stars of the Week



We would like to recognize the children who have been great examples of our School values and have shown a true commitment to their learning. Well done!

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Arthur</b> for settling into school beautifully and for showing good sitting on the carpet. <b>Lloyd</b> for being an excellent role model during carpet time and showing good listening.
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Aarna</b> for showing positivity and enthusiasm towards all learning. Well done! <b>Zayan</b> for trying his best to complete his work when he is sitting at his table. Well, done for working hard Zayan!
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Nadal</b> for making a fantastic start to his school career at DKH. Keep it up! <b>Blu</b> for making a huge effort with his learning and showing progress already. Keep up the great attitude!
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Eliz</b> for always being ready for her learning and putting in her best efforts. <b>Egra</b> for using the clues in the text to help her answer questions about her story.
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>River</b> for exemplary behaviour for learning <b>Urian</b> for creating a wonderful Caliban poster
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Layla</b> for always showing respect to all adults and her peers <b>Wa'yanate</b> for good work on rounding 5 digit numbers to the nearest 100, 1000 or 10,000
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Joelle</b> for showcasing his incredible skills in writing and rounding 7-digit numbers this week! <b>Inayah</b> for settling into school brilliantly and showing so much courage with her learning!
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Wajid</b> for being a fantastic role model and supporting his peers in Maths. <b>Enzo</b> for making excellent inferences and supporting his peers.



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### Hazel Class English Lessons

Hazel Class had the opportunity to spend 2 days learning the story of Beowulf for our English unit on Myths and Legends. They then got into teams of 5 or 6 and assigned the roles of Narrator to tell the story, Grendel, King Hrothgar, Beowulf, Geats with Beowulf.





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## Harvest Donations

This Harvest, DKH will be collecting items for the Southwark Foodbank to support families, ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry, especially as the colder months approach.

We will be collecting until the last day of Half Term on the **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of October** Please drop any donations into the Office.

Please see the following lists for suitable donations.

the trussell trust  
Stop UK Hunger

### SOUTHWARK FOODBANK HARVEST 2024

- Cereal (500g)
- Tinned Baked Beans
- Tinned Meat (Non-Pork)
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Vegetable Soup
- Tinned Meat Soup
- Tinned Vegetables (Sweetcorn, Peas)
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Fruit

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### SOUTHWARK FOODBANK HARVEST 2024

- Toilet Roll
- Tinned Pulses
- Pasta Sauce (500g)
- Long-Life Juice (1L)
- UHT Milk (Semi-Skimmed/Whole, 1L)
- Tea Bags
- Coffee
- Jam
- Biscuits
- Tinned Rice Pudding

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## School Council Elections



From the **week of 16<sup>th</sup> September** each class will have the opportunity to choose 2 representatives for the School Council.

The representatives chosen from Year 6 will then have an opportunity to do a presentation to share what they would like to accomplish for DKH in Assembly on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**.

The Whole School will then vote to elect our School Council Chair and Vice Chair on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** giving the children the opportunity to exercise their right of Democracy.

## National Jeans for Genes Day

On **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September** we would like all children and staff to wear jeans and denim in support of Jeans for Genes Day. This is the day to wear double, even triple denim! Children and staff are asked to bring in a **£1 donation** for Jeans for Genes. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with genetic disorder, such as sickle cell, and raises money to fund projects that make a difference to the lives of those affected.



## Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

**Breakfast club** will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.00 per day

**After School club**- Light snack and sports activities and games and will cost:

1 Hour £6.00

2 Hour £12.00

Full session (2 1/2 hours) £15.00

Snack will only be offered to children staying over 1 hour.

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book full week after school club and this is charged at £65.00 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+).

Please see Carrie in the Office for more information!

### Club Donations

We would really welcome donations of games and jigsaws for our clubs! Please drop any off to the Office!

Attendance



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**RELEASE YOUR POTENTIAL  
JOIN SOUTHWARK RUGBY CLUB**

**Training every Sunday September - April  
Boys & Girls 5 - 17  
No experience necessary**

**Join us 10.00 - 12.00 at our pitches  
in Burgess Park - SE5 0JB**

**Info: [chris@southwarktigers.com](mailto:chris@southwarktigers.com)**

**[www.southwarktigers.com](http://www.southwarktigers.com)**



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## INCLUSION NEWSLETTER



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### Parent/Carer Online Workshops

**The Role of Mediation in EHCP Appeals**  
Wednesday 25th September  
6.00pm - 8.00pm

**PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance)**  
Thursday 26th September  
10.30am - 12.30pm

**NVC (Non Violent Communication)**  
Friday 18th October  
10.30am - 12.30 pm

**Autism and Mental Health**  
Tuesday 26th November  
10.30am - 12.30 pm

*For further information or to book your place  
on an online session, please email  
[nazia@resourcesforautism.org.uk](mailto:nazia@resourcesforautism.org.uk)*

### Things to do .....

Information about opportunities for children  
with SEND to take part in activities and join  
networks is available at:  
<https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/youth-offer/social-networks-events>

### Cygnnet Autism Programme

Cygnnet is a six week course run by  
Southwark's [Autism Support Team](#) and is  
designed to:

- increase parents understanding of autistic spectrum conditions
- help parents develop their knowledge on how a child on the autistic spectrum experiences the world and what drives their behaviour
- guide parents through practical strategies they can use with children
- direct parents to relevant ASC resources
- give parents the opportunity to meet with other parents who have had similar experiences and to gain support and learn from each other

The course runs for six weeks (one day per week) and each session lasts for 2.5 hours.  
[Click here to register](#) your interest in the course and for further information please [email the Autism Support Team](#)

### Coffee Mornings

#### Autism Voice - Southwark Wellbeing Support Group

Every other Tuesday 11:00am - 1:00pm  
Southwark Carers, 3rd Floor, Walworth  
Methodist Church, 54 Camberwell Road, SE5

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Telephone: 07460 399290

Email: [autismvoice1@gmail.com](mailto:autismvoice1@gmail.com)