



# DKH Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you had a wonderful break. We have lots of fantastic events coming up, especially as we draw closer to the Christmas Period. Take a look at the calendar below for the dates of the **Christmas performances**. We are particularly excited this year to be having our Upper Key Stage 2 Performance (Years 5 and Years 6) at the **Salvation Army Hall** by Denmark Station performing alongside their band!



There are also some fantastic **Sporting activities** planned across this term. Year 4 and Year 5 began their **Dance sessions** this week with '**Pioneer Dance**', which is led by Chantall. Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 also started their **Cricket Sessions** with **Surrey County Cricket Club**! They will be giving an assembly to promote the sport to the whole school later this term. There will be a Year 5 mixed football tournament at **Millwall Studio** later this term. Year 6 (Maple) also began their **Swimming sessions** this week!

Next week will be our first **Parents Evening** of the academic year. Please remember to sign up for a slot with your child's teacher before the day! Check the dates below for individual Class' days and venues.

### Attendance

<b>Caterpillar</b>	90.9%	<b>Willow</b>	94%
<b>Elder</b>	92.3%	<b>Beech</b>	98.6%
<b>Cedar</b>	96.8%	<b>Hazel</b>	98.6%
<b>Maple</b>	98.6%	<b>Oak</b>	92.7%

### Charles' Friday Fact



Did you know that Chewbacca (the Starwars character) was inspired by George Lucas' dog! It was an Alaskan hound named Indiana.



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## Year 4 Trip to the Courtauld Gallery

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November Cedar class visited this wonderful art gallery near Waterloo Bridge. We had an easy journey on the 176 bus and enjoyed the wonderful views of the River Thames along the way. At the gallery two art educators took us around the gallery and discussed how colour is used by artists. Then we went to the studio and created wonderful autumnal scenes.

Observing and discussing



Creating our own pictures



Working together in the studio





## Makaton Sign of the Week

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 is "finished".

**finished**



## ★ 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>Nurah</b> for trying her best with her phonics sounds. <b>Effie</b> for having new, creative ideas in the classroom.
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Aliyah</b> for working hard in maths and trying her best when completing her work. <b>Hailey</b> for doing good work with a partner, working together and taking turns!
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Liam &amp; Rugved</b> I can see that both of you take pride in the presentation of your work and are trying hard to improve your joined up writing – keep going!
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Eliza</b> for demonstrating determination in her learning and working through challenges with persistence and a positive attitude. <b>Alice</b> for asking insightful questions to deepen her understanding and seeking new knowledge. Alice's curiosity drives her to explore new ideas.
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Sofie</b> for her supportive attitude towards others and being so helpful to the adults in the classroom too. Thank you! <b>Freddie</b> for a great week of learning in Maths and in our art workshop at the Courtauld Gallery.
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Mackenzie</b> and <b>Ziyad</b> for a very creative home learning model of a Viking Longship. I'll bring it into assembly on Friday.
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Joel</b> for exceptional learning behaviours that have been noticed by so many adults! <b>Anas S</b> for constructing clear answer for inference based questions in Reading.
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Enzo and Austin</b> - for showing an in depth understanding of complex themes in poetry and articulating this with great clarity





## Exploring 'The Island' through Drama

In Year 6, we've been working on understanding the characters in our new book: The Island and worked in groups to demonstrate this understanding and a conscience alley (drama) to empathise with the characters.





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## Nursery Learning

We have been learning about bonfire night on the 5<sup>th</sup> November and talking about the sounds and colours of fireworks, painting them and eating 'chocolate sparklers' and watching the adults holding real sparklers. We learned new vocabulary to describe firework sounds and colours. We also talked about firework safety and keeping warm.







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## Dates for your Diary

<b>12-13/11/2024</b>	Year 4 Beech Parents Evening @ 3:30PM-6:00PM
<b>13/11/2024</b>	Nursery Parents Evening @ 1:00PM (In Cherry Class)
<b>13-14/11/2024</b>	Reception (Caterpillar in Palm Class), Year 1 (Willow), Year 2 (Elder), Year 4 (Cedar), Year 6 (Maple and Oak) Parents Evening @ 3:30PM- 6:00PM
<b>13/11/2024</b>	Year 5 Hazel Parents Evening @ 1:30PM- 6:00PM (In Lower Hall)
<b>14/11/2024</b>	Year 5 Hazel Parents Evening @ 3:30PM- 6:00PM
<b>14/11/2024</b>	Year 4 trip to the Centre of the Cell in Whitechapel
<b>18/11/2024</b>	Year 6 (Maple) begin Computing lessons at Alleyn's School @ 1:30PM
<b>21/11/2024</b>	Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
<b>06/12/2024</b>	Year 5 and 6 performance at the Salvation Army hall @ 9am
<b>09/12/2024</b>	EYFS performance @ 9am
<b>10/12/2024</b>	Year 3 and 4 performance @ 9am
<b>13/12/2024</b>	Xmas lunch and Xmas Jumper day
<b>16/12/2024</b>	Year 1 and 2 performance @ 9am
<b>20/12/2024</b>	Last day of Term. Children finish at 3:30
<b>21/12/2024-5/01/2025</b>	<b>School closed for Christmas holidays</b>
<b>6/01/2025</b>	First Day back of School



## 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

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

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book a 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!



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# VOLUNTEER WITH US & GET SKILLED UP

## FREE TRAINING PROGRAM

### TRAINING DATES:

**4TH OCTOBER 2024:**  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
SYSTEM TRAINING (ONLINE)

**19TH OCTOBER 2024:**  
TEAM BUILDING & CONFLICT  
RESOLUTION

**8TH FEBRUARY 2025:**  
READING & STORYTELLING  
DELIVERY/PLANNING AND  
DELIVERY OF ACTIVITIES

**6TH & 13TH MAY 2025:**  
COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR  
VOLUNTEER

**4TH JULY, 2025:**  
ANNUAL & MANDATORY  
SAFEGUARDING  
TRAINING



**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**  
ALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING  
IS FREE TO ATTEND.  
HOWEVER, YOU NEED  
TO COMMIT TO A MINIMUM  
OF 15 TO 18 DAYS OF  
YOUR TIME TO  
VOLUNTEER WITH US  
(EXPENSES PAID)

For more information

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- STRETCHING
- DANCING
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- AND MORE

### Venue

The Lewington  
Community centre  
9 Eugenia road  
Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

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TUESDAYS STARTING  
17TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
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