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A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Wednesday, we say a goodbye to **Ms Pamela Mucci** who has been the Nursery (Ladybird) Class Teacher since September 2024. She has been an asset to the School, creating an absolutely wonderful learning environment for the children to explore and settling the children in fantastically as they transition into Dog Kennel Hill Primary. We wish you all the best on your new endeavors- you will be sorely missed! We welcome back **Ms Georgina Davison** who has been on Maternity Leave! **Ms Davison** has already had a thorough transition with **Ms Mucci** and will be popping in next week to get to know the children before starting the week beginning **Monday 3rd February**.



As a school we have been discussing various ways in which our school remains forward looking. We do this through our curriculum provision and extracurricular activities we offer our pupils.

Ensuring that our school reflects the 21st century and making sure we reflect the diverse community within our school, we were eager to explore rebranding. We have discussed the idea of a potential name change with the staff and the vast majority of our staff were in favour in exploring a name change. We then had a coffee morning with parents on the 3rd of

October and most parents who attended was also keen to explore a name change.

We have now also been exploring the idea with our School Council Members to gather their views on a name change for Dog Kennel Hill Primary. The School Council will consult with all of our students in an Assembly on Monday and they will lead further discussions in classes.

We would like our students to lead on this decision and we will explore further with Parents in the coming months.

Attendance

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|--------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Caterpillar | 80.0% | Willow | 97.8% |
| Elder | 85.7% | Beech | 93.9% |
| Cedar | 92.7% | Hazel | 98.1% |
| Maple | 95.9% | Oak | 92.0% |



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Hazel Class Music Sessions at Alleyn's Secondary School

Every Monday, Hazel Class goes to Alleyn's secondary school to take part in music enrichment activities. This week, we have been learning how to use the 'Garageband' software program to make and edit music.





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Dance Session with Pioneer Dance

Here are some action shots of Year 2 (Elder Class) and Year 3 (Beech Class) in their Dance Sessions!





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Cedar Class Year 4 Learning This Week

The Romans and Pompeii

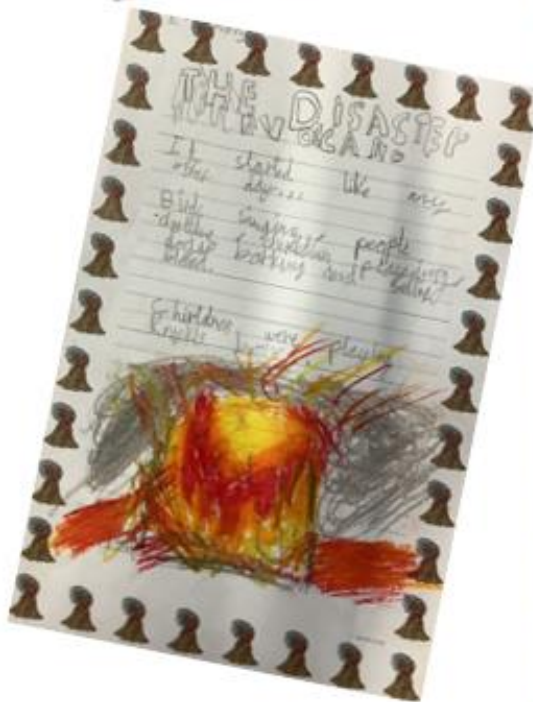
In Year 4, we are learning about The Romans and the Celts. Here are some wonderful portraits of Boudicca.





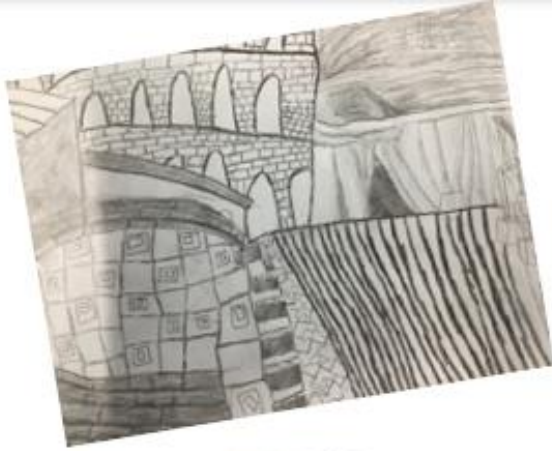
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We have also been writing poems about the Volcanic eruption in Pompeii and creating scenes of the ancient city of Pompeii. They worked in pairs to create their scenes.





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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 "say".



say

Charles' Friday Fact

Did you know that the tongue has over 8000 tastebuds!



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!

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| Reception | Nashawn for settling into Dog Kennel Hill beautifully. Nurah for starting to understand finger spaces and for trying to use them in her writing. |
| Willow | Aarna for taking her time when working independently, making sure her work is beautifully presented. Jody-Ann for starting to write sentences independently, working hard to use the sounds she has learnt :) Well done Jody-Ann. |
| Elder | Nadal for singing solo in Music – I love your courage!!! Ainhoa for fantastic learning behaviour and being a great role model – keep it up! |
| Beech | Misola for demonstrating outstanding focus, dedication, and consistency in your work, as well as exhibiting a neat and organised book especially when setting out your maths work. Iremide for taking the time and effort to complete your homework and consolidate your learning as well as being excited to show your teachers and being proud of your work. |
| Cedar | Morolake for creating a wonderful poem with Hannah. Great team work. Hannah for creating a wonderful poem with Morolake. Great team work. Scarlett for a truly inspirational Romans book. |
| Hazel | Elizabeth for using a range of figurative language in her retelling of the Greek myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur' Nana for being able to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers |
| Maple | Joel for always choosing to do the right thing and demonstrating star pupil behaviour. Trevor for working so hard to create beautifully written and extremely neat handwriting. |
| Oak | This weeks star of the week goes to the whole class for being so welcoming, incredibly hard working and positive. It's been a pleasure teaching you all and I wish you the very best for the rest of the school year! |



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Dates for your Diary

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| 29/01/2025 | Lunar Lunch celebrating Chinese New Year |
| 4/02/2025 | Children's Photographs |
| 10/02/2025 | Year 3 (Beech Class) trip to South East Hindu Association |
| 11/02/2025 | Safer Internet Day |
| 14/02/2025 | Last day of Term. Children finish at 3:30 |
| 15/02/2025- 23/02/2025 | School closed for Half Term Holidays |
| 24/02/2025 | First Day back of School |
| 27/02/2024 | Swimming Starts for Cedar Class |



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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**UNDER 8s & 9s GIRLS
OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS**

ATHENLAY FOOTBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS
IN YEARS 3 AND 4 TO JOIN A NEW U9 GIRLS TEAM.
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST ENTHUSIASM!

FREE WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS
FOR INTERESTED GIRLS WILL START
ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM 14TH JANUARY, 4.30-5.30PM.

ATHENLAY FOOTBALL CLUB, HOMESTALL ROAD, SE22 ONP



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SAFETY IN THE HOME

A ONE DAY COURSE

**ACCIDENT PREVENTION & AWARENESS WORKSHOP
FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

DATE: TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2025

TIME: 10AM - 12:00PM

**VENUE: THE LEWINGTON CENTRE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
9 EUGENIA ROAD ROTHERHITE SE16 2RU**

FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER

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PARENT SPACE

A QUARTERLY ONLINE & IN PERSON PROGRAM

A QUARTERLY COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN TO SHARE THEIR ISSUES AND CHALLENGES AS WELL AS GOOD TIPS ON HOW THEY SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN

DATES

WEDNESDAY 15TH
JANUARY 2025 **TIME: 9:30 - 11AM**

WEDNESDAY 2ND
APRIL 2025 **TIME: 9:30-11AM**

WEDNESDAY 16TH
JULY 2025 **TIME: 9:30-11AM**

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**PLEASE NOTE 1:1 DROP IN SESSIONS
ARE MONTHLY BASED ON REQUEST**



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on Urban
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**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

ITV's hit kids' show, **Mini Movies**, is returning for series 2 and we're looking for movie-loving kids to take part.

You could star in exciting video clips full of visual effects, pitch your own movie ideas, create amazing animations and show off your costume skills!

If you'd like to get involved, ask your parent or guardian to email your name and age to...

casting@thechancercollective.com

After that you'll receive further information on how to apply. Be quick though, as spaces are filling up!

CHECK OUT MINI MOVIES SERIES ONE ON **ITVX
TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!**



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**SATURDAY
PLAYSCHEME
FOR
CHILDREN
WITH SEND**

FREE

DATES:
8th Feb, 2025
15th Feb, 2025
22nd Feb, 2025
1st March, 2025
etc,

**EVERY SATURDAY @ KETRA COMMUNITY
HALL, TELFER HOUSE, SEELEY DRIVE,
KINGSWOOD ESTATE.
SE21 8QW**

FROM 1PM - 3PM

**To Register
Contact:
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