



## DKH Newsletter 28th February 2025

### A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back- this half term is jam-packed with fantastic activities planned for the children! Next week, is Book Week, where we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of March!** During the week, there are lots of book-related activities to take part in.



We are running 2 competitions this year! The first is to dress up a potato as your favourite character and the second is to take a photo of your child in a unique place to show their love of reading! An email has been sent out about the competition- all entries must be sent by **Wednesday PM** to our new competitions email address [competitions@dkh.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:competitions@dkh.southwark.sch.uk) Winners will be selected in EYFS, KS1 and KS2. They could be in with a chance to win a book voucher!

On **Tuesday**, children in KS1 and LKS2 will have a drama workshop about 'Dragon Tales' and on **Friday**, children in KS2 will have a 'Macbeth' themed drama workshop!

On **Thursday**, children are encouraged to dress up as a book character for World Book Day (Cedar will have the opportunity to do this on Wednesday as they are on a trip to the Courtauld Art Gallery all day). Afterschool, Friends of DKH and School Council will hold a Bake Sale and Book Swap in the playground **3:30-4:00** to raise money for new books for their classrooms. Hot chocolate will be served too!



Throughout the week, parents are invited to be 'Secret Readers' to come into their child's class to read a short story, picture book or poem! An email was sent with details of how to sign up for this. We have already been unindicted with volunteers and we will be in touch to confirm your slots. We are looking to have more 'Secret Reader' sessions throughout the term!



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### Learning in Year 1 this Week!

This week Willow class started their new topic, length and height. The children learnt the vocabulary surrounding length and height. The children then made towers of varying heights, placing them on the worksheet in the correct place. Following this, the children practiced using the star words to describe their cube towers.



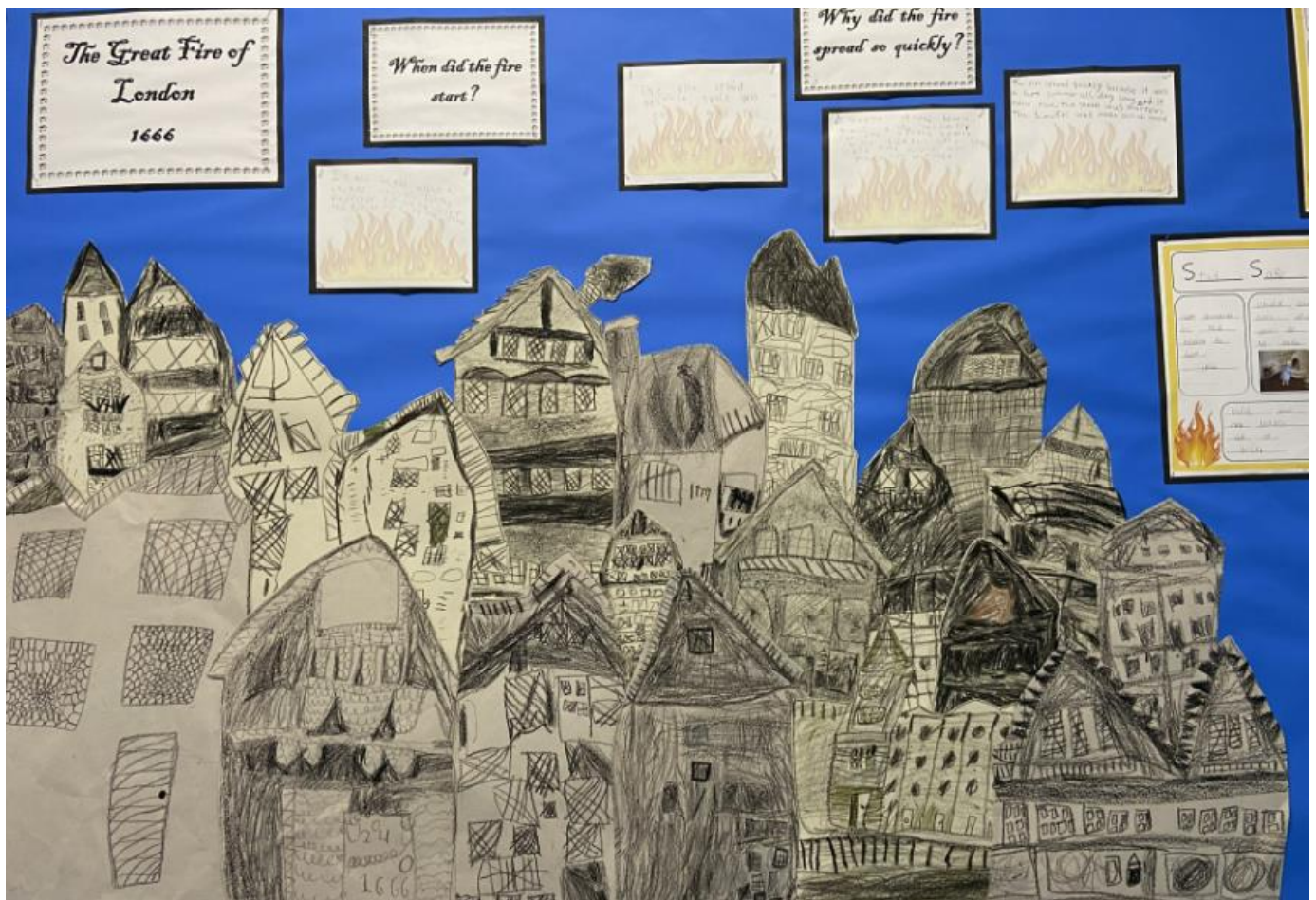




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### Year 2 Great Fire of London

Take a look at Year 2's (Elder Class) artwork for the Great Fire of London! As well as creating this wonderful artwork capturing the style and proximity of the houses in 1666, but they created writing, such as newspaper articles to describe the events of the Great Fire of London! It's outside our classroom- come and have a look!





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### Learning in the Early Years this Week!

Reception and Nursery's story focus this week was Jack and the Beanstalk. As a class we read the story, acted out different parts and discussed the characters and storyline. Nursery drew pictures of the Giant and talked about what he would look like. Reception drew and labeled a story map, sequencing the order of events. We also planted our very own magic beans and can't wait to see them grow! In our outdoor area, we discovered giant footprints and used cubes to measure their length. We loved making castles for the giant!







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### Science Week at Dog Kennel Hill: Change and Adaptation!

**10th March- 14th March 2025**

We're excited to announce a fun-filled Science Week ahead at Dog Kennel Hill, centred around the theme **Change and Adaptation!** Get ready for a week packed with hands-on workshops and exciting experiments—everyone will have the chance to wear their lab coats and explore the wonders of science. We're also extremely lucky to welcome a special visitor 'Safari Pete' who will introduce us to a variety of wildlife animals and teach us about their incredible adaptations. Don't miss out on the **Science Week raffle** happening on Monday for a chance to win an amazing science-themed prize! Plus, we will be holding a **whole school science poster competition**, so start brainstorming your best ideas!

To wrap up the week, on **Friday**, we'll be having a **Science Week Mufti Day**, where children and staff can dress up according to how science makes them feel, as their favourite scientist, or in any way that's science-related! It's going to be a week full of fun, learning, and discovery—be sure to join us!

- **Monday:** Science week assembly and Raffle after school 3:30-4:15
- **Tuesday:** Design an experiment as a class
- **Wednesday:** Conduct experiment
- **Thursday:** Safari Pete sessions with KS1-KS2
- **Friday:** STEAM Dress up day (children can bring a £1 donation, this can support funding for year 6 end of year performance) and classroom adaptation workshops to be undertaken



## Whooping Cough

The first signs of whooping cough are similar to a cold, such as a runny nose and sore throat (a high temperature is uncommon).

After about a week, you or your child:

- will get coughing bouts that last for a few minutes and are worse at night
- may make a "whoop" sound – a gasp for breath between coughs (young babies and some adults may not "whoop")
- may have difficulty breathing after a coughing bout and may turn blue or grey (young infants)
  - may bring up a thick mucus, which can make you vomit
  - may become very red in the face (more common in adults)

The cough may last for several weeks or months.

For more information, please click here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/whooping-cough/>

## Attendance

<b>Caterpillar</b>	87.4%	<b>Willow</b>	87.4%
<b>Elder</b>	92.1%	<b>Beech</b>	93.3%
<b>Cedar</b>	93.1%	<b>Hazel</b>	97.7%
<b>Maple</b>	97.7%	<b>Oak</b>	92.0%



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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 signs are "Miss/ Mr/ Mrs" and the letters D, E and F.



M



D



E



F

## Charles' Friday Fact

Did you know that dolphins can communicate. They make high pitched whistles which have a meaning. These are called Echo's.



## 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>Eleanor</b> for participating in lessons and listening well to her teachers. <b>Zion</b> for showing a good understanding of doubling numbers and being a maths star!
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Jody- Ann</b> for working incredibly hard during writing lessons and becoming more independent. It is amazing seeing your ideas, well done! <b>Rafe</b> for working hard with his partner during carpet discussions and feeding back to the class. Great effort Rafe
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Isha</b> for writing fantastic instructions for how keep Little Red safe from the wolf. <b>Ainhoa</b> for working out a strategy for using different coins to make an amount.
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Aro</b> for consistently spreading positivity and encouraging words. You always make the classroom a brighter place for everyone and love learning from your classmates. <b>Ocean</b> for demonstrating a fantastic positive attitude in Mathematics and for trying your hardest to tell time to the minute. You have shown so much determination this week, well done!
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Freddie</b> for never ending enthusiasm in dance and music- Well done for being a great role model. <b>Mohamed</b> for brilliant problem solving in maths and eagerly completing maths challenges.
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Jeremiah</b> for writing interesting facts about the planets in the solar system <b>Rebecca</b> for writing dialogue correctly in her myth story writing
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Hanan</b> for always treating others so kindly and being a great friend. <b>Niah</b> for her great enthusiasm towards SATs revision and booster.
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Emmie</b> for her fantastic effort and consistency in English lessons this week <b>Lenny</b> for his excellent effort in maths and improving his arithmetic scores!!



# 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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## **BARRACUDAS** ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

### AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU IN **2025!** EXCLUSIVE PARENT DISCOUNT

**USE CODE SCHOOL20 FOR AN EXTRA £20 OFF YOUR BOOKING!**

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## BARRACUDAS

ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

DRAW A SPRING FLOWER!



### SPRING WORD SEARCH!

L	L	G	Y	R	L	B	E	I	R	D	R	U	
A	B	U	N	N	Y	V	T	M	B	M	N	V	T
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- BIRD
- SPRING
- RAINBOW
- BUTTERFLY
- TULIP
- REE
- BUNNY
- BLOOM
- SEEDS
- CLOVER

### LET'S SPRING IN TO ACTION!

Let's stay fit & healthy! Try these exercises!

- 5X PUSHUPS
- 5X LUNGES
- 5X STAR JUMPS
- 1 MINUTE PLANK!



SCAN ME! to see more info about our camps!

HELP THE BUTTERFLY THROUGH THE MAZE!



How many birds can you see?

### FUN FACT

Spring is a time of change: Animals like hedgehogs and bumblebees wake up from hibernation, and lambs frolic in the fields.

HEY! I'm BILLY Barracuda! Spring is coming and it's time to enjoy brighter and longer days!

Let's count together... in 6s!

6		18	
	36		48

Match the SPRING ANIMALS!

- Butterfly
- Bee
- Rabbit
- Hedgehog
- Badger
- Toad



### ANSWERS



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# IWDyouth

Saturday 8 March 2025  
**PLAY LIKE A GIRL SESSION**

Location: **Alleyn's School**

Time: **10:00-12:00**

Age group: **5-12**

Level: **All abilities**

Cost: **FREE!**



**GIRLS UNITED**



[girlsunitedfa.org/iwdyouth25](https://girlsunitedfa.org/iwdyouth25)



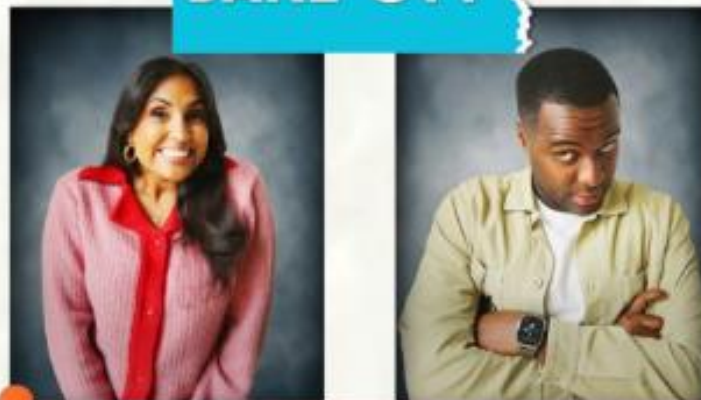




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## JUNIOR BAKE OFF



**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

## **JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

**... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES  
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING  
SERIES!**

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