



A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What an incredible International Day last week! A huge thank you to **all the parents** who volunteered their time and cooked an amazing selection of food for our community. **Mr Darren Lalchan** put together a fantastic event- a massive thank you to all the hard work that went into the preparation for this. In addition, thank you to **Ms Marie Kelly-Roberts** for organising the artwork displayed from the Black History Month Art Day she had organised!

Take a look at some of the photos we took: <https://dkh.org.uk/dkh-news/international-day-at-grove/>



Wishing our school community a happy weekend.

Leah Grant-Muller



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Talking Tuesday

This week our theme has been around International Mental Health Day. We begun the week with an assembly by Ms Jo McCoy who explored what mental health is and the importance of looking after our own mental health.

Below is the **Talking Tuesday** which we explored this week. Every Tuesday, children in Reception up to Year 6 have been having class assemblies called '**Talking Tuesdays**'. The School Councilors in Years 1-6 are encouraged to lead their classes in a discussion around a question or 'silly' statement to debate. The children are also encouraged to use our 'Oracy Hand Signals' to support structuring their verbal debates.

We would love for our families to also have a go at debating at home! Our **question** this week was themed around International Mental Health Day!

"If you could make your own toolkit to make you happy- what would be in it?" What do you think?

ORACY HAND SIGNALS

- I agree because...
- I disagree because...
- I challenge that because...
- I would like to build on what has been said...
- Linking to what has been said...

Happiness Builder

Studies show that you can boost your well-being by doing things to build positive emotion, such as spending time with others, getting things done and finding meaning in your life. Try one or more of these each day for a week.

 1. Share with a friend something that made you happy today.	 2. Draw a picture of something you're looking forward to.	 3. Hold or hug a pet or stuffed animal.	 4. Imagine yourself in a relaxing/favorite place.
 5. Go outside and try to spot something interesting.	 6. Read or listen to a story.	 7. Talk to someone you don't normally talk to.	 8. Do something kind for someone.
 9. Spend some time with a friend.	 10. Think of one thing you're proud of.	 11. Tell someone about a good memory you have of them.	 12. Try something you've always wanted to try.
 13. Help someone with a task.	 14. Draw a picture of where you like to go for fun.	 15. Make a list of 3 things you like best about yourself.	 16. Listen to or dance to some music you like.
 17. Share a snack or toy with a friend.	 18. Thank someone for how they've helped you.	 19. Leave a drawing or note for someone to find.	 20. Invite a new friend to sit or play with you.
 21. Share your favorite funny video with someone.	 22. Look at photos of a favorite memory.	We want to hear from you! Share your happiness builder story on social media and tag us @KidsMentalHealthFoundation.	



In the EYFS this week...

What a fantastic week we have had in EYFS! The children have loved exploring repeating patterns in maths, using colours, shapes and different resources to create their own pattern sequences. We have been very impressed with how confidently they were able to spot what comes next and even challenge themselves to complete more complicated patterns.

In our writing sessions, we have been celebrating what makes each of us unique. We talked about different hairstyles, our interests and all the things we can do, before creating our own All About Me booklets. The children were so proud to share their books with friends and tell us all about themselves.

We have also been thinking about our feelings and emotions, discussing how different situations can make us feel and exploring ways to express those feelings. The children showed great kindness towards one another as they listened and shared their ideas.

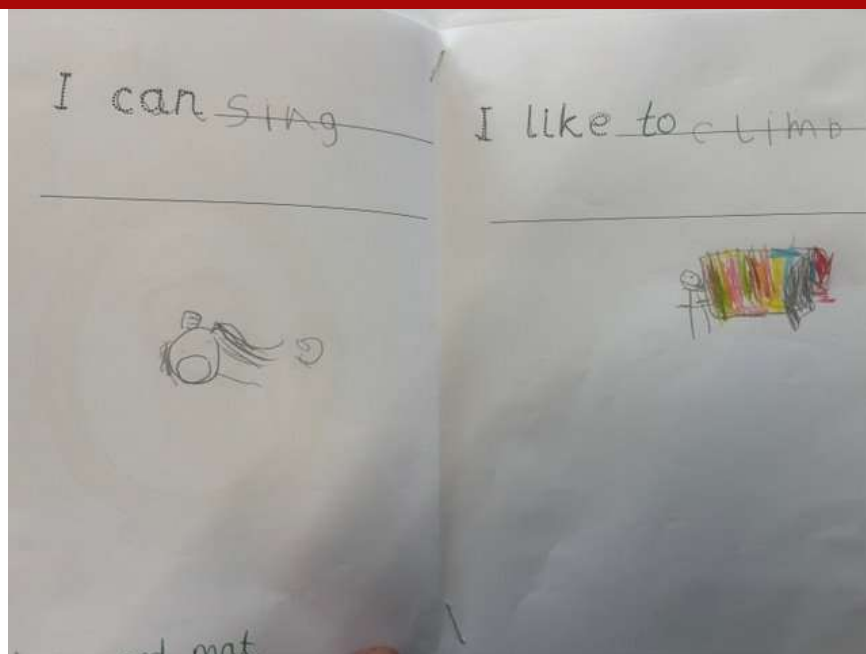
In science, we have been learning about our senses and the important role they play in helping us understand the world around us. One of the funniest activities this week was trying to draw without properly looking at what we were doing! The children quickly discovered just how much we rely on our eyes and there were lots of giggles!!

What a fantastic week we have had in EYFS! The children have love





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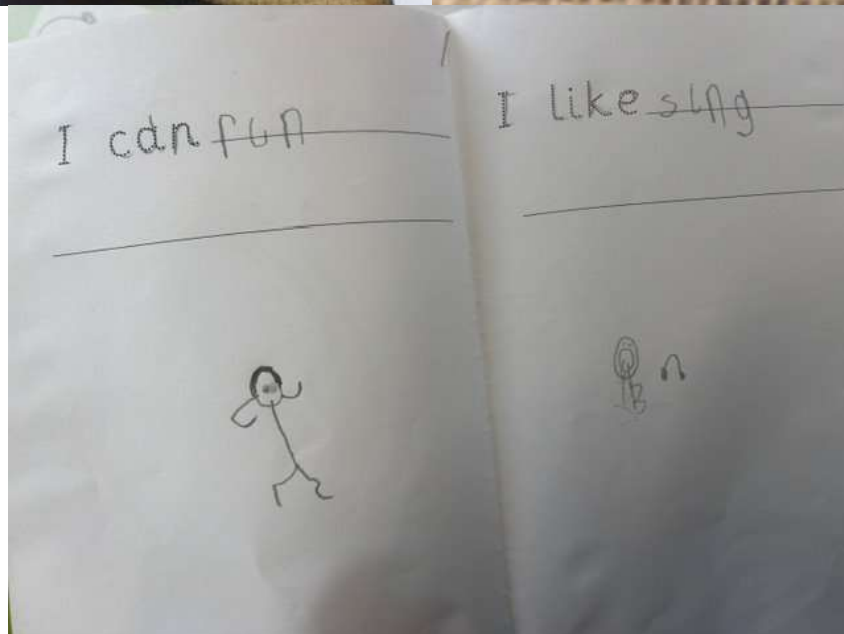


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★ Stars of the Week ★

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!

Conker	Nahida for always been kind and helpful to others.
Acorn	Fauzat for trying hard with her pencil grip Aziza for contributing to class discussions
Willow	Jason for lovely writing Patrisha for challenging herself during our maths lessons this week!
Elder	Oliver, Godson, Lloyd, Island, Nurah, Ivanka, Boen, Abdulkarim, Izayah and Arthur for completing at least one 'Learning with Parents' home learning activity this half term
Beech	Aliyah for being a fantastic role model in class, every day, without fail! I'm really proud of her! Efehan for his resilience, positive attitude towards learning and pride when succeeding. Keep it up!
Cedar	Chelsea for using the features to write a good playscript based on The Tempest Liam for a good recount of our science experiment on exploring volume.
Hazel	Iris for her sharing her love of reading - Bravo! Mohammed for brilliant focus during maths and writing this term-well done!
Maple	Mohamed for all the amazing work he has produced this term a fantastic start to year 6 keep it up! David for his incredible work with long division this week in maths!



Year 6 Secondary School Transfer

Miss Grant hosted a meeting on **Friday 18th September** at both **9:00 am and 3:45 pm**. This will be held in the **Lower School Hall**.

During this session **Miss Grant** discussed the process of choosing Secondary Schools for your child.

Please be advised that the closing date for selecting Secondary School choices is: before **11.59pm on 31 October 2026**

Follow this link for Southwark Schools for more advice: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/how-apply-online>



Southwark Council

E Admissions Portal:
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

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 "holiday". We use this in our assemblies and when answering the register. Please practice this at home too!



Holiday



Attendance

Conker	91.43%
Acorn	90.3%
Willow	100%
Elder	89%
Beech	94.71%
Cedar	89.04%
Hazel	95.1%
Maple	92.24%

HUGE congratulations to Willow class being the first class to achieve 100% attendance this term!

Please note that as directed by the Department of Education, term time holidays will not be authorised.

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 £5.70 per day

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

1 Hour £6.50

Full session (2 1/4 hours) £14.10

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 £67.00 per week.

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

Please see Carrie in the Office for more information!



Parking and idling around the School

Please be reminded that cars should not park on the double yellow lines or white zig zag lines on the roads surrounding the School. We have received a number of complaints from residents and from the Salvation Army about vehicles parking in or across their driveways. This is private property and we are not permitted to use this as a School drop off. Parking is permitted in the local area past Letsom Gardens. Please check restrictions.

Study Bugs



Please continue to use Study Bugs when reporting your child's absence.

When stating the reason for your child's absence, please remember to specify the **exact symptoms** of the illness as these are required when marking them as 'illness' on our registers. If symptoms are not listed, it will be marked as an 'unauthorised absence'.

We are going to be phasing out using Arbor for text messages. To replace this, we will be using the in App messaging service in Study Bugs.



Are you interested in working for NEST—or do you know someone who might be?

At NEST, we offer a wide range of rewarding roles across our schools. Whether you're an early careers teacher, an experienced educator, returning to work after a break, or simply looking for meaningful employment, we'd love to hear from you.

We have opportunities in **teaching, school administration, finance, HR, and estates.**

Click [here](#) to view our current vacancies or register for our talent pool and learn more about joining the NEST team and the exciting career opportunities available.

<https://www.nestschools.org/286/current-staff-vacancies>



Scooter and Cycle Safety and Parking

If you are Scootering or cycling to school, please remember to wear your helmets! We have seen a number of children who are not wearing helmets as they are riding their bikes or scooters to school. It is essential that you wear one to protect your head from injury incase you accidentally fall off.

1



Eyes: Put the helmet on your head. Look up. You should see the bottom rim of the helmet.

2



Ears: Make sure the straps form a 'V' under your ears when buckled. The straps should be a little tight but comfortable.

3



Mouth: Open your mouth as wide as you can. Does the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten the straps.

Please also be advised that parking or idling is not permitted in Karen Court Carpark, neighboring residential parking spots or on the zig zags directly outside of school. There is free parking available in the surrounding areas.



Dates for your Diary

19/10/2026 - 30/10/2026	School Closed for Half Term
2/11/2026	Secondary School Application Deadline
2/11/2026	First day back at School
3 and 4/ 11/2026	Parents Evening 3:45-6:00
11/11/2026	Armistice Day
16/11/2026	Odd Socks Day- children come in with odd socks
16/11/2026	Anti-bullying Week begins
20/11/2026	Children in Need- children wear spots/ yellow and donations welcome
20/11/2026	Year 6 Science Museum Trip
10/12/2026	Year 6 Bake Sale
11/12/2026	Xmas Jumper Day and Xmas Lunch
18/12/2026	Last Day of School



Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground

DKHAP is a free playground for 8 – 12 year olds
Under 8s are welcome if accompanied by a grown-up.

HALF-TERM OPENING HOURS

Monday 19th - Friday 30th October

11am - 5pm

For adventurous play and these FREE Activities.

No need to book, just turn up



Arts & Crafts with Maria

Thursday 22nd

Bracelet Making 🎨 Painting 🎨 Drawing

Thursday 29th

Screen Printing 🎨 Painting 🎨 Drawing



Music Making with Davide

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Get on the drums, pick up the guitar or
play on the keyboard. We can't wait to
hear what sounds you make 🎵



Paint the Playground

Monday 26th

Johnny and Pete need
your help to paint our new
basket swing. Which
colour? Or **all** the colours?
You decide and
you paint it!

Festive Card Making

Wednesday 28th

2pm - 5pm

Join illustrator Melanie Smith to make
pop-up cards and maps!

Everyday

Table tennis battles, Hang Tough
challenges, read in the library, play on
the computers, swing on the tyres, zip on
the zipline!



Get in touch: info@dkhap.org.uk
Find Us: Dog Kennel Hill, SE22 8AA, next to Sainsburys



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Autism Support Team

Developing Toileting Skills

Free online training for parents & carers of autistic children

In partnership with the Neuroinclusive Education Network (NEN)

Do you want to know how to support your autistic child to achieve toileting independence and how to work with others to develop these skills?



Through this training session you will learn:

- ✓ How autism can impact the development of toileting skills
- ✓ The importance of all adults working together to support the process
- ✓ How to remove barriers to developing toileting skills
- ✓ How to make adjustments to support further toileting independence

All sessions are delivered **online** for **free**
by Early Years Autism Support Officer, Annette Archer

Click [here](#) or scan to register



A Microsoft Teams meeting link will be sent to your email 2 days prior to the training

Upcoming sessions

Tuesday 20 th October 2026	10:00am - 12:00noon
Tuesday 8 th December 2026	12:00noon - 2:00pm
Monday 8 th February 2027	10:00am - 12:00noon
Tuesday 23 rd March 2027	12:00noon - 2:00pm
Tuesday 25 th May 2027	10:00am - 12:00noon
Monday 26 th July 2027	12:00noon - 2:00pm
Thursday 5 th August 2027	10:00am - 12:00noon
Thursday 12 th August 2027	12:00noon - 2:00pm



National Autistic Society | Neuroinclusive Education Network

autismsupportteam@southwark.gov.uk



Family Learning at the Thomas Calton Centre



FREE food and fun activities for families – October half term 2026 - ages 0-9 years

Monday 26th October 2026

- Games
- Coding
- Arts and Crafts/crochet
- Soft furnishing – lampshades/cushions
- Songs/music
- Storytime/Stay & Play

Tuesday 27th October 2026 – Black history month celebrations

- Cooking
- Arts and Crafts
- Soft furnishing – lampshades/cushions
- Dance/Music (Salsa)
- Storytime/Stay & Play

Time: 1pm – 3.30pm

@ Thomas Calton Centre

Alpha St London SE15 4NX

Book a place now. Spaces are limited

call 020 7358 2100

For more information, email
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SAVE THE DATE!

Make sure you don't miss any of our upcoming events

YEAR 5 ANNUAL REVIEW (transition for Secondary)

Tuesday 6th October 2026 – 10am to 1pm

Recommended for those with children in Year 3, 4 & 5

Come along and learn from the Southwark SEND team what the Year 5 Annual review is about. This annual review is so important as it's the one that goes forward for secondary school choices.

MEET THE SIAS TEAM (Southwark Information Advice Service)

Thursday 19th November 2026 – 10am to 1pm

SIAS has a new manager, come along and meet the whole SIAS Team. Find out what they do and how they can help. PLUS share your experience of the service with the new manager so they can improve the service.

EMOTIONAL REGULATION (BIG feelings, helping you to understand how you can support yourself and your child with greater safety, calm and confidence)

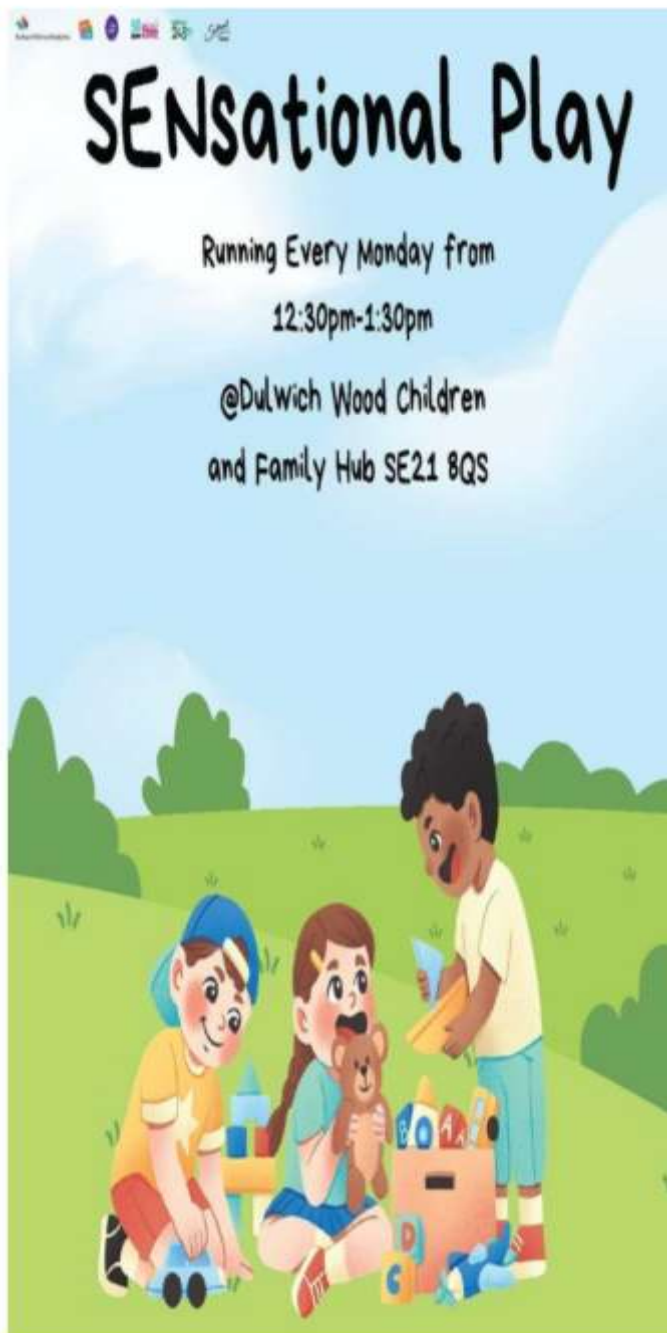
Tuesday 1st December 2026 – 10am to 1pm

Join GRAPEFRUIT WORLD who combine educational expertise, evidence-informed practice and lived experience, to help you understand the foundation of emotional regulation. Plus learn how to become the regulation anchor your child needs while being able to regulate your own emotions.

WHERE – The Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Road, SE16 3HF

Light refreshments provided

* These events are for adults only as there are no facilities for babies and children





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	Monday 5th October 2026 9:30-11:30am Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Visual Strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? Friday 9th October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs Thursday 15th October 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 
Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them Friday 23rd October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Selective Mutism Understanding the causes of selective mutism (situational mutism) and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary Friday 6th November 2026 9.30 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Sleep - Looking at the challenges around sleep and bedtime for autistic children / those with social communication difficulties, and practical strategies to support Monday 9th November 2026 7 - 8:30pm Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Signalong Foundation Course Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs and supports the development of speaking and understanding. This accredited course will equip learners with the skills they need to use Signalong as a way of supporting communication skills for children and adults. Signalong is a CPD accredited course. Tuesday 10th November to Tuesday 8th December 2026 (5 consecutive weeks) 9am-12pm Online via Zoom £200 plus VAT per person
Promoting Positive Mental Health in Young Children	Understanding AuDHD Supporting children who have a dual

Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma Thursday 12th November 2026 9.30 am - 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	diagnosis of Autism and ADHD with practical strategies to help. Wednesday 25th November 2026 10 - 11:30am Online via Zoom £28 plus VAT per person
All Things Behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Thursday 26th November 2026 9.30am - 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 	Autism and Girls Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them Thursday 3rd December 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All Things Communication and Play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together Friday 4th December 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautismltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s



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At Nexus, you'll gain hands-on classroom experience in our schools, while NITE provides the expert training and academic support. Together, we'll help you build the skills, confidence and experience to become an outstanding primary teacher.

Why Train at a NEXUS school?



Full-time and Part-time Pathways

Training can be completed full-time over one year at five days per week, or part-time over two years at 25 days per week for a more flexible pathway.



Hands-On Classroom Experience

You'll be actively involved in the classroom from the start, but we'll build your responsibilities gradually to allow you to develop your practice and build confidence.



Expert Support

You'll work with mentors and teachers who know what it takes to train as a teacher. They bring years of classroom experience, practical insight and a genuine desire to help you get the best out of your training.



Supportive Community

Our schools are collaborative, encouraging and nurturing. From day one, you'll be welcomed into the team, guided and supported as you learn the ropes. You'll have the space to make mistakes, try new strategies and grow into the teacher you aspire to be.

Who We're Looking For

We welcome graduates in all subjects who are:

- ☒ Passionate about working with children.
- ☒ Creative, patient and resilient
- ☒ Eager to make a real difference



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Match Days

• Sundays



Who can join?

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- School Year 2
- All abilities welcome



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