

THE HAMLET HERALD



'Outstanding learning, within a glittering curriculum, where everyone matters'

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We're half-way through the school year – how has that happened...?! Thank you for joining us for Open Classroom this week, I do hope you enjoyed sharing your child's learning journey to date.

As we near a school break, we always take the opportunity to remind the children about keeping themselves safe while away from school – whether that be while they are out and about, or indeed, online. In my final assembly of any half-term/term, I always remind the children of key messages about keeping safe (along with my favourite message of ensuring they find ways to help their grown-ups at home!!!)

Children learn in a structured way about keeping safe in the online world via our PSHE and Computing curriculums. We also take opportunities, such as Safer Internet Day to reinforce our work. Safer Internet Day 2023 was this Tuesday, and this year, we combined this with Children's Mental Health Week. We started the week with a special assembly, facilitated by Mrs Begley, bringing together the themes of 'Do you want to talk about it?' and 'Let's Connect'. During lessons, the children have had the opportunity to talk openly about online life, and also engaged in a lovely activity making 'connection paperchains', identifying people they can talk to, how they connect with others, and how they feel when they make connections. See further on the in HH for a few pictures of the outcomes of this work.

Happy half-term everyone!



DOODLEVISION

DOODLE VISION SPRING 1 2023

- 1st place 3GR - 42 points (Ukraine)
- 2nd place 4B - 23 points (UK)
- 3rd place 4G & 6O - 22 points (Spain)
- 4th place 6W - 20 points (Sweden)
- 5th place 4S - 12 points (Serbia)
- 6th place 6H - 11 points (Italy)



Please keep on Doodling everyone!

KEY DATES

Monday 20th February

4G swimming session, meet at JAGS for 8:50am

Wednesday 22nd February

4S swimming session, meet at JAGS for 8:50am

9:00-9:30am, ABRSM Music Exams Parent & Carer Café, please book a place via the office

Thursday 23rd February

Cross Country re-starts! (See para further on for details) 8am
4S swimming session, during core day

Friday 24th February

Y4 Portals to the Past Anglo Saxons & Vikings workshop
Y6 'Independent & Safe Travel' TFL presentation, pm
PTA Quiz Night, Turney Hall, ticketed event

Please see further on for our updated Spring 2 Key Dates list

OUR LEARNING GRIDS

Please have a sift through your child's bag over the hols! You will find the Spring Term 2 *Our Learning Grid*, providing you with a 'flavour' of what is to come during this next half-term.

The grids have also been emailed to you for ease with the links. For reference: we place these on the website under the Our School → Curriculum → Our Learning pathway.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
69	36	78	90

CURRICULUM SPECIAL: MATHS

As we enter half term, we thought it would be a great idea to offer some ways to support your child at home with maths.

Automatic recall of basic maths facts, as known as maths fluency, is considered to be a key foundation for higher-level maths skills. When children have automatic recall of facts, they can quickly retrieve answers from memory without having to rely on counting procedures, such as counting on fingers.



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The National Curriculum places a triple emphasis on fluency, reasoning and problem solving and states that pupils should become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics through varied and frequent practice. A large part of this is about knowing key mathematical facts and recalling them efficiently, which is where parental support can really be utilised.

Here at the Hamlet, the children practise fluency skills first thing in the morning as part of their Early Work and at the beginning of the lessons, in activities known as Fluent in Five or a Three/Five a Day. The 10 minutes in the morning between 8:45am – 8:55am (known as Early Work) are extremely valuable in supporting your child's recalling of number facts and developing their fluency in maths. As pupils gain fluency in calculations, they are no longer worrying about making mistakes, leaving them to focus on unpicking more sophisticated problems presented to them in lessons with enthusiasm and



Research has shown that regular recall of number facts has had a great impact on arithmetic scores for Year 6 pupils, leaving children plenty of time to learn the reasoning and problem-solving skills needed for the KS2 SATs.

You can support us in our mission to teach wonderful mathematicians in the following ways:

- Help your child to develop fluency of times tables and number bonds within 20.
- Support your child to access homework including Doodle Maths and Times Tables Rock Stars
- Look for opportunities to behave like a mathematician, look for patterns, rules and generalisations; solve real life problems and reflect on numbers in the world around you.

Retrieval Practice



Dulwich Hamlet –
4 Minute Informer

Please watch [this video](#) made by our Maths Specialist and Assistant Head, Tom Salomonson for our '4 Minute Informer', providing you with some ideas on how to support your child in Maths.

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

The following children have received Achievement Certificates in our special Friday celebration assemblies throughout January and the start of February. Congratulations to you all:

- 3GR Zalie, Oli, Zosia, George G, Alex, Milo, Maliya, Dete, Cooper & Beatrice
3BF Hannah, Joshua, Harry, Evie, Alexander, Rory, Harrison, Sylvie, Eve & Amelia
3EF Fyn, Tomas, Leonardo, Harrison, Aiyana, Felix, Sophia & James
4B Finlay, Hugh, Florence, Rafe, Dylan, Alaia, Veronika, Bohan, Alfie, Miles & Yahya
4G Zora, Thea, Oliver, Alfie, Aidan, Louis, Soren, Max, Oran & Jacob
4S Florence, Grace, Thea, Lola, Ayush, Keava, Timo, Sebastian, Felix & Dunya
5TS Sammy, Rocco, Ale, Hughie, Fred, Ellie, Sophia N, Flo, Charys, Laiq, Willow, Shanique
5M Hanya, James N, Owura, Jayden, Georgie, Felix, Elsa, Elsie, Sagar, Ivy, Zidan & Aaryan
5N Eden, Jean Paul, Mia, Tom, Coleman, Camilo, Oscar & Luca
6H Billy, Wilbur, Beatrix, India, Rafael, Hugo, Elsie, Lucia, Barney, Annaliese, Kyle & Amelie
6W Juno, Benedict, Zac, Thomas, Millie, Nyola, Farrah, Zac, Emilia, Angus, Liberty & Isabella
6O Luca, Alice, Jennifer C, Willow, Molly Frances, Jasper & Liv

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Webinar for parents and carers of The Charter School

Education Trust Wednesday 1st March, 7-8pm

Following on from the success of the last parent webinar by Emma Gleadhill - *Building Resilience in 2022 - what's it like to be a teenager now, and how parents/carers can help* - Emma is back to talk about the challenges of parenting teens and young adults in the online world. This theme has become a pressing concern in the aftermath of the pandemic. Many boundaries that were clear previously, have been stretched, meaning a fresh look is needed.

During the session Emma will use insights from the research behind positive psychology, child development, safeguarding in schools and her own work as a professional coach. We strongly recommend registering in advance...we had over 300 people sign-up to Emma's last webinar!

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fafkmVauT_isfggiUOFhEw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For more information about Emma, please visit www.emmagleadhill.com

VALUES CERTIFICATES

Every Friday, in our weekly Celebration Assembly, each teacher nominates a member of their class who has demonstrated one of our Values in action. We enjoy hearing the varied reasons as to why they have been specifically chosen. This half-term we have congratulated:

RESILIENCE

- Y3: Layla 3GR, Percy, Alexa 3BF
Y4: Anna Mara 4B & Amelie 4G
Y5: Luca 5TS & Rose 5M
Y6: Olivia 6H, Summer, Rex 6W, Georges & Frances 6O

RESPECT

- Y3: Nico 3EF
Y4: Isla 4B
Y5: Alyssa, Jax 5TS & Kaden 5M
Y6: Oliver, Dylan 6H, Maxi 6W, Jacob & Amalia 6O

INTEGRITY

- Y3: Joseph, Clem 3GR, Cally 3EF & Max 3BF
Y4: Emilia 4G, Ibrahim & Oliver 4S
Y5: Milana 5M
Y6: Claudia 6H, Astrid 6W & Ben 6O

ENGAGEMENT

- Y3: Jordan, Lucy 3GR, Zachary & Samuel 3EF
Y4: Finlay, Zubair 4B, Wolfie, Aidan, Zoe 4G, Jasmin & Layla 4S
Y5: Magus, Clara & Bella F 5TS, Kenzo 5M, Atlas & Fox 5N
Y6: Leo 6W

INDEPENDENCE

- Y3: Molly, Albina 3GR & Allegra 3BF
Y4: Anna, Bernie 4B & Diriki 4S
Y5: Sam 5TS, Charlotte, Elisabeth 5M & Romilly 5N
Y6: Matilda, Albert 6H, Rire 6W & Lillie-Ann 6O

CROSS COUNTRY – IS BACK!!!

Our weekly before school cross country sessions for pupils will start again from after the half-term break, **Thursday 23rd February**. Children must arrive to school, **promptly, at 8am in their running kit**. The children will then change into their school uniform at 8:45am. Attendance is free. Children from all year groups, including new joiners to the club, are very welcome!

RUGBY CLUB: PLACES AVAILABLE

Now we have access to the field again, we are delighted to be able to offer after-school rugby club again. (Tuesdays for Y3/4, Thursdays for Y5/6).

We have offered places in the first instance to those children who signed-up in the autumn term. We do have a few spare places. Please contact the office if your child would like a place. The cost is £6 per session.

Key Dates for Spring Term 2 2023

Y3 - Y4 - Y5 - Y6 - Whole School -



Key Dates	Events	Further Details
20.02.23	Return to School from Half-Term Break	NO INSET DAY!
22.02.23	Parent & Carer Café: ABRSM Music Examinations	09:00-09:45 Burbage
24.02.23	Y4 Portals to the Past Anglo Saxons & Vikings Workshops	All day, on-site
24.02.23	Y6 'Independent & Safe Travel' TfL Presentation	pm, on-site
24.02.23	PTA Quiz Night	Turney Hall – details to follow
28.02.23	Parent & Carer Café: SEND Focus	09:00-09:45 Burbage
01.03.23	STS Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 09:10
02.03.23	DHJS World Book Day Celebrations	Details in due course
03.03.23	6H & 6O visit to Janyang London Buddhist Centre	Part day, off-site
03.03.23	PTA Uniform Shop Open	09:00-09:30
07.03.23	Y5 African Culture Day	Workshops at school, all day
08.03.23	4S Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 09:10
10.03.23	6W visit to Janyang London Buddhist Centre	Part day, off-site
17.03.23	DHJS does Red Nose Day	Details in due course
17.03.23	PTA Uniform Shop Open	09:00-09:30
17.03.23	PTA Mother's Day Cake Sale	Please bring in your sweet treat donations. Village playground, 15:25
21.03.23	Y3 visit to Buster Farm	All day, off-site
21.03.23	Y4 Parent and Carer Taster Lunch	Details to follow
22.03.23	5M Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 09:10
24.03.23	Y4 visit to Battle Abbey	All day, off-site
24.03.23	Y6 Annual Reports Part 1	Via email – English & Maths comments with next steps
w/c 27.03.23	Y6 Parent & Carer Progress Meetings	Various times throughout week, online
w/c 27.03.23	ABRSM Music Examinations	Various times throughout the week, on-site
31.03.23	Y3/4/5 Annual Reports Part 1	Via email – English & Maths comments with next steps
31.03.23	DHJS Easter Egg Competition	Details to follow
31.03.23	Last Day of Spring Term	Normal finish time, 15:25
	03.04.23 EASTER HOLS 14.04.23	
17.04.23	Summer term starts NO INSET DAY	Normal start time 08:45-08:55

Further events may be added – we will inform parents and carers at the earliest possible opportunity.

SPORT UPDATE

We have enjoyed a number of fixtures since January; our budding sports journalists will have their reports in the end of term round up in March.

Swimming has now finished for Year 5. Year 4 will start their lessons w/c Monday 20th February and go through until the end of the academic year.

PARENT PAY

Could we please ask you to check-in with your child's Parent Pay account over the break. It would be appreciated if any outstanding payments could be cleared.

We would be most grateful for any final spring term/annual Voluntary Contributions to be made too. We've got a fantastic line-up of activities to enhance our curriculum next half-term, and thank you in advance for enabling such inspirational opportunities.

PTA UPDATE

Huge thanks to those who bought, sold and of course ate Valentine cakes on Wednesday! We raised a fantastic £245 for the IT suite fund!

Tickets have ALMOST SOLD OUT for Quiz night: last chance to get one! Thanks for supporting this school event. We look forward to seeing those on the night who bought tickets. Any worries concerning being on a table of 8, get in touch with us, otherwise just turn up on the night and we can sort.

We would appreciate a couple of volunteers to help on the night, if you are able to help please let us know.

YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS! Please look out for an email communication after half term from the office about ordering leavers' hoodies.

Have a lovely half term break everyone. The PTA team :)

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2023: 'Do you want to talk about it?'

