

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This week we have welcomed two teachers from Barcelona. This is part of an European Erasmus project focusing on new curriculum ideas. Here is what they have to say so far... (paragraph one is Catalan, the second Spanish!)

Hola! Som Manuel Capitàn i Francesca Vilchez mestres de l'Escola Martinet de Barcelona. Estem realitzant un projecte Erasmus amb la finalitat d'enrequeir el nostre currículum escolar amb les experiències d'altres centres educatius. Per aquest motiu estem participant en una estada a aquesta fantàstica escola. Les observacions i pràctiques que estem portant a terme ens servirà per adquirir noves experiències i, si és possible, aplicar-les al nostre entorn escolar. Gràcies per aquesta oportunitat!

¡Hola! Somos Manuel Capitàn y Francesca Vilchez profesoras de la Escola Martinet de Barcelona. Estamos realizando un proyecto Erasmus con la finalidad de enriquecer nuestro currículum escolar con experiencias de otros centros educativos. Por este motivo estamos participando durante dos semanas en el día a día de esta fantástica escuela. Las observaciones y prácticas que estamos llevando a cabo nos servirá para adquirir nuevas experiencias y, si es posible, aplicarlas en nuestro currículum escolar. ¡Gracias por esta oportunidad!

And the English translation!!!

Hi! We are Manuel & Francesca from Martinet School, Barcelona. We are involved in a European Erasmus project. The objective is to enrich & improve our school experiences from other schools & so we are here for 2 weeks in this fantastic school. What we are observing will help us to achieve new skills & where possible implement in our school curriculum. Thank you for this opportunity.



KEY DATES

Monday 13th November

Y4 visit to the Horniman Museum

Tuesday 14th November

Whole school assembly with Ross Gunderson from St. Barnabas about Advent

Wednesday 15th November

RSPB Urban Habitat talk with Y4

Thursday 16th November

Thames Workshop for Y3

Friday 17th November

New parent tour 9:15am



REMEMBRANCE

We came together as a school and stopped for a 2 minute silence in Turney playground this morning to remember those fallen in conflict. The 'Last Post' was played beautifully by Alex, Conor and Oscar in Y6.

Earlier this week our trumpeter trio visited Y1 at The Belham to do a trumpet 'demo' to support their work via the book 'Here Comes Frankie' – which is all about bringing his world to life through playing the trumpet! The boys skilfully answered lots of questions prepared by Y1 and wowed them with their playing.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
224	162	278	183

PTA NEWS

A fabulous £155.10 was raised from our PTA Bonfire Cake Sale last week. Thank you so much to those of you who donated. Every contribution helps. A special thank you must go to the team that helped make the sale possible: Lula, Sara, Mandy, Martina and Tass,

Donations are slowly trickling in for the Xmas Fair which is going to be upon us before you know it! Collection boxes are now on the bench under the shed in Village playground. Please keep any contributions coming. Thank you.

The PTA are pleased to announce the launch of their new Facebook Group! Keep up to date with PTA news and events, and connect with other parents. Add your voice and get involved in our school community!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DulwichHamletSchoolPTA/>

There is an intro on the page which lays down the 'ground rules' for members. As follows:

"This FB group is for, and run by, parents and carers of Dulwich Hamlet School children to find out more about the events organised by the PTA and to get involved in the school community. We really hope you find it useful. We encourage the sharing of ideas throughout the school community, but remind you this group is not run BY the school. It is not the appropriate place to air any grievances about the school and any discussion about school business should be directed to the usual channels.

We kindly ask that people respect others in the group, and the school as a whole, and remind you that any swearing or abusive comments will be deleted. Play nice!"

SPOTLIGHT ON MATHS: CURRICULUM SPECIAL

Thank you to everyone who came to our Maths Curriculum Evening this week.

Please accept our apologies to those who did not receive a goody-pack of Maths resources. Only 40 of you RSVP'd, but in the end 70+ parents came; a fantastic turn-out.

All the resources and slides we used are to be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19mwOhcB69pTqHGyE3RRxivOG8QXx9ild?usp=sharing>

We are pleased to announce that our series of calculation videos are available to view via our Youtube channel or our website: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLS6zUsKClspWI3aPSRIFAAPv44kRKKg2j> The videos explain the Concrete Pictorial Abstract method which we follow, allowing children to develop a deep conceptual understanding of the written algorithms.

Addition <https://youtu.be/DNtQ3YW4HjM>

Subtraction https://youtu.be/Aq1UJFRAW_k

Multiplication https://youtu.be/Nj_iHBgiF-A

Division <https://youtu.be/8aQ4oRPVqVE>

We also now have printable calculation guides which demonstrate how we teach written methods for addition, multiplication, subtraction and division.

<http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/curriculum.html>

Each method follows the same pathway. Concrete: using Dienes apparatus (100s, 10s and 1s) Pictorial: a pictorial representation and Abstract: the column and bus stop methods that most of us were taught. Each step works in an identical way, but the children have a conceptual understanding of how the numbers work behind the method.

There is no expectation that you teach these at home, but if your child is struggling or making errors with the calculations then they are likely not to understand the concept behind the algorithm.

We also expect children to carefully choose when to use written methods and when to use the vast array of mental methods. Consider, for example, why you would not use the column subtraction method to calculate $100,000 - 99$

Please do let us have any feedback and feel free to share all resources listed. We hope you find them useful.

Tom Salomonson (Maths Subject Lead) and the Dulwich Hamlet Maths Team



Written Calculation Policy—Addition



1. Lay grid out as shown, using Dienes in two rows and hundreds, tens and ones columns e.g. $176 + 298$

2. There are 14 ones. Regroup 10 and move them into the tens column. There are now 4 ones.

