

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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### HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

There are so many things that our Hamleteers do well; we are always proud of the levels of respect, resilience, integrity, independence and enjoyment they show. Our children demonstrated their understanding of respect during the two-minute silence this morning. Our House Captains expertly led the children in a special assembly this afternoon, learning about why some people choose to wear a poppy, why the poppy was chosen for Armistice Day, and why we have the two-minute silence. We also talked about the ex-Hamlet pupils who signed-up during World War I. We looked at their photos and talked about the plaque outside 60's classroom, where the names are all listed.



All of the children and entire staff team stood in Turney playground this morning at 11am in silence, to remember. At the end of the two minutes, our talented trumpeters, Ronnie, Fred and Hanna, played *The Last Post* for us beautifully. It was so good, we asked them to repeat it in assembly too!



### KEY DATES

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Special assembly to mark Diwali  
*Odd Socks Day* (start of Anti-Bullying Week activities)

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

4G visit to the James Caird (Dulwich College)  
 Parent & Carer Café: On the topic of *Sepsis*, facilitated by Dr Akash Deep, Burbage, 9:00-9:45am. Please email the office to book your place, open to DVIS families too.

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

60 Class Assembly, 9:10-9:25am, Turney Hall, parents & carers welcome  
 Eastside Macbeth workshops for Y6

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

4G & 4M visit to the James Caird (Dulwich College)  
 Y4 author visit, MG Leonard, pm





#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

PTA uniform shop open, 9:00-9:30am  
 Individual and sibling photographs  
 Flu immunisations  
 PTA Diwali Festival, 3:25-4:30pm, playgrounds

### OUR LEARNING GRIDS

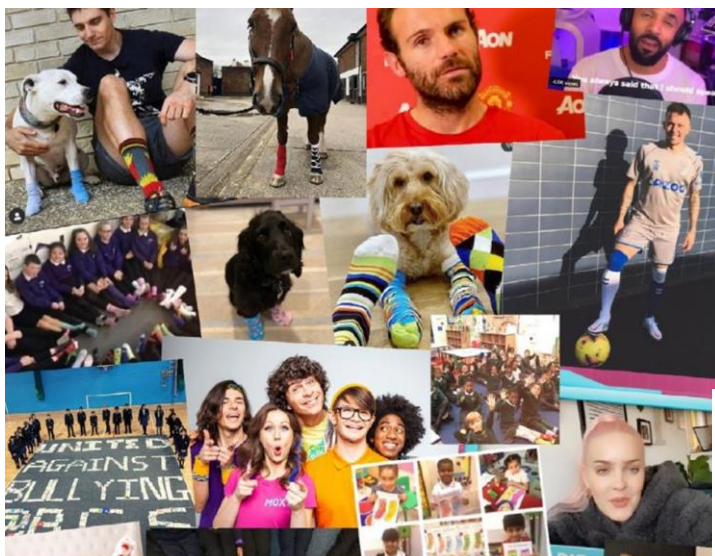
Please check your child's bag for your Autumn 2 *Our Learning Grid*, which has also been emailed to you this week for ease with the links. For reference: we always place these on the website under the Our School → Curriculum → Our Learning pathway.

### WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
62	32	34	48

## ODD SOCKS DAY!

On Monday 13th November, Dulwich Hamlet will be kicking off Anti Bullying week in style by celebrating Odd Socks Day! Please send your child in to school in odd socks - the more colourful and different the better - to help us celebrate our individuality. We have already enjoyed a whole-school assembly based around the theme of this year's celebration - *Make a Noise About Bullying* - and are looking forward to completing in-class tasks to support our learning on this important topic.



## PTA NEWS & IMPORTANT MESSAGE

It's a very busy season ahead for PTA activity. While all is in hand for this half term, no-one has yet raised their hand for the Chair or Secretary Trustee roles. These are required by our constitution and the Charity Commission (we are a registered charity). In the meantime, we have some terrific volunteer leadership happening, eg, the hugely successful Halloween Fun Run and the upcoming Diwali Celebration. Once Kate and Lu step down at the end of this term we will be in breach of our constitution and this will severely limit what we can do and spend, jeopardising planned activity. Please consider coming forward to avoid this outcome. While this makes it sound quite formal, the work itself is anything but, and both Chair and Secretary roles are very do-able and even fun, especially as a pair! We will be around to offer support and assist any new committee members.

## PTA DIWALI CELEBRATION

A reminder for any spare tea light or fairy lights, which can be handed into the office. (Please label the lights if you would like them returned). The organisers appreciate any food donations to add to snacks and treats already arranged, please leave with the office on the morning, or bring along at pickup. All welcome to this wonderful celebration!

## OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

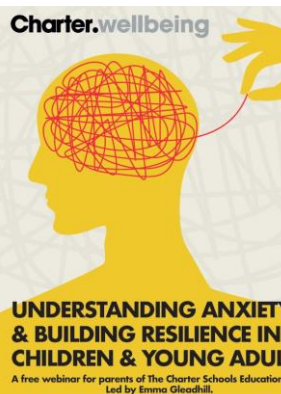
We have noticed a few of our furry friends creeping in to the school playground of late. Can we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that there should not be any dogs brought on to the school site, even in arms! We are aware that this is a different 'rule' to our neighbours at DVIS, but this is what we kindly ask of you at DHJS. (As such, please do not walk dogs through the shared DVIS/DHJS playground gate as a 'cut-through')

We do need to be mindful that not all children (and adults) feel comfortable around dogs, especially if they are growling or barking.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

## EMMA GLEADHILL WEBINARS

Emma Gleadhill is back with another series of webinars for the parents and carers of The Charter Schools Education Trust.



28th November 7pm to 8pm

To a large extent, anxiety is a normal part of everyday life. We are prone to anxiety because caution keeps us safe. But it can make us, and our children, play small, and prevent us from the enjoyment and thriving we would wish for ourselves and especially for future generations as they grow.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



## PTA HALLOWEEN FUN RUN

Our DHJS Halloween Fun Run is now a fully embedded feature within our annual PTA cycle of activities, and something that is clearly looked forward to by children and grown-ups alike!

The run took place last Sunday, just before our return to school, in Dulwich Park and was a great success, with some awesome and gruesome costumes on display! We're waiting on the final numbers, but think we have raised near to a terrific £900 – that's amazing! A HUGE thank you to those that volunteered, participated and donated.

We have presented some prizes in assembly this afternoon for the following three categories. Well done to you all!

### Best Costume:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Millie 3RS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Ben 3RS
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Charlie C 3RS

### Best Group Costume:

Joshua, Harrison and Felix, all 4G

### Quickest Lap:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Marcus 4G (7 minutes 35 seconds)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Leo 6O (7 minutes 38 seconds)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Molly 6TS (8 minutes 55 seconds)



## PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

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It's 'full steam ahead' with preparations for the Christmas Fair!

Reminder for donations of Jingle Jars, Bric-A-Brac, chocolate & bottle tombola and any raffle donations please. There are tables placed opposite the office labelled accordingly to receive your kind donations.

Thank you to class reps for spreading the word regarding class stalls, please look out for sign-up sheets and assigned jobs on the WhatsApp groups.

We've had such a wonderful response to the call out for home addresses to support advertising via Knight Frank. Thank you to everyone, we now have sufficient for all the boards to be printed and ready to go up next Monday.

The raffle team are busy putting together fabulous prizes, keep an eye out for how to purchase tickets in the coming week.

The PTA Team



## CALLING MUSIC MENTOR ALUMNI!!!

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Mrs Purcell is keen to hear from any Hamlet Music Mentor Alumni who is available on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 12:15-12:45pm, to play our 'set' of Christmas Carols with our current Y6 Mentors, as we welcome our community to the Christmas Fair. We are hoping to make this an 'embedded' Hamlet tradition...

If parents email Mrs Purcell via the school office, she will be able to make parts available for collection from school for the children to practise. (We may try to schedule a sneaky run-through at school on the Friday 24<sup>th</sup>, around 3:30pm)

We're looking forward to welcoming some of our musicians back to DHJS!