

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Last week I talked about our 'Year of Reading' as a key school development priority for 2018-19. Another of our key areas of focus is 'Behaviours Beyond the Classroom'. I have spoken to the children about this in assembly and asked them to think about what this might mean to them and the part they might play in us moving forward.

DHJS is lucky enough to be part of a group of schools in our community that take part in collaborative Peer Reviews. The school being reviewed chooses an area for other school leaders to focus on and discuss. I was privileged last week to visit Oliver Goldsmith Primary and be part of their reviewing team, later in the year I am looking forward to leading a review at Friars Primary School. Yesterday it was our turn and we welcomed colleagues from Oliver Goldsmith, Nell Gwynn and Camelot Schools. We asked the team to focus on 'Behaviours Beyond the Classroom'. They had a busy morning, meeting with focus groups of children, parents, and staff from across the school, as well as undertaking learning walks. They were very impressed with what they saw, but 'consistency' is certainly a theme that came through from the morning. We will look forward to exploring this further and using all of the information we have received, which will act as a springboard for our work this academic year.

Marble Season! Following on from our Behaviour theme, I am sure the children have delighted in informing you that we will be running a three day 'Marble Season' next week from Monday to Wednesday. For those of you who are new to our 'Seasons', they are something that the children enjoy, and a way for us to say 'thank you' for demonstrating the HAMLETEER Values and good behaviours from across the school.

To keep the marble Season running smoothly, we do have a set of simple rules for the children to follow:

- Only bring in enough marbles that can fit into a small container that will sensibly fit in trays in the classroom
- Only bring in marbles that you don't mind losing! (keep the bestest/special ones for home)
- No swapping
- Rules for games are established and adhered to
- You can play to win

KEY DATES

Monday 15th October

Sophie Simpson (ex-pupil & chemical engineer) presenting in assembly

Jamie Coleman (Polar Explorer) visiting Y4
5P to view 'The Secret Charter' at The Picture Gallery

Wednesday 17th October

4H class assembly, 9:05am Turney Hall, parents welcome

Thursday 18th October

9:00-9:45 Parent and Carer Café for those new to DHJS this academic year, not via DVIS. Burbage Building.
Visit from Adrian Barnett – Rainforest Ecologist

Friday 19th October

Hamlet's Got Talent pm

MATHS HOME LEARNING

We welcomed over 70 of you to our two maths Home Learning Sessions this week - a great turnout, thanks for your continued support. Please look out for a separate email which contains the slides and notes from this presentation if you weren't able to be there in person. Limited hard copies of the Knowledge Organisers are available from the office or online at:

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

DOODLE APP – IMPORTANT UPDATE REQUIRED: Please see separate email regarding this.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
57	69	51	88

SECONDARY TRANSFER

We are aware from Southwark Admissions that there are still many Y6 families yet to submit their application. The closing date for Secondary applications is fast approaching. Please ensure that your application is completed on-line by 31st October. For further information, please go to:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions>

GUIDANCE REGARDING MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

We just wanted to remind parents about arrangements around administering medication in school. We follow the Department for Education's statutory guidance. In line with *Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions, December 2015* – We can only accept prescribed medicines if these are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage.

If your child requires us to give medication that meets the above criteria you MUST come into the school office and complete a permission form for administration of the medication. We cannot administer medication without this.

Advice is that "where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours." So for example with antibiotics to be taken three times a day they can be taken before school, after school and at bedtime.

The only exception to administration of prescribed medicine is travel sickness tablets. If your child requires travel sickness medication or bands, please make sure that these have been administered before we leave on a visit or journey. Extras can be provided for the return journey which we will administer on receipt of a completed medical form.

HARVEST

Traditionally this is the time of year when we think about Harvest and celebrating the Harvest Festival. Following a visit from Antonio Garcia, the Curate at St Barnabas, we've been thinking about where our food originates from and how it gets to our plates. We've thought about the people who grow or catch the food - the processes and people involved in order for us to enjoy our meals and appreciate how lucky we are. Bearing this in mind, we will be asking for shoe box donations again this year. We are combining the theme of Harvest with Christmas. We will be donating shoe boxes of food/essentials e.g. soap and flannel to a local foodbank. More details will follow after the half-term holiday.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Ever thought about volunteering as a school governor?

We will be opening up a vacancy for a parent governor shortly

What is the role of a school governor?

It's a strategic role which:

- Ensures clarity of vision, ethos and direction;
- Holds school leaders to account for educational performance
- Oversees financial performance and makes sure money is well spent

The role is sometimes described as a 'critical friend'

What skills and qualifications do you need?

Governors apply a wide range of skills, experiences and backgrounds to support and oversee the school. Energy, enthusiasm and the ability to commit time to the role are essential!

What's in it for you?

Work as part of a fantastic team, to maintain and enhance our school vision, and develop your own skills along the way.

Want to find out more?

- Contact the Head of School or Chair of Governors through the school office for an informal chat office@dulwichhamletjunior.org.uk
- Look out for the information coming soon

PTA CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT 2018

This is a reminder that the deadline for this project is creeping up on us; this is the final weekend to be getting 'creative'! All designs must be handed in to the school office by **next Tuesday, 16th October**. We hope that as many as possible Hamleteers will get involved.

The funds raised through this project will contribute towards many initiatives, including new playground equipment and creating a secret garden in unused playground space. It is a fun way for your children to support the school and delight family and friends. For a reminder of the guidelines to ensure a clear reproduction, please visit the communications page of the website: http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/uploads/6/2/8/6/62866179/christmas_cards_letter_2018.pdf

ABSENCE HOTLINE!

Please do use our answerphone line for reporting an absence. Our office lines are particularly busy first thing in the morning and you will have more success leaving a simple message on: **0208 693 3705**. Please call by 9:30am. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A CORRECTION TO THE NUMBER PUBLISHED IN THE HERALD LAST WEEK. APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED.