

THE HAMLET HERALD



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I am sure the children are looking forward to a well-deserved rest as we approach this February half-term break.

With the weather still on the colder side, it is possible that our Hamleteers may be spending greater time inside rather than out, and maybe enjoying some down-time on their mobile devices, if they have them. Some questions for you all to consider: Do you monitor your child's online activity? Will you be confident knowing what information, games, platforms your children are likely to/going to be accessing? What family rules do you have around screen time usage? Have you had conversations with your children about acceptable behaviour as a good digital citizen? We have recently been dealing with a serious online bullying incident that, as tends to happen, has found its way into school. While these behaviours do take place away from school, we see it as part of our duty and responsibility to act upon, and take them seriously. We appreciate that when used responsibly, technology can be fun, educational, and a positive means of communication. However, when 'chat' turns nasty, the taunts can feel far more humiliating and upsetting than any comments made in the playground. The comments do not go away.

Please read on to learn about some of the work we have been doing recently with our children for Safer Internet Day. The children have certainly taken this work seriously.

I do hope you have pencilled-in Thursday 28th February, 6:45-8pm for our **Online Safety Curriculum Workshop**, led jointly by Victoria Begley (Online Safety Coordinator) and Lorraine Thomas (Learning Coach, The Parent Coaching Academy). While so much of this really is a common sense approach, I think it is always good to be reminded of how you can ensure safe internet/use of mobile technology at home with some practical advice and examples of the work we do in school, including that regarding online bullying and mindful use of social media.

A GOODBYE

We are sad to be saying 'goodbye' to Helen Ireton tomorrow who has been working with us in the office for the past four years. A massive 'thank you' must go to Helen for her many contributions to our busy school office, and for her work specifically with all matters to do with school attendance and club bookings. We wish her well as she moves on to pastures new.

We will be welcoming Cynthia Fasuyi to our Admin Team shortly after the half-term break.

KEY DATES

Monday 25th February

Tate Project photographer in for Y3

Tuesday 26th February

Swimming to re-start for Y5 at JAGs

(Please see separate communication this week for full details)

Wednesday 27th February

Y5 Parent and Carer Café: Reading Focus 8:45-9:30am

Burbage Building (Please email the office to book your place)

Thursday 28th February

Online Safety Curriculum Evening. 6:45-8pm Turney Hall

(Please see separate communication for details. Email office to book your place)




PLEASE NOTE: KEY DATES FOR SPRING 2 CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER

ALICE – OUR LOLLIPOP LADY

Many of you will know Alice, 'the lollipop lady', who come rain or shine is outside our school gates everyday ensuring the safety of our children crossing Dulwich Village. What you might not know is that she has been doing this job for 40 incredible years!

On Tuesday 26th February, we will be acknowledging this service to our community and saying a special thank you on behalf of us all at Dulwich Hamlet. If you see her, please do take the time to congratulate and thank her.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

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SAFER INTERNET DAY



Last week's celebration of Safer Internet Day was a great success. Our introductory assembly looked at when (and how) we give permission online, reminding children that it is okay to say 'NO' if someone asks to use or share something. In class, Y3 and Y4 focused on being internet sharp - exploring how much we can accidentally reveal about ourselves when we share online, and when it is okay to share about other people. Y5 and Y6 focused on consent, considering the laws that govern how our personal data can be used, as well as the potential consequences of inappropriate sharing. The picture below shows just a few of the leaflets the children made, full of tips and advice we can all make use of!



PTA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who came to our 2019 kick off meetings on January 17th in the evening and February 8th in the morning. If you could not attend and want to help out, get in touch via your class rep or email us at dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com.

We are off to an outstanding start, raising £11500 last term. This spring term, we will be planning for our whole school family disco on May 17th and the Summer Fair on June 15th. We have a committee for both these events, feel free to join. We have had some great new ideas put forward.

We are looking for help on our PTA committee. Our Treasurer Sarah Turner will be stepping down at the end of this year, so if you have some accounting skills to contribute to the PTA, we would love to hear from you. While you are future planning, we will have several vacancies on the PTA next year, when some of our Y6 parents leave the school.

We have a new green PTA notice board outside the gates. Look here in due course for all future dates. Future dates will also be in the book bags shortly.

Funding priorities: We have raised enough money for some new tech in the class rooms, thanks to Thomas Reuters and Grace Aksman in Y3. We will be donating towards the new playground in Turney, but will need to continue raising funds to meet the £10,000 needed. We have also agreed to buy camping tents for the school to have on hand. This year's 6s have an exciting new camping trip planned and we want this to be an annual event for all future Y6 classes.

Cake sale: Well done Y5 for having so many cakes that you could run it twice! A fantastic £375 was raised. Next cake sale is March 29th, **(note the date change)** for Mother's Day. Y6 show us what you can do. **No cake sale on April 4th.**

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

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

- 3C Noah, Kai, Beatrice, Betty, Leah, Hugo, Adriana, Frieda, Zakery & Henrietta
- 3J Maxi, Eddy, Joe, Olive, Leo, Abby, Lucy, Cameron, Arlo, Sophia, Maggie, Ace, Farah & Mona
- 3TS Nahla, Daniel, Nate, Dulcie, Valentina, Felix, Tilly, Kayan, Walker & Georgia
- 4S Nicholas, Raferty, Sophia, Freddie F, April, Micah, Maisy, Matthew, Emily, Stan, Mahrosh, Amber & George
- 4G Lucien, Peeps, Max, Luke, Rueben, Noah, Arjun, Joshua, Ella, Nathan & Amber
- 4H Bilal, Max A, Seamus, James, Sophie, Henry, Esme, Ali, Dela, Mahdi, Leyla, William & Edward
- 5A Isaac, Rafer, Eve, Ottilie, Anouska, Ines, Poppy, Matthew, Jordan, Rufus, Valentina & Josiah
- 5B Connie, Lucy, Camille, Chloe, Juliet, Tom, Blake, Monty, Nieve & Harry
- 5P Alban, Isabel, Jude, Katya, Lewis, Lilly-Rose, Liv, Matthew, Max, Niall, Niamh, Rafferty, Sophie & Theo
- 6S Tamiah, Amy, Myles, Annika, Otis, Fejiro, Tommy, Thomas, Jake, Aidan, Finn, Sophie & Eleni
- 6MG Sylvia, Julien, Alfie, Raqiyah, George, Isaac T, Sebastian, Saanika, Esha, Isaac H, Dorian & Joshua
- 6GR Charlie, Diana, Pablo, Rafferty, Amelia, Alejandro, Moriah, Noah J, Jacob, Tom, Grace, Matthew, Rachel & Alfie

HALF-TERMLY SPORTING ROUND-UP

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y4 netball)

On Wednesday we went to Alleyn's to play a netball match. Our team drew 2-2. My team's attitude was good. At the end Annabelle, 4H, was player of the match. I played GS and GD. In my opinion the best player was Romi, but I think everyone was amazing. *Sophia 4G*

Dulwich Hamlet v City of London Academy (Y6 football)

The Y6 A & B's played the City of London Academy on 30th November. We played away at the COLA ground. COLA were a very good team and were dangerous near our goal. Their midfield was strong and pushed up together. The final score was 7-3 to COLA. The thing that I liked about them was their positivity and sportsmanship. I think that both teams played really good football because their passes were accurate; we played well because when we had the ball we had lots of opportunities. *Noah 6*

Dulwich Hamlet v JAPS (Y6 girls' netball)

On Monday 14th January 2019 our Y6 netball team went to JAGS to play a match against JAPS. We did the match in quarters, meaning it was split into four parts. We had two teams, an A and a B team. I was on the A team so I couldn't see the B team play. Overall the B team lost 8-1 and the A team lost 15-0; even though both of our teams lost, we had good matches. JAPS's GA, who was one of their shooters, vs the A team scored many goals. JAPS attitude was good as it is always positive, Dulwich Hamlet's attitude was also good. Despite the fact we lost, we all loved the matches and had lots of fun. The ball rarely came down to us as JAPS transitions were fast and their defence was good. *Moriah 6GR*

The Y6 netball team went to play a match against JAPS on Monday 14th January 2019, at JAGS netball courts. Although we were nervous we were still excited to play. Our team had many attempts at shooting but was only successful in one in the last minute. Both teams had an extremely positive attitude towards the game. Even though JAPS won, we still tried our best and played really well. *Saanika 6MG*

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y4 boys football)

I played against Alleyn's Junior School, it was really easy. I stopped the ball a few times because I was a defender and I kicked the ball away so it didn't come near our goal. It was excellent and very amazing fun because we got to see Alleyn's say 'just one more goal until we win' and my team won! Alleyn's ground is magnificent. I can't wait to play again; I was very helpful to my team. My team was fun to play with. *Lucien 4G*

On 29.1.19 I was selected for a football match. It was the Hamlet's Y4 football group playing against the Alleyn's football group. It took place at Alleyn's football field. Unfortunately, we lost 7-4 but I still really enjoyed it. *William 4G*

On Tuesday 29th January some Dulwich Hamlet Y4 boys played in a football match against Alleyn's. The match took place on the field above their grounds and the match was due to start at 2pm and was to finish at 3.15pm but it started at 2.15pm. Both team's attitude was very good and the referee was happy with it.

The game started by a near miss from the Alleyn's players which was quickly kicked down the pitch by our goalie to our striker who nudged the ball in the goal! We found they had bad defence and we scored 5 times before half time! 5-0 to Hamlet!

After their team talk, Alleyn's stole the ball and shot it into the goal. The score stayed the same after that and the final score was: 5-1 to the Hamlet! *Max 4G*

Dulwich Hamlet at JAPS cross country event

On Wednesday 30th January Ys 3,4,5 & 6 went to JAGS for a cross country event. We were racing against 9 other schools; luckily all of them had a positive attitude like us. Even though we didn't come first, second or third in my race we still finished strongly. It was good fun and I'd love to do it again another time. *Beatrice 4H*

On Wednesday 30th January a team of Y3-6 girls gathered under the shelter for a team talk from Miss Harris. She told us the afternoon plan along with some words of encouragement. Soon after, Mr Mullings arrived and drove us all to the JAGS sports field. As soon as we got out of the minibus and saw all the different schools we were all feeling very nervous but excited. First up, Y3, they all did amazingly. Next up was Y4 who ran the course exceptionally well. Then it was Y5s turn; Rosa, Lorna, Aggie and me all huddled up on the start line freezing cold. As soon as the whistle blew we all shot off quickly trying to get ahead. After about 5 minutes the field finally started to open up giving everyone some space. After the first lap some girls started to overtake me but that just gave me even more adrenalin to run faster. As I neared the end of my second lap I could hear a crowd cheer. As soon as I saw the finish I did a sprint finish to the end. Next it was Y6, they all did great. Well done Dulwich Hamlet! *Poppy 5A*

South of the River swimming gala

A report of this event will undoubtedly appear in the next edition of the HH sports round up page, but I just wanted to thank and congratulate our team of girls. We competed against 9 other schools & the competition was tough. The

girls weren't phased by the speed of some of the swimmers; our whole team gave 100% effort. We almost got 2 individual bronze medals – next time! Well done girls we're proud of you!

We don't have a pool in which to train; getting pool times for lessons can sometimes be difficult. However, if your child wants to compete at gala level and achieve medal success, they need to be able to swim 25m front crawl in 14 seconds or less.

A lot of our galas are for girls. This is something we've addressed with our neighbouring schools and we hope that in the not too distant future we will have mixed gender teams.

The 'morning mile'

We have seen a significant increase in the number of children and parents running the mile at least once a week. It's brilliant! In fact, numbers for all our morning clubs have increased. We are seeing such positive effects in the classroom as a result.

Everyone is welcome to run from 8.30-8.45am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. At this time of year, it's a good idea to have a change of trousers, socks and footwear. We are very lucky to be able to use the Griffin field for the mile, our PE lessons, and events throughout the year. We have been asked by the groundsman to keep off all football pitches. In order to maintain a good relationship with the ground we ask all runners stay off any marked pitch and don't run across in front of any goal posts, even if it's to avoid the mud! Thank you.

Thanks...

The weather, as always, has caused a few matches to be cancelled this half term. However, we have participated in football, hockey, netball and swimming events. My thanks as ever go to Dan Mullings and Lucy Akiril for training the teams and taking them to and from fixtures. My thanks also go to the dedicated team of staff who run sports clubs for us before and after the school day.

Nikki Thomson



MAGICAL MUSICAL MOMENTS

Southwark Orchestral Day: Fifteen of our hard-working Y5 musicians joined children from ten other Southwark primary and secondary schools to perform Jean Sibelius' Finlandia. They found the experience challenging and exciting, performing as "real" musicians. It was great to see many ex-Hamleteers still playing with their secondary schools, also.

"I enjoyed the Orchestral Day because we played with lots of other children who were working at the same level as us or higher - it was really fun!" Isabel 5P

"I found it interesting that easy parts become harder when you play with lots of other parts." Adam 5B

"I learned how hard it is to play with all the other instruments when they play completely different things. It wasn't like my school ensemble."

Tallulah 5B



Young Voices Concert: On Tuesday 5th February, 60 of our year 4, 5 & 6 Hamleteers performed in the Young Voices concert at The O2 as part of a choir of 8868! The children worked hard to learn the lyrics and dance moves to 14 songs, some of which backed up Beau Dermott, Sharlene Hector and Tony Hadley. Choir is now open for new members.

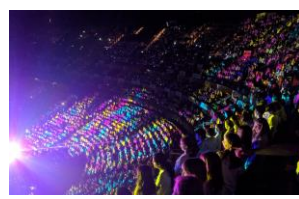
"Young Voices was EXTREMELY fun and if you forgot the actions, Urban Strides dancers were on the stage helping you." Esme 4H

"My favourite song was the Thank You for the Days medley and I liked doing all the songs with actions." Matilda 4G

"I was in the audience because my sister was in the concert. The lights were really good and it sounded nice. I want to join the choir so I can be in Young Voices next year!" Kurt 4G

"My favourite thing was the lights. I liked how they made us turn into patterns." Joe 6S

"I felt really excited when all the lights turned off and we knew the concert was about to start." Alexia 6MG



HALF-TERMLY UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The school governor role is a strategic one 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'.

Governors are volunteers who apply a wide range of skills, experiences and backgrounds to support and oversee the school.

To carry out our role we attend training to keep up to date with new developments and requirements. For example, governors recently joined the Head of School and her team to learn about the new tools introduced by the DfE to measure school performance. Tonight we will be attending training on 'Prevent' – part of the government's strategy to prevent extremism. Governors also attend events such as parent cafes and curriculum evenings where possible, which provides a good opportunity to chat to parents and carers for those of us who aren't parents or carers of children currently at the school.

If you have any questions about school governance, please contact the Head of School or Chair of Governors via the school office.

Karen Robinson

Key Dates for Spring Term 2 2019

Y3 - Y4 - Y5 - Y6 - Whole Sch. -



25.02.19	Spring term 2 starts	-
25.02.19	Tate Project photographer for Y3	During the day at school
26.02.19	Y5 Swimming lessons begin	JAGS Sports Club (last session 2 nd April)
27.02.19	Parent Café: Y5 Reading Focus	08.45-09.30 Burbage
28.02.19	Curriculum Evening: Online Safety	18.45-20.00 spaces need to be booked via School Office
04.03.19	Parent Café: Music Practice Focus	09.00-09.30 Burbage
06.03.19	5P Class Assembly	09.05-09.30 Turney Hall
07.03.19	Y4 Parents Taster Lunch	12.00-12.45
08.03.19	DHJS World Book Day	All Day (details to follow)
13.03.19	Y4 Trip to Battle Abbey	08.00-16.30
13.03.19	3TS Class Assembly	09.05-09.30 Turney Hall
14.03.19	Blackheath Singing Festival	Choir members (details to follow)
15.03.18	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	All Day
18.03.19	Y3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm	8.00-16.00
20.03.19	Parent Café: Y4 Reading Focus	08.45-09.30 Burbage
21.03.19	DHJS Informal Recorder Concert: Pupils only	Performing to DVIS – Y1 & Y3/4
21.03.19	DHJS Recorder Concert	19.00-20.00 concert in Turney Hall to parents and carers
27.03.19	5A Class Assembly	09.05-09.30 Turney Hall
28.03.19	Class Photos	All Day
29.03.19	Y6 LAMDA Examinations	During the day at school
29.03.19	Mother's Day Cake Sale	Village Playground 15.25-16.15
01.04.19	ABRSM Music Examinations	During the day at school
02.04.19	ABRSM Music Examinations	During the day at school
03.04.19	ABRSM Music Examinations	During the day at school
03.04.19	Parent Café: Y3 Reading Focus	08.45-09.30 Burbage
05.04.19	DHJS Easter Egg Competition	Details to follow
Easter hols	Monday 8 th April – Monday 22 nd April	-
23.04.18	Summer term starts	Normal School time