

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This week has certainly flown past, and we have been busy behind the scenes taking on board a constant stream of new information from the DfE, making decisions in the best interests of our community.

You cannot have missed the news in the media surrounding food parcels. We were able to provide parcels for our families via our catering company, Principals, topping these up with breakfast boxes that we were able to secure. Our thanks go to the organisation *School Food Matters* who provided these free of charge. From next week, we will be accessing the national voucher scheme once again for our families. As before, we anticipate a delay as the system becomes jammed with orders from schools across the country. We hope to get these vouchers out to relevant families as soon as we possibly can.

We are mindful that circumstances can change very quickly for us all at this present time. If this applies to your family, you may be able to apply for Pupil Premium funding, please see the information opposite. Do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help.

Our DfE chrome books have now arrived, and in accordance with our tech survey and local knowledge, we are now distributing these to our priority children.

We have written to all of our Key Worker School families this week, as we are operating a very large KWS - over 30% of our school population - and cannot ignore the fact that infections in London and Southwark are still incredibly high. We are pleased to be able to support our parents and carers who are critical frontline workers. In the light of DfE guidance this week, we have asked our Key Worker families, to reconsider if there is the capacity for their children to learn at home during this time. Please contact Mrs Evans directly by email if you are able to support us with this.

Finally, we are aware that there are several families, and staff members, who are currently managing with Covid, either personally, or within their families and immediate circles. We are thinking of you all, and wish everyone a speedy and full recovery.

Please be kind to yourselves: keep safe and well everyone.

KEY DATES

Monday 18th January

Mrs Purcell weekly assembly posted on GC pm

Tuesday 19th January

Teaching Team weekly assembly posted on GC

Wednesday 20th January

Core Leadership Team weekly assembly posted on GC pm
Y3 & Y6 class Google Meets pm

Thursday 21st January

Y4 & Y5 class Google Meets pm

Friday 22nd January

Weekly achievement assembly posted on GC pm

PUPIL PREMIUM

Upon joining us at DHJS, you will have received an application form for Pupil Premium Funding which is relevant to those children who have a statutory entitlement to free school meals.

Pupil Premium is a fund that enables schools to take on additional staff and invest in additional equipment, resources and activities. As a parent, it also allows us to offer you subsidised fees for clubs, music and residential trips. At the current time, if your child is a home learner, we can support you with food vouchers.

Do make use of this website that checks eligibility for Pupil Premium. It only takes a few minutes and you receive a certificate of eligibility which you can then share with us in order to access this funding. The link to the site is: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> Please contact Chrissie Purcell in the office for further support and information:

cpurcell4.210@lgflmail.org

TECHNOLOGY/REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY

Thank you to those of you that completed our survey this week and for your continued support with our remote learning offer. We will pass on all of your kind words to our staff team. The responses have been incredibly useful, particularly in terms of being able to sign-post parents/carers to resources and support, but also in helping us to consider and form our next steps. As a school, we pride ourselves on our continuous journey of self-improvement, and taking the best from beyond DHJS and making it our own is something we do well. We look forward to taking on board some of your points.

Your responses tell us that you are really happy with the new structure of the remote school day, and the flexibility afforded by teacher-led videos. It is important that your children engage fully with the videos, pausing, speaking out-loud, making notes and anything else their teachers instruct. It is, unfortunately, much easier for pupils to engage in a half-hearted manner when learning online - whether live or pre-recorded - so we would appreciate it if you could remind the children of our core value of integrity. Ultimately, at this distance, we are asking for young children to show high degrees of autonomy and maturity. As a rough guide, each lesson should take 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete if they are giving maximum effort. We all know that each child is different so if your child takes longer, please communicate this with the class teacher.

We would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the amazing effort being made by your children with their work at home. Thank you.



Y6 Fairy Tale illustrations - Wren

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

Thank you for responding to our survey this week. We are delighted that so many of you are wanting to take up our online offer of a block of 'live' lessons, starting next week.

This is requiring a significant amount of planning and organisation; thank goodness Miss Campbell has it under control!

A very small group of children will start on Monday, and they will be informed today in order to be instrument (and practice) ready. Everyone else will have their lessons scheduled from Tuesday onwards, providing time for Miss Campbell and the Admin Team to disseminate all relevant information early next week, along with a 'How To' video, which we hope will aid smooth operations for both home and the music tutors.

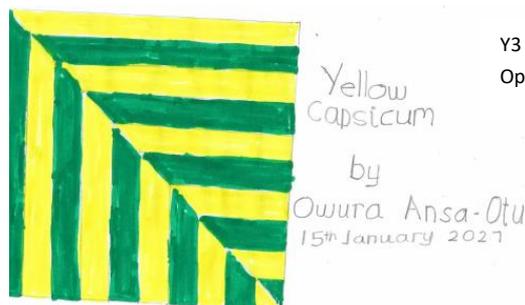
In the meantime, we hope all of our instrumentalists are maintaining a healthy practice routine, and we all look forward to the time when we can hear our young musicians 'wowing' us with their performances in assemblies and concerts.



Y4 Anglo-Saxon brooches - Ben S



Y5 Rufus Ogundele - Vanessa



Y3 Bridget Riley Op Art - Owura