

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I'm delighted that we have been able to provide many parental engagement opportunities this spring term that have been/are on offer to you. They range from parent and carer cafes focussing on reading for Y3, 4 & 5 (a major school development priority for this year), Y6 SATs, ABRSM music exams, and how to support your young musician at home. We also held our Online Safety Curriculum Evening, a very well attended 'Taster Lunch' for our Y4 parents, and there have been several very enjoyable class assemblies. Thank you to all of you who have been able to join us, the children clearly love you being part of what they do at school, and we hope that you have found our curriculum sessions interesting and useful. We are mindful of giving you enough notice in advance to plan for these opportunities, but fully appreciate how hard it is to juggle and fit in everything in the diary. As such, we endeavour to provide links to any handouts or presentations which you can access via the website 'Our Curriculum' page. For your ease, I'm including a few here:

Online Safety - <http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/uploads/6/2/8/6/62866179/online-safety-workshop-2019-website.pdf>

SATs - <http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/uploads/6/2/8/6/62866179/sats-survival-guide-2018-twinkl.pdf>

Y5 Reading Café - <http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/uploads/6/2/8/6/62866179/y5-reading-cafe-notes.pdf>

Many thanks to our staff team for the planning and delivery of these sessions.

COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY

We've had fun today raising money for Comic Relief. We're looking forward to hearing about how your child raised funds or did a sponsored event at home. Please send all money, and where appropriate, a sponsor form into the school office as soon as possible, definitely before Friday 29th March. We'd love to see and display any photos of your fund raising efforts.

This morning 5 children took on 5 staff in the Hamlet's version of University Challenge. After much hilarity the 'Turney Playground' (children) team won. Well done to all - excellent team attitude. If the fun of the quiz wasn't enough, each year group built a smile; a smile that matters raising money so other children can smile too. Well done Y3 your smile was the biggest and raised a whopping £154.34

This afternoon we were treated to a panto. Our dedicated staff told the story of Cinderella. There are many versions of this story but none have told in quite the same unique style as us.....!

Check out our twitter feed for some great pictures, we've included a few at the end of the Hamlet Herald too.

KEY DATES

Monday 18th March

Y3 to Butser Farm

Wednesday 20th March

Y5 Africa Day

Y4 Parent & Carer Café: Reading Focus. 8:45-9:30am Burbage

Please book your place via the office: office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk

Thursday 21st March

DHJS Recorder Festival: Concert to Y3/4 and Y1 DVIS pm
7pm concert to friends and family, Turney Hall

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Well done to all of our pupils who represented the school in this year's Primary Mathematics Challenge Bonus Round. However, a huge congratulations go to our top scorer and Silver Award Winner: William (6GR).

It was a great effort by all concerned. Our only question: what happened the girls? We have some incredibly talented female mathematicians at the Hamlet but none managed to find their way into the Bonus Round.

This mirrors the national trend, but it's a trend we want to, and are working hard to buck!



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
45	36	31	45

DHJS IN BLOOM!

As we say goodbye to the winter months, our front flower beds are beginning to show their colour, with daffodils, tulips and hyacinths winning the show. Each year group planted the bulbs before the winter break, and have been watering and weeding diligently when required. Nature and Gardening sessions are taking place, and this month, we will be receiving a small child-friendly greenhouse that will be used by the children to grow seedlings before planting them in the beds and in the front garden.



Safe hideaways can be hard for wildlife to find in some gardens, especially near busy roads. Over the next few weeks, children will be creating a multi-storey hotel full of natural materials to provide shelter for insects, and to encourage more wildlife into the garden. Thank you Alleyn Park Garden Centre, who have kindly donated old pallets for this use.

If you have any old **wooden pallets, hollow bamboo canes or logs, broken terracotta pots** or **old pieces of rugs** that you could donate to school to help build the bug hotels, please email Miss Harris (bharris22.210@lgflmail.org) who will communicate what we already have and when they could be brought in.

We are also hoping to thicken the beds of the front garden with more young trees and wildflowers in summer to further attract bees and other insects. If you have any spare packets of seeds or bulbs that you are not going to use, we would appreciate any donations. Children can hand these straight to Miss Harris.

If you have any further ideas on how to attract wildlife or any questions, please email Miss Harris.

COMIC RELIEF/RED NOSE DAY IN PICTURES



Y3 'Coin Smile'

DHJS does University Challenge!

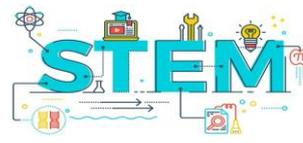
DULWICH VILLAGE EASTER EGG HUNT

We are delighted to support the Dulwich Village Easter Egg Hunt and competition. All of the children will have come home today with an A4 card template on which they can draw, paint, or utilise their craft skills to create their own Easter Egg design. They have to put their name, age and contact details on the back and either return to school via the office where we will collate entries, or place them directly in the post box in Green's Village Toyshop. The last date for entries is **Friday 29th March**. The eggs will be displayed in Dulwich Village from 12th-28th April. All of the eggs will be judged by the Dulwich Picture Gallery and there are prizes for 5 winners in each age category (6 & under and 7-11) – including an art book from Dulwich Picture Gallery, and vouchers for Green's Village Toyshop and Village Books. Get involved!



STEM QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Please don't forget that the deadline for our inaugural 'Question of the Month' is fast approaching. Entries to Miss Harris via class teachers.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH



Deadline: Monday 25th March



Y5 and Y4 'Coin Smiles'



...The Panto!