

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Covid confusion! We know only too well how tricky it has been to keep up to speed with what we now can, should/shouldn't be doing in terms of Covid. While it still seems quite strange to us all, even if a child (primary school) is a close contact of a family member or friend who has tested positive, they should be attending school. We know that when this has been the case, some of you are telling us that you are arranging for your child to be tested, for your own peace of mind.

If your child is presenting with any Covid symptoms, they need to be self-isolating and have this confirmed through a PCR test. They will be marked as 'self-isolating' in the register, until a positive test is returned. They will then be recorded as absent due to (Covid) illness. If the test returns negative, we will expect to see your child back in school. If they continue to be unwell, your child will be marked as absent due to other illness. We have put together a flow-chart, attached to the final page of the HH. This is also available on our Covid-19 webpage, which we hope details all of this in a clear and simple format.

General Absence: obviously, our aim is for every child to be attending school every day. We are really proud that as of the end of September, our attendance was sitting at 96.6%, compared to 92.6% for primary schools nationally. This is great! However, we recognise that our Hamleteers will become poorly from time to time, and as such, they need to be at home recovering. Please can we ask that you are specific in your reason for absence. If you inform us that your child is absent due to 'illness', we will contact you for further information i.e. tummy bug, flu-like symptoms etc...

Home Learning: We have received requests for home learning when a child is absent due to illness (Covid related or general illness). Please note, if a child is away from school unwell for any reason, we do not provide home learning material, or indeed expect our Hamleteers to be completing school work at this time. Most importantly, they need to be recovering, or return to school to benefit from the teaching in the classroom once better. If your child is on the mend, but not quite ready to return, our homework menu of reading, Doodlemaths, TTRS, or weekly activity placed on Google Classroom is always a good place to start. We spoke about the three Covid-related scenarios where we will provide home learning at our Curriculum Evenings last month. Please visit our Covid-19 webpage – Remote Learning Plan for more information.

KEY DATES

Monday 18th October

Flu immunisations for Hamleteers

Wednesday 20th October

6N class assembly, parents & carers welcome, Turney Hall
9:10-9:25am

Open Classroom 3:30-4:00pm

'The Zones of Regulation' parent and carer workshop via Zoom, please register in advance via the office, 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday 21st October

Open Classroom 8:30-8:50am

6W visit to the Imperial War Museum

Black History Month virtual workshops with Eastside

Friday 22nd October

Finish for October half-term, **normal time, 3:25pm**

DOODLEVISION!



The top three classes with the highest % of being in 'the green zone' this week are:

First place (12 points): **6W 79%**

Second place (11 points): **3GR 70%**

Third place (10 points): **3H 67%**



Special mention for the most improved classes: 4B & 4S

Many congratulations. We are very proud of you all!

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
67	61	61	35

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

While our curriculum weaves-in Black History throughout the course of the year, during Black History Month, classes are spending time specifically looking at the contributions of different black scientists, artists, writers, and composers. These include Victor Brown, Nelson Mandela, Zelma Maine Jackson and Ignatius Sancho. We will be bringing together the outcomes of this work through our 'Celebrating Diversity' display after half-term and look forward to sharing this with you.

Each Y3 class in turn will also be visiting the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton after half-term. Next week, some of our classes will take part in a drama and spoken word Black History Month livestream workshop with Eastside.

As always, Dulwich Hamlet is keen to work in collaboration with our families. So, if you have any ideas or connections that may be helpful or relevant, please do get in touch via your child's class teacher.



PTA UPDATE

Join the PTA for our second Halloween fun run to be held in Dulwich Park, 31st October 1:30pm. Everyone in the community is welcome! Run as many times around the park as you can, collecting sweets at stations en route! There will be prizes for best costume and team name. For further details and tickets, please go to:

<https://buytickets.at/dulwichhamletjuniorschoolpta/588039>



Keep Friday 5th November fixed in your diary for our PTA 'Bake-Off' event. Further details to follow to give you time to get creating and prepping over the half-term holiday....!

A big thank you to Nicola Hope and Iain Pickering who have agreed to take on the PTA roles of Secretary and Auditor.

TERM DATES 2022-2023

We appreciate many of you are keen to hear the term dates for 2022/23 and news on the October half term consultation. Our Trust is in the process of finalising this information, and as soon as we have the definitive dates, we will let you know. In the meantime, thank you for your patience.

OPEN CLASSROOM

We hope that you will be able to come and join us for our first post-Covid Open Classroom next week. We provide two opportunities for you: an after-school and a before school slot. This is an opportunity for you and your child to engage in a reflective conversation about their learning. We know that the children will really enjoy presenting and sharing their work with you, celebrating specific highlights, as well as explaining processes and their learning journeys to date. Do have a good look through your children's books; they have been working incredibly hard. Try to spend some time looking at the work on the walls too, both within the classrooms and shared spaces such as the halls and library. Your child may have some work on display that we held over from last term, so they may need to guide you to where this will be found.

Please arrive at the beginning of the session to maximise your time with your child. Teachers will be moving in to planning and other meetings from 4pm on the Wednesday, and obviously we will need to start formal registration at 8:50am on the Thursday morning.

As per our Parental Engagement Cycle which we shared a few weeks ago (you can also view this via the 'Parents' tab on the website), we will hold our formal parents' evenings towards the end of November. This will be your opportunity to meet 1:1 with your child's class teacher and discuss progress and achievements to date.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



On Monday, Dulwich Hamlet marked World Mental Health Day with a whole-school assembly highlighting the importance of mental health and wellbeing in all aspects of our lives. We discussed the wide-ranging impact mental health has on our feeling, actions, learning and relationships, and reiterated the importance of kindness and empathy in all our interactions.

Using the metaphor of 'pouring from an empty jug', we learned why it is important for each of us to prioritise our own mental health. If your 'wellbeing jug' is empty, you cannot support others with their mental health challenges. But if you look after your mental health - through rest, leisure, music, exercise and sharing your feelings - your 'wellbeing jug' will be full enough to help others too.

Over the course of the week, the children have been reflecting on the importance of their own mental health using the sentence starter 'My mental health is important because...' Take a look at some of their insightful ideas on the following page...

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2021

World Mental Health Day 2021

Write a short paragraph beginning with the following statement:
My mental health is important because...

It affects my relationships with others and it can also affect my physical health making me more/less enthusiastic. When you're not feeling great you won't be able to cheer others up because you have nothing so you have nothing to give because you can't just conjure mental health up out of thin air you have to cheer yourself up before you cheer others up.

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World Mental Health Day
Good mental health starts with you.

My mental health is important for many reasons then I can support others who are feeling down. When I have good mental health it helps me get the positive side of things. I have good mental health then I will act kinder towards others. Things that help me with my mental health are playing video games, sleeping and playing football. I also get calmed down by writing stories, drawing and baking.

"My mental health is important to me because it affects how I am feeling and how I act. It is also important to me because my work is productive when I'm feeling happy. It also makes me, me."

"My mental health is important to me because it makes me who I am - no one in the world thinks the same thoughts and has characteristics as me, so that's what makes me so unique."

World Mental Health Day
10 OCTOBER

My mental health is important to me because it keeps my emotions controlled and motivates me to do things I'm not up for. When I'm doing things with my friends I feel my mind clearing the strong force of friendship I have power to spend energy to others.

World Mental Health Day 2021

Write a short paragraph beginning with the following statement:
My mental health is important because...

My mental health is important because if my mental health is good I can help other people. This means if my mental health is bad I can't help other people. They can also do this for me and other people.

World Mental Health Day
Good Mental Health Starts with Me

My mental health is important because I can only be a good support to others if my mental health is good.

My mental health is important because if my mental health is bad, then I can bring a bad energy into the world and be unkind. This can go into a downward spiral.

My mental health is important because it affects my relationships with friends and family. Good relationships come from having a good mental health.

My mental health means that I play with my friends and I do sports and I write in my diary and I cook and I love cooking new things every day and I love art and that is why I go to Art Club because it relaxes me and it calms me down when I do sports it helps me and I love playing with my cat Mikkie.

World Mental Health Day
10 OCTOBER

My mental health is important to me because it tells me how to react and tells me the way I feel.

Word Bank: empathy, kindness, important, thoughtful, feelings, happy, care.



Dulwich Hamlet Junior School Covid-19 Absence Flow Chart Autumn 2021

