

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

You may have heard an unusual sound in the sky Wednesday lunchtime, or your child may have come home and announced their future career! Wednesday was one of those 'wow' days. A Navy Merlin helicopter flew up from RNAS Culdrose and landed on Alleyns' playing field. The Navy make regular flights to and from London and decided to stop off and say hello. This brilliant event was courtesy of Miss Thompson's brother who happens to be a skilled helicopter pilot. Our Hamleteers, Y1 DVIS and Alleyns pupils had the opportunity to clamber through the aircraft and talk to the crew and engineers. The children were buzzing with excitement as the helicopter flew over the school. When the children came back from Alleyns they were keen to share the information they had learnt - always a good sign! Our thanks go to RNAS Culdrose 820 Naval Squadron and Alleyns for agreeing to host this event, and indeed to Miss Thomson for organising the intricate logistics of this event and liaising between all agencies and schools.



Thank you for joining us at our parent workshop this week, with a special 'thank you' to Gail Kent for taking us through all things 'Online Safety'. It was a good opportunity to share information and experiences, and hopefully some of your questions were answered. Our Online Safety Coordinator Victoria Thompson, collated some useful documents that we distributed. Please follow these two links for various Parent's Guides, Top Tips and useful information including a set of links for online resources to help keep children safe online.

http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/uploads/6/2/8/6/62866179/online_safety.pdf

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KEY DATES

Monday 19th March

Y3 trip to Butser Farm, **8am arrival at school please**

Tuesday 20th March

Ross Gunderson from St. Barnabas leading assembly

Wednesday 21st March

8:45-9:30am Parent & Carer Café for Y5 parents looking at the maths mastery curriculum

Friday 23rd March

Sport Relief Day – read on for further info
Y6 LAMDA acting examinations

ENRICHMENT 2018

Thank you very much to all the parents and carers who have volunteered their services for our summer Enrichment programme. I will be in touch after the Easter holidays with more information regarding the activities. If you meant to volunteer but haven't got round to it yet, please would you let me or the school office know by Monday 19th March. nthomson3.210@lgfmail.org Nikki Thomson

'HAMLET HOWL'

Sales figures for our second edition of the Hamlet Howl came in at a superb 185 copies sold. At 50p a copy, we have therefore taken £92.50. Well done to everyone involved. It's a really interesting read.



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

| Topaz Water | Ruby Fire | Garnet Earth | Sapphire Air |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
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| 64 | 69 | 54 | 75 |

Y4 VISIT TO THE UNION CHAPEL

On Wednesday 7th March 2018, Y4 went on a trip to Union Chapel. We had to arrive at school at 8:15 and left at 8:30. It took one hour to drive on a coach to get there. All of Y4 were told we would do three workshops: creative writing, music and physical drama. 4A first went to creative writing, we wrote poems about unusual things like what thunder tastes like. It was very interesting. Next we went to music and we learnt about the organ, in addition we wrote music and then we played that on the organ.

We then did physical drama. We played two games which were a number game and an acting game. The teacher split us into four groups and we listened to some music with an organ, electric guitar and drums, we were asked to create movement to this piece. Our group made an organ and we had two guitarists.

Next we had lunch and went back to school. My favourite part was creative writing also I would definitely recommend going there. It was a busy informative day, packed with lots of fun, I really enjoyed it.

Report by Katya, 4A



EASTER FUN

Spring comes to Dulwich Village today with the start of the Easter Egg Hunt featuring 30 beautiful eggs created by local artists. Spot the eggs and discover some fascinating stories about Dulwich Village. Each egg is themed around the history of our area and will be displayed in the windows of all the wonderful shops and restaurants that make the Village a special place. There will be lots of cheeky chocolate eggs to enjoy, compliments of the various businesses, and you can hunt for the "Mystery Egg" as it hops from shop to shop between Friday 16th March and Monday 2nd April. People can post their sightings of the Eggs to #thisisdulwichvillage and check out all the buzz @thisisdulwichvillage.

STOP PRESS: We have just learnt that we have been awarded the Healthy Schools London Status Bronze Award! Further details to follow...

IMPORTANT MATHLETICS UPDATE...

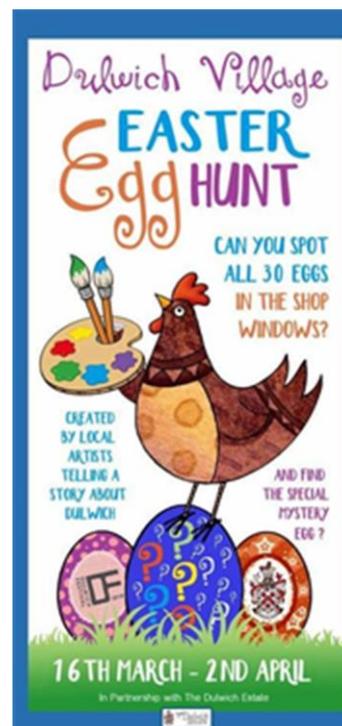
You may notice that your child's Mathletics homework is changing. As a staff, we have taken a conscious decision to set online tasks which revise previously taught content. Our reason for this is that evidence shows recalling learning which has been forgotten by our short term memories, embeds that learning in our long-term memory banks; which is where we need our knowledge, ultimately, to be. However, this could make homework tasks more difficult! So, if your child does find completing the 10 questions a challenge and you have pressed the help icon (which looks like a ?), just let your class teacher know and they will go over the content with the class again. We do **not** want children struggling and stressing over what should be quick and easy activities.

Technical Issues with Mathletics:

If you are experiencing flash difficulties with Mathletics **either use a tablet** (you should have no flash problems on the app versions) **or, if using desktop or laptop**, you will need to use the most recent version of the Chrome browser (Version 62.0.3202.75) and add Mathletics to the allowed list of websites for the Flash content to run correctly, by following these instructions

1. Open Chrome and click the following link: <chrome://settings/content/flash>
2. Make sure the first toggle switch is turned on (set to 'Ask First')
3. In the allow box add the following: `[*].mathletics.com` and `[*].3plearning.com`

If you still have problems, please email Tom Salomonson tsalomonson1.210@lgflmail.org



POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Ella 3K, Niamh 4G, Sylvia 5LT and Millicent 5VT for their excellent entries for our Book Day Poetry Competition. They enjoyed a trip to the Village Bookshop with our Literacy Coordinator Miss Arkwright to select their prizes. Their poems are so good, we've included them all below for you to read and enjoy.



PLEA FROM THE PTA

We all hear from certain vocal quarters that 91% of schools are facing drastic budget cuts, but it's easy to think that Dulwich Hamlet is an amazing school in a beautiful, affluent area, which is somehow cocooned from the impact of these measures. It's not! The PTA can't patch over the cracks. This year we've funded basics like curriculum resources, but we can't pay for teachers!

You may not think that you're a 'banner sort of person' or even doubt the efficacy of such action, but it's precisely when your average person (rather than just the usual suspects) gets involved that politicians pay attention.

To raise awareness of this issue on Thursday 22nd March, schools across the country are hanging banners, placards and posters to school railings and sharing photos of them on social media. Please bring them on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Attach them and take pictures! Tweet them, share them on social media using the hashtags #saveourschools, #parentteachersunite.

SPORT RELIEF



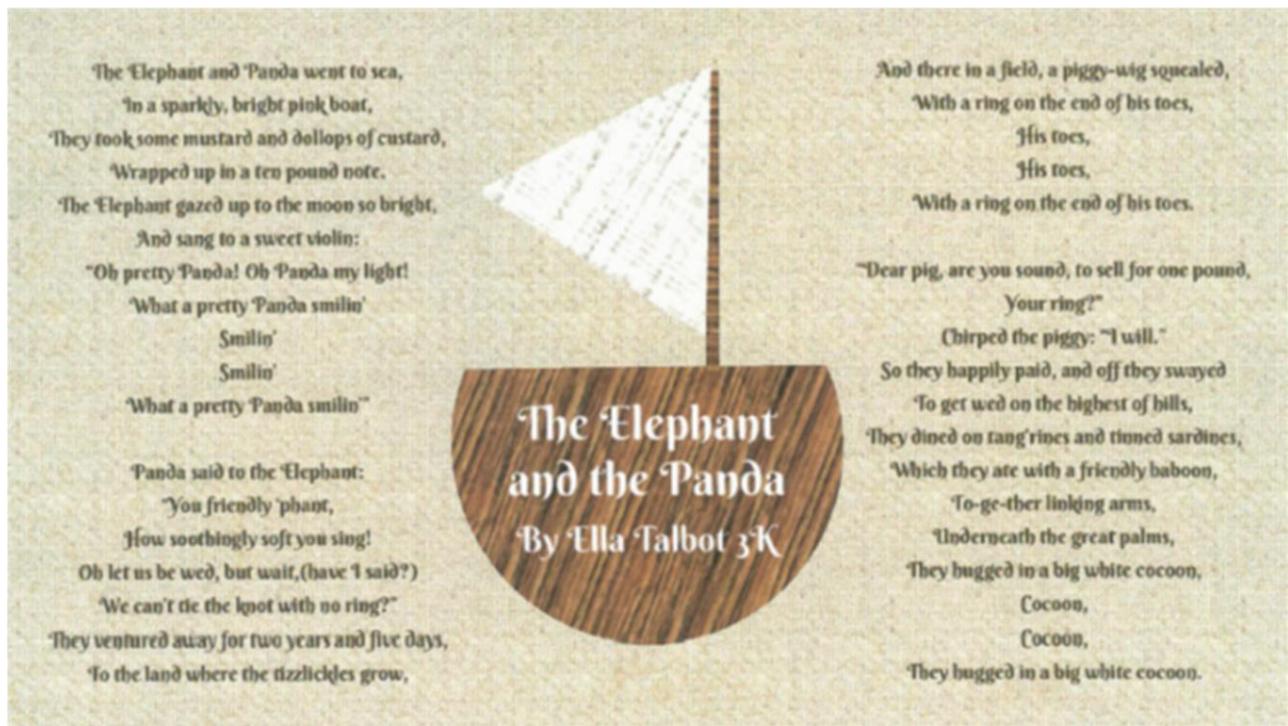
The big fund raising event has begun; schools and clubs will begin their sporting activities this weekend. We will be doing our bit throughout next week. Every afternoon, as part of the year group PE sessions, the children will be participating in different sporting events. During lunchtime there will be different sports on offer and all the children will have the chance to represent their class in something. We're asking the children to count their steps to and from school so we can be part of the 'billion steps a day' challenge. Throughout the day on Friday (23rd) we will be running the Sport Relief mile, taking a step class, watching a dance and gymnastics performance and having fun doing lots of different sports.

Every child has been given a booklet to record their efforts throughout the week. The booklets will go home on Friday 23rd so you can see what they've achieved and how much sponsor money you owe!

Your child will need their PE kit in school every day. On Friday 23rd we're inviting the children to come into school wearing the official Sport Relief t-shirt (current or from the past) or a red t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms / shorts and trainers. We're asking for a minimum £1 donation.

Sainsburys are selling lots of Sport Relief merchandise, we are also selling the wrist bands (£1). We have one box left!

Thank you to the parents and carers who have agreed to play cricket against the staff team. (Cricket won the vote.) We're very much looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 22nd. Please come to school for 3.30pm; we'll all meet by the gate in Village playground before going onto Griffin Field.



Our final three poems from Sylvia, Millicent and Niamh will be sent separately in 'HH Part 2' due to the size of the attachment.