

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As we are nearing the half-term mark, you may have noticed that the Voluntary Contribution has been added to your Parent Pay account. Thank you to those of you who have been on the ball and already paid. We kindly ask that you contribute £25 per term, or you have the option of paying for the full year (£75) in one go. You also have the option of an additional payment of £25, taking the total to £100, as some parents have generously expressed an interest in contributing more.

This important fund supports the school in order to provide the wealth of activities/events that help to bring the curriculum alive. We do not ask for a payment every time your child is engaged in one of these opportunities. For example, the Voluntary Contribution made by the Y3 parents went towards the cost of the visit (coaches and workshops) to Horton Kirby. While we may not be able to get out and about quite as much as we usually do, the teaching team are being incredibly creative to find alternative ways to enrich the curriculum. We have the Young Shakespeare Company lined-up for Y6, followed by more theatrics from the Freshwater Theatre Company delivering a 'Windrush' workshop for Y3. Open View Education will be joining us to deliver Anti-Bullying assemblies and workshops across the school. Y5 and Y6 are going to be re-visiting Horton Kirby for Victorian and WWII experiences, and a little further down the line, Y4 have Portals from the Past visiting and will be off to Battle! Phew, I'm exhausted thinking about it all... Thank you all in advance for your contributions to help us make this all happen for our Hamleteers.



Y3 enjoyed testing the speed of the river with Pinky the rubber duck!

## KEY DATES

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Y3/4 virtual book talk with Andy Griffiths  
Y6 walk around Dulwich

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Flu immunisations

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Finish for half-term – normal time (3:15/3:30pm)

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October

PTA Halloween Fun Run Dulwich Park from 2pm

<https://buytickets.at/dulwichhamletjuniorschoolpta/435565>

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

INSET Day – school closed to children

## STAFF UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome Alison Holford and James Widden to our music team this week. Alison is going to be teaching our young cellists, and James will be teaching our aspiring violinists. In time, when we are able to bring back our ensembles, they will also take over our String Orchestra. We look forward to lots of exciting music-making with Alison and James.

## COVID UPDATE

While we sadly don't see so many of you on the school site these days, if you are invited in to the office specifically, please could we kindly ask that you wear your face mask during this time. Many thanks.

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
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## CENTRAL LONDON FOOTWAYS

With half-term on the horizon, we thought you might be interested in *Central London Footways* that we have recently discovered. This is a new walking map that links London's key destinations and places with its most safe, quiet, enticing and interesting streets.

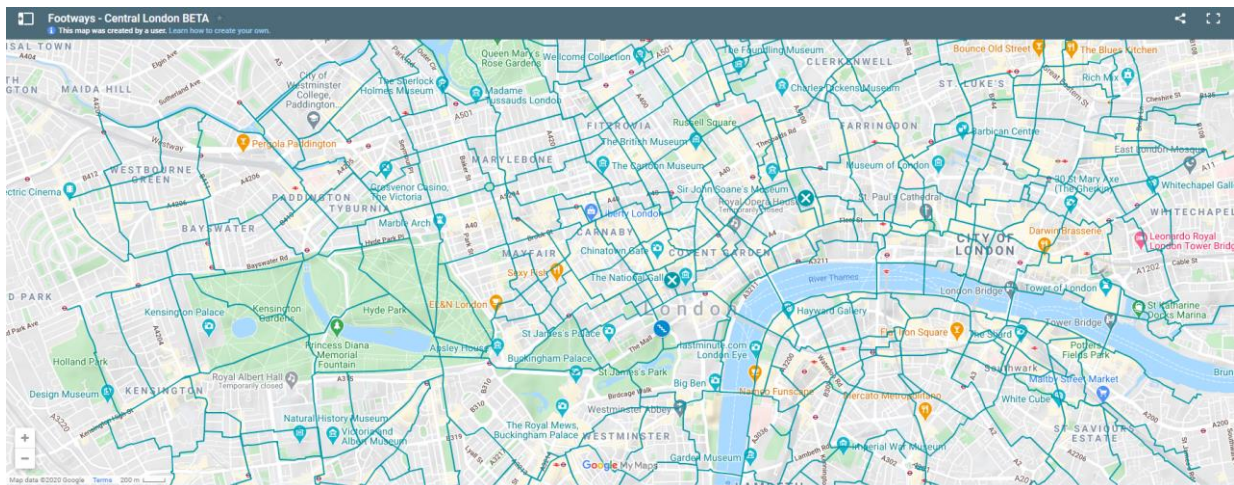
The map has been researched by volunteers at London Living Streets, designed by Urban Good and funded by Transport for London to get people walking more and further on everyday journeys. The idea is that if walking is safe, easy and enjoyable, it's more likely to become a daily habit.

These everyday journeys can also be extraordinary explorations. The routes have been carefully designed, prioritising streets with history and intrigue, beauty and green space, life and soul. There are also fantastic features (both famous and obscure) listed to add more discovery to the walk.

Walking has been described as a superpower and is perhaps the easiest way to stay healthy and maintain social distance on journeys. A 20 or 30-minute walk in London is also easy and rarely takes much longer than a journey on public transport.

If you would like your own copy of the map, they are available to pick-up for free from a number of locations in central and inner London. These are listed here: <https://footways.london/map>

The map can also be viewed and downloaded on Googlemaps at <https://footways.london>



## PTA EVENTS: DON'T FORGET.....!

**Virtual Family Quiz:** October 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Please buy tickets and give a donation while you are there.

<https://buytickets.at/dulwichhamletjuniorschoolpta/433478>

The quiz is compiled by veteran quiz master Cat and her helpers. You will need to set up your own quiz teams and send us your scores to win a prize! It's a fun family game!

**Halloween Fun Run:** October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 2:00pm. Please buy your tickets £15/family on ticket tailor.

<https://buytickets.at/dulwichhamletjuniorschoolpta/435565>

Children will have a great time running in their costumes and collecting sweets along the way with prizes to be won at the finish! Event approved and licensed by Southwark Council. COVID measures are in place. For details see ticket tailor link or email [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com).

