

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

What an extraordinary end to the term! (At some point I am hoping we can stop saying this....)

It has without a doubt been an exceptionally challenging couple of weeks for our school community. Closing the school is always a last resort, a difficult decision, one I don't take lightly and just don't want to make. I know you may not have agreed with this, or indeed, that this may not have suited your individual needs, but it was the right thing to do knowing the bigger picture of our community. Our work is rooted in what is best for the children, and the best place is for them to be in school. As such, my colleagues worked hard to ensure we could bring back Y4 and Y6 after only one day away, with Y5 the next day, along with Y3 who were ending their period of isolation. All of this has been against a staff group that has been hit hard with illness, high levels of Covid, including the Omicron variant. The management and logistics of this situation has been (and I'm going to use the 'buzz' word) unprecedented. I've said it already, but I want to say a huge 'thank you' to my staff team once again. They are a very special group of people.

We dig deep at the Hamlet and despite what was incorrectly (and unhelpfully) reported in the media, we were able to ensure our Festive Hat Day, Christmas lunch and scaled-down class parties for the children in school this week. Why did we go out of our way to ensure this? Because despite all of the glittering learning and opportunities that happen day in day out for your children at DHJS, it is these end of term 'rite of passage' type moments that they talk about, look forward to and remember.

As the week has progressed, we know that many of you have had to make difficult decisions too. You obviously want to protect your families and ensure a Christmas that you have been looking forward to. We understand and respect your decisions.

If only we had a crystal ball and could see what January will bring for us all. What I do know is that we will continue doing what we do, ensuring the very best for each and every one of our Hamleteers.

In the meantime, I want to thank you all for your support and kind messages, which have spurred us on. I sincerely wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Please enjoy our '12 Days of Christmas' - click on link via our website home page.

Claire



## KEY DATES

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

INSET day – school closed to children

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Spring term begins, normal start time of arrival between 8:45-8:55am for all

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Y6 West End in Schools workshops

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Final New Parent and Carer Tour 9-10am

Please see our Key Dates for Spring Term 2022 further on in the HH

## END OF TERM HOUSE POINT COUNT-UP

Thank you to our wonderful House Captains who have been doing a fabulous job each week collecting, totalling, and presenting our House Points. We have two winners for the end of this term:

Congratulations to Topaz Water for winning the end of term Inter-House Sports tournaments.

Congratulations to Ruby Fire for being the overall House winner for this term with a fantastic total of 749 points.



We will let you know of your 'own clothes' day in January.

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS (x 2 weeks)

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
50	61	41	65

## ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

The following children have received Achievement Certificates in our special Friday celebration assemblies throughout November & December. Congratulations to you all:

- 3H Zora, Oliver, Casper, Olivia, Louis, Amelie & Soren  
3F Anna, Bohan, Hayden, Hugh, Beatrice, Hadi, Frederick & Ikram  
3GR Sebastian, Aiden, Ted, Timo, Layla & Jasmin  
4B Isabella, Alex, Zai, Hattie, Ellie, Hefsiba, Kaden, Florence & Bethan  
4O Elisabeth, Isabella C, Astor, Bella, Hanya, Portia, Alex H, Sagar & Sam  
4S Nicolas, William, Jean Paul, Luca, Mia, Lilly, Liam, Jayden, Miri, Nicolas, Sofia R & Charlotte  
5P Arlo, Kyle, Amelie, Hugo, Oli, Anissa, Virgil, Barney & Annaliese  
5TS Eden, Laurie, Sienna, Theo, Gus, Willow, Ted, Jacob, Frances, Luca & Charlie  
5G Maxi, Max, Henry, Saskia, George, Laurie, Rex & Nyola  
6S Liana, Noah, Eddy, Emilio, Ella, Felix, Adriana, Iggy, Tiago, Bea, Cameron, Rosie & Logan  
6N Andy, Amelia, Marina, Farley, Sable, Joe, Chloe, Georgia & Ella  
6W Gilda, Arlo, Abby, Nate, Leah, Georgia, Hugo, Aoife, Cian & Fleur

## VALUES CERTIFICATES

Every Friday, in our weekly Celebration Assembly, each teacher nominates a member of their class who has demonstrated one of our Values in action. We enjoy hearing the varied reasons as to why they have been specifically chosen. This half-term we have congratulated:

### RESILIENCE

- Y3: Felix 3F, Lola & Oliver 3GR  
Y4: Cillian 4B, Tom & Michael 4S  
Y5: Emily 5G & Beatrice 5P  
Y6: Alice, Daniel 6W, Eddy, Rosita 6S & Dexter 6N

### RESPECT

- Y3: Skye 3H, Bernie 3F, Elodie & Arthur 3GR  
Y4: Fred 4B, Coleman & Fox 4O  
Y5: Ben, Amalia 5TS & Ronin 5G  
Y6: Tiago 6S, Annie & Zakery 6N

### INTEGRITY

- Y4: Breyelle 4O, Iona & Hugh 4S  
Y5: Sienna 5TS, Isabella 5G, Elsie & Billy 5P  
Y6: Hugo, Frieda 6W & Kara 6N

### ENJOYMENT

- Y3: Miles & Finlay 3F  
Y4: Leo H 4S, Oscar, Dilan, Bethan 4B & Max 4O  
Y5: Georges, Benita 5TS, Jennifer, Astrid 5G & Dylan 5P  
Y6: Hugh 6W, Iggy, Logan 6S & Adrien 6N

## HALF-TERM SPORT ROUND-UP

Unfortunately we haven't been able to play many matches since October half term. Thank you to our sports reporters who have written their reports. The reports will feature in the February round up, hopefully with others, if matches resume. Well done to all those who have played and represented the school.

## THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

Thank you for your generous donations which have been collected by the Norwood & Brixton Foodbank. These are going to make such a difference to many families that need support over the festive period.



Thank you for your kind donations  
As we celebrated Festive Hat Day!

You raised £343.85 which this year we are donating to the British Heart Foundation, a charity that we know is particularly close to members of our community.



## ONLINE SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

Many of us will continue to rely on technology over the winter break, for entertainment and keeping in touch with friends and family. As we enter any school holiday, we always remind our Hamleteers of basic online safety, specifically speaking to a trusted grown-up immediately if they come across anything that makes them feel awkward or unsafe.

The links below from CEOP may be of use to you, supporting you to ensure safety online for your children:

- [A parent's guide to privacy settings](#)
- [Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)
- [What is the Internet of Things \(IoT\)?](#)

In case you are wondering (Mrs Purcell was!) what is the *Internet of Things*? The Internet of Things, often referred to as IoT, are everyday objects that connect to the internet. These connected devices can be activated using voice commands, or controlled by downloading and using an app or via a Bluetooth or Wi-Fi connection. Examples of the Internet of Things include:

- Smart speakers,
- Smart meters (for home electricity and heating),
- and wearables such as smart watches or fitness trackers.

Definitely worth a read.



# DHJS DOES THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS...

With kind thanks to Gibbs and Dandy East Dulwich (via Miss Bartle!) for kindly supplying us with the wooden pallets.

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6W

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3F

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5TS

# Dulwich Hamlet Primary School - Week 1

## Weekly menu

### Monday

Macaroni and Cauliflower Cheese topped with Rosemary Bread Crumbs

Veggie Bolognese in a Tomato and Quorn Sauce

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Broccoli and Sweetcorn

Apple Sponge with Custard

### Tuesday

Baked Chicken Sausages with Fluffy Mashed Potato

Baked Vegetarian Sausages with Fluffy Mashed Potato

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Cauliflower Florets and Green Beans

Fruity Flapjack

### Wednesday

Roast Chicken with Lemon and Thyme, Yorkshire Pudding and Roast Potato

Roasted Vegetable Plait served with Roast Potatoes

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Carrots and Spinach

Lemon Shortbread Biscuit

### Thursday

Minced Beef Cottage Pie topped with Sweet Potato Mash

Vegetable Margherita Pizza Slice

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Courgettes and Sweetcorn

Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches

### Friday

MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers served with Chips, Coleslaw and Tomato K

Crispy Quorn Nuggets, Chips and Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Baked Beans and Garden Peas

Berry and Lemon Cupcake

Available daily

Freshly Baked Bread, Salad Bar and Yoghurt

w/c: 3rd January, 24th January, 14th February, 7th March and 28th March

## Key Dates for Spring Term 2022

Y3 - 
 Y4 - 
 Y5 - 
 Y6 - 
 Whole School -

Key Dates	Events	Further Details
05.01.22	<b>Spring term starts for children</b>	<b>Normal School time 8:55am</b>
06.01.22	Y6 West End in Schools workshops	Turney Hall, morning
07.01.22	Final New Parent Tour	9:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
10.01.22	* After School Clubs Resume*	Contact office for further details
12.01.22	POSTPONED Young Voices Concert – Y4/5/6 Choir members	The O2 Arena (new date tbc)
13.01.22	Y5 Wonderdome workshop	Turney Hall, morning
13.01.22	Y3 Linguistic Phonics Parent Café	Burbage, 9:00-9:30 (details in January)
14.01.22	ZooLab workshops for both Y4 and Y6	Various sessions throughout the day
20.01.22	Height and Weight Checks for Y6	National Child Measurement Programme
25.01.22	Y3 Visit to the Horniman Museum	All day, off-site
26.01.22	5P & 5G visit to the Charles Dickens Museum	All day, off-site
26.01.22	5TS Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
02.02.22	5TS Visit to the Charles Dickens Museum	All day, off-site
02.02.22	4B Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
08.02.22	Safer Internet Day	Related activities throughout the week
09.02.22	5G Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
10.02.22	Y4 Portals to the Past workshops	All day
11.02.22	Re-scheduled Bassistry Arts World Music workshops	Y5/6 & special whole school performance
<b>14.02.22 HALF TERM HOLIDAY 18.02.22</b>		
03.03.22	Y6 Junior Citizenship Scheme	Afternoon, Old Kent Road Fire Station
04.03.22	DHJS World Book Day Celebrations	Dress-up day! Details in due course
18.03.22	DHJS does Red Nose Day	Details in due course
22.03.22	Y3 visit to Buster Farm	All day, off-site
23.03.22	4O Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
30.03.22	4S Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
31.03.22	Y4 Visit to Battle Abbey	All day, off-site
01.04.22	<b>Last Day of Spring Term</b>	<b>Normal finish time, 3:25pm</b>

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH PICS... (THANKS FABRICE AND TEAM!)

