

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

I started this week with our termly Local Governing Body meeting, where Governors had the opportunity to review and discuss reams of school documentation, as well as pose challenging questions, holding myself and the DHJS team to account. I cannot thank our Governors enough for the time, energy, commitment and enthusiasm that they bring to this voluntary role. I feel exceptionally well-supported. We have a full complement of Governors and if you are interested, you can see who they are along with a small blurb on our website [Governor page](#) (under the Governance, Policies and Reports tab). We were delighted to welcome our two new Parent Governors: Tangwena Nelson and Paul Chambers, to their first meet and hope we didn't confuse them too much with the world of educational acronyms! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Parent Governor, Tom Esslemont, who recently completed his four year term of office. Tom has been a valued Governor during this time, bringing a wealth of expertise and support to the LGB, especially during our transition to our new Trust. Thank you Tom.



Even the rain couldn't stop us coming together as a community this morning for a whole school dance in the name of Red Nose Day – Comic Relief! Thanks Mrs Swann for coordinating us all! This afternoon, the children were treated to DHJS Does Strictly, complete with Turney Hall glitter ball! Thank you to our staff members who teamed-up to provide some thoroughly entertaining dance routines for our enjoyment, as well as to Nikki Thomson, for making it all happen. 1<sup>st</sup> place to the Office team – congratulations!

## DOODLEVISION

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

<b>First place</b> (12 points):	<b>4S</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>Second place</b> (11 points):	<b>5M</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Third place</b> (10 points):	<b>3BF</b>	<b>37%</b>



Please keep on Doodling everyone!

## KEY DATES

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Y3 visit to Butser Ancient Farm  
Y4 Parent and Carer Taster Lunch

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

5M class assembly, parent & carers welcome, 9:10am, Turney

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Y3 Bee Presentation from Kirsty Saddler

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Y4 visit to Battle Abbey  
Y6 Annual Reports Part 1 emailed to parents and carers  
(Y3/4/5 to follow at the end of term)



Thank you for your generous donations, which we are yet to finish counting. (At the last count we were at a brilliant: £637.05) It isn't too late to contribute – you can access a link direct to our Just Giving Page via your ParentPay account. We will share the total of your donations in the HH next week. For further information about Red Nose Day, you can go to: [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com)

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
Roll-over to next week			

This week we marked Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2023 with a special assembly on Tuesday and a home learning task. In Mrs Koder's assembly, the children found out more about the term 'Neurodiversity' and that each and every one of us sees the world differently.

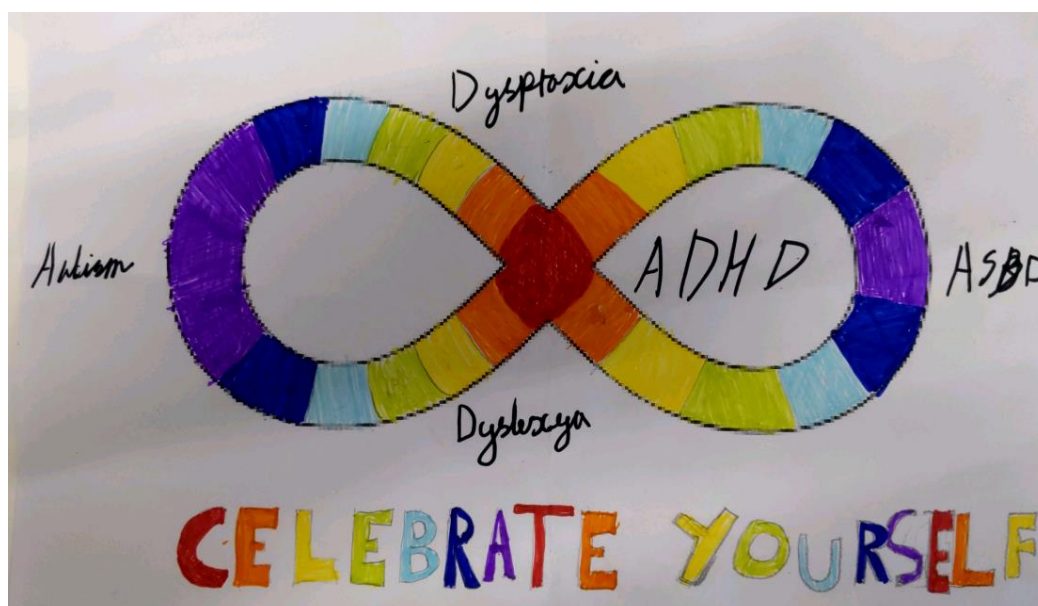
We heard and saw examples of well-known neurodivergent people and how they have used their learning differences in a positive way. For example, in an interview, Greta Thunberg commented that being autistic helps her to focus unrelentingly on the issue of climate change and she describes her autism as her 'super power.' Children were genuinely interested to discover that Will.i.am has ADHD, and the space scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock is Dyslexic.

It is inspiring for all of us to realise that although learning differences come with challenges, there are so many positives to be celebrated. The idea of understanding and supporting each other through our difficulties fits perfectly with our values and ethos at DHJS.

Many children have already completed their homework task of designing their own neurodiversity symbol and Mrs Koder is enjoying seeing the beautiful designs as they come in. Please encourage your child to complete this task if they have not already done so.

As parents, you may be interested in accessing further resources on the subject of Neurodiversity. There is a wealth of information that has been collated from across the internet on the Neurodiversity Celebration Week website which you may find useful. For your ease, click [here](#).

The first part of this inspiring and informative [video](#) was shared with the children in our assembly and you may like to watch it at home. There are also a number of excellent documentaries available on BBC iPlayer, including *Inside our Autistic Minds with Chris Packham* and *Christine McGuinness: Unmasking My Autism*. Our staff members have been viewing these programmes as part of our ongoing Continuing Professional Development, as well as taking part in specific whole staff training on Autism this term.



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## SCHOOL POLICIES

There are a wealth of school-based and our Trust policies and reports available for you to view on our website. If you would like a paper copy of any of our policies or reports, please contact the school office who will be able to provide you with this: [office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk)

Following consultation periods, recently reviewed policies include our Admissions Policy and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policy.

## MEALS PROVISION: EASTER 2023 HOLIDAY

We are pleased to inform you that Southwark remains committed to supporting its disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils and will do this by using part of the Household Support Grant to fund meals for those pupils who are eligible to receive benefits-related FSM during the Easter 2023 holiday, just as it did over the Christmas holiday period and February and October half term breaks. As such, we will be able to access a food voucher on behalf of our children in receipt of FSM to cover the Easter holiday period, as per previous arrangements. We will be communicating with these families directly with the information.

## PLAYGROUND PARTS!

A 'shout-out' for any unwanted wheelee suitcases and cable spools please! Contact Tom Salomonson for further information:

[tsalomonson1.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:tsalomonson1.210@lgflmail.org)



## PTA UPDATE

Reminder for **HAMLET FAMILY DISCO coming up Friday 12th**

**May:** Seeking enthusiastic Party People to help organise this event- we cannot put this event on this year without volunteers. Please email the PTA and look out for messages via your WhatsApp groups from Lisa Jones, 4G.

### Sports equipment update:

Brand new football goal posts are now in place in Village Playground! Thank you for generous donations from parents via the PTA to help us supply this, along with other football training equipment for the children.

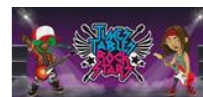
The PTA team

[dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com)



## TTRS

**Congratulations to 4G:** You are TTRS winners of the week.  
Rock on 4G!!!



## DHJS EASTER EGG COMPETITION

We are pleased to be launching our DHJS Easter Egg competition; a much-loved tradition of the Hamlet. We have mentioned this briefly in assembly this afternoon to get the children thinking ahead. We will share more information with them next week.

Please find attached the rules for this years' event. The eggs will be judged on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, and we will make good use of twitter and the HH to share the children's creativity with you. Looking forward to an 'eggceptionally' good turn-out!

**EGG DECORATING COMPETITION**

We invite all Hamleteers to enter this fun competition.  
Bring your entry into school on  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
Please follow these instructions carefully.



**Entries should be:**  
**ONE** decorated egg, in a container no larger than 30cm x 30cm  
Attractive or witty  
Hard boiled or blown eggs  
Entered by **pupil only**, not parents or older siblings  
Labelled with pupil's name, class and house.

**Display:**  
Please take entries into class on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Class viewing** (timetabled throughout the morning)

**Judged:**  
Judged after 9:00  
2 house points for each entry  
1<sup>st</sup> place 12 house points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 10 house points, &  
3<sup>rd</sup> place 8 house points  
Winners announced in afternoon assembly  
Entries to be collected at the end of the school day and taken home

Easter prizes to be won!

## DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY NEWS

You are invited to a drop-in Open Art Public Consultation at Dulwich Picture Gallery on Tuesday 21 March 3-8pm. The team will be sharing their plans to enhance the Gallery's three acres of green space, maximising its unique potential, and securing the world's first purpose built public art gallery for future generations. Children are very welcome to attend with craft activities available between 3-6pm Please see the invitation for more details on the next page.



## DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY



### Open Art

#### Invitation to our Public Consultation

**Date:** 21 March 2023

**Time:** Drop in 3-8pm

**Place:** Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery

**Refreshments will be available**

Dulwich Picture Gallery invites you to a drop-in consultation, where the team will share plans to enhance the Gallery's three acres of green space, maximising its unique potential and securing the world's first purpose built public art gallery for future generations.

Children are very welcome to attend

## Maximising the potential of our three acres of green space

We believe there is huge potential for our outdoor spaces to enhance creativity, wellbeing and happiness for our communities.

Under the banner 'Open Art', our plans comprise two main elements:

- A children's picture gallery providing much needed facilities for schools and families
- A sculpture garden with a difference including creative landscaping which will stage work by emerging and established artists and the planting of new trees.



Architects' 'impression of the reimagined meadow' © JF\_DO



Architects' 'impression of a new building for schools and families' © Carmody Groarke

Please join us to see the plans, meet the team behind the project, and share your thoughts. All feedback will be considered in the design and review process.

We look forward to welcoming you!

For details on getting to the Gallery, visit our website [dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk](http://dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk)

More information will be published on the website following the consultation at [dpg.art/openart](http://dpg.art/openart)

Enquiries: [openart@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk](mailto:openart@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk)



30th ANNIVERSARY

# DULWICH FESTIVAL

12th-21st MAY 2023

## UNLEASH YOUR TALENTS AT THE 30th DULWICH FESTIVAL!



**Closing:**

12th May

**Prizes:**

Vouchers for Greens  
art shop

**Age:**

18mths-18yrs

**Theme:**

My South London

**Extra Info:**

Max size A3



**Closing:**

30th April

**Prizes:**

Cash

**Age:**

Any

**Theme:**

Any

**Extra Info:**

Max 400 words



**Closing:**

5th May

**Prizes:**

Cash

**Age:**

11-18yrs

**Theme:**

My South London

**Extra Info:**

60-90 seconds, max three  
participants per entry

Simply make your masterpiece according to the theme and guidelines and submit entries to [dulwichfestival.submit.com](https://dulwichfestival.submit.com) before closing dates. Work is judged according to age group. Winners will be selected by a respected panel of judges and contacted before 20th May.

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Find out more at [dulwichfestival.co.uk](https://dulwichfestival.co.uk)





# @Arty Party

Calling all  
5-11 year  
olds!

## Easter Workshops

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

9.00am – 3.00pm Daily

This Easter we'll be heading to Mount Olympus to feast with the gods! We'll be riding Pegasus through the clouds with Zeus, sneaking around with our Trojan horses, and running away from the Minotaur through his maze! Join us this holiday as we make...

*The Wonderful Wings of Icarus, Gorgeous Greek Pots, Lovely Lyres, Heroic Hermes' flying shoes, Excellent Gala's Earths, Powerful Poseidon's Tridents, Brilliant Pandora's Boxes, Terrific Greek God Top Trumps... Ooooh and all the usual Fun & Games!*

Your child will make a wonderful array of creations using high quality artist materials. We'll be taking inspiration from contemporary artists & favourite children's stories. We'll be learning how to make 3D sculptures, observational drawings, painting with different mediums and techniques such as screen printing.

Arty Party will unleash your child's creative talents!

To Book Please Visit:

**[WWW.ARTYPARTY.CO.UK](http://WWW.ARTYPARTY.CO.UK)**

Cost £46 per day

**We accept childcare vouchers!**

Children must be 5 years & above

Please provide a 'nut free' packed lunch & an overall!

Booking is for a minimum of 2 (preferably) consecutive days

For any more information please email or call us:

020 8675 7055 [john@artyparty.co.uk](mailto:john@artyparty.co.uk)

### WHERE TO FIND US...

**Wimbledon:** The Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, SW19 4QD – 27<sup>th</sup> March - 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Balham:** Endlesham Hall, 48 Endlesham Road, SW12 8JL – 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Wandsworth:** Romany Scout Hut, 22a Lyford Road, SW18 3LG – 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Clapham:** St Paul's Church Hall, Rectory Grove, SW4 0DX – 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Blackheath:** St Michael's Church Hall, 1 Pond Rd, SE3 9JL – 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April

**NEW Dulwich!:** Dulwich Hamlet school, Dulwich Village, SE21 7AL – 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April

**New ZOOM Class:** The comfort of your own home! – 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> April



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## ACTIVITY PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



**April 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH 2023**

Time	Monday 3rd April 2023	Tuesday 4th April 2023	Wednesday 5th April 2023	Thursday 6th April 2023
10 am-10:45 am	Online Fitness	Online Fitness	Online Fitness	Online Fitness
11am - 12pm	Art and craft workshop	Nutrition workshop	Dance & Drama workshop	Art and craft workshop
12pm- 1pm	Storytelling	Art and craft workshop	Storytelling	Nutrition workshop
1pm-2:30pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch

## OUR CENTRES

ST PAUL'S CHURCH LORRIMORE  
SQUARE, LORRIMORE ROAD,  
LONDON, SE17 3QU

SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES (SEND)  
PROGRAMME  
CAMBERWELL COLLEGE OF ARTS  
FOUNDATION - MODULAR BUILDING, 1  
WILSON RD, SE5 8LU

ST GEORGES C OF E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL, COLEMAN ROAD SE5  
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OF ARTS FOUNDATION -  
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LADLANDS, OVERHILL ROAD,  
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