

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We really are back in full-flow! It has been fantastic to see children embracing all of the extra opportunities and activities that we have on offer at DHJS. There were over 100 choristers in Turney hall at 8am on Wednesday this week, and after school it is a hive of activity with after-school clubs back in action. It has been a pleasure to welcome visitors back in to school. Y6 were captivated with Bethan Evan's talk on Refugees this week, and got stuck-in to an interactive Macbeth workshop from the Young Shakespeare Company. Further on in the HH you'll see our piece about our STEAM Question of the Month. This was announced to the children in assembly this afternoon, we do hope that they will get involved.

Make sure you follow our twitter feed, as you'll get a regular stream of updates, giving you a fantastic 'window' on what is going on in school. Just looking at the Key Dates for next week, I'm excited with what lies ahead for our Hamleteers. On top of this, sporting fixtures are also re-starting, and our aim is for every child to represent the school during the course of the year. I know that Y4 boys and Y5 girls can't wait to get out on the football field at Alleen's next week!

It has been wonderful to have such great turn-out at our Y3 and Y6 Curriculum Evenings this week. We hope that you have found them informative and useful. Links will follow for those of you that were unable to join us at that time, or for those of you that would like to go back and check-in again. We appreciate that much was covered. Next week it is the turn of Y4 and Y5, so please make sure you register for the session via the email sent out to you this week.

Do come and join us next Friday for our Macmillan Coffee morning. It's a lovely opportunity for us to come together informally, while raising money for a charity which is close to so many members of our school community.

## KEY DATES

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

Y3 trip to Horton Kirby

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

Y6 trip to Horton Kirby

Y5 African workshops

Y3 Meet the Teacher sessions via Google Meet

Y4 Curriculum Evening via Zoom 6pm

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

Y4 trip to Horniman Museum

Y5 Curriculum Evening via Zoom 6pm

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:00-9:00am Village playground

## FLU VACCINATIONS

You will all have received an email this week regarding the annual flu immunisation programme for children. You are asked to follow the link in the email to the e-consent form, where you need to give consent for your child to receive this immunisation. **Please note: you still need to complete this form, even if you are declining.** If the School Nurse Team do not receive any confirmation either way, they will be contacting you separately. A reminder that you need to complete **one consent form per child.**

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, as joint summer term winners, all children in RUBY FIRE and TOPAZ WATER can wear their House colours to school (non-uniform)

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
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## A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT DOODLE!

How to get started - Support for parent and carers:

1. Watch the following video with your child/ren:

<https://vimeo.com/398785961>

2. Download the DoodleMaths app onto an Apple, Android or Amazon device. You can also log in to the Doodle programmes through Doodle's website [www.doodlemaths.com](http://www.doodlemaths.com) on laptops and desktops by clicking 'log in' and choosing the correct programme. Follow the instructions in the video above for more information on how to log in.

3. Use the username and password provided by your child's teacher to log in to Doodle. Y3 children will have already done this in class. You can use the same login details to access DoodleTables

4. Link your email address to your child's account by logging in to Doodle, tapping on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner and selecting Settings > Parent details. Or, visit [parents.doodlemaths.com](http://parents.doodlemaths.com) and head to Manage > Subscriptions.

5. You'll then be able to view your child's progress by visiting [www.parents.doodlemaths.com](http://www.parents.doodlemaths.com) or downloading the free DoodleConnect app on Apple and Android devices.

6. Doodle are running free webinars to help parents get started with the programme. You can access them here: [doodlemaths.com/free-parent-webinar](http://doodlemaths.com/free-parent-webinar) If you have any questions about Doodle, please visit [www.help.doodlehq.com](http://www.help.doodlehq.com) or speak to the Doodle Team by clicking on the green chat icon on [doodlemaths.com](http://doodlemaths.com).

Don't forget, we are encouraging all of our Hamleteers to remain in the 'Green Zone' this year.

Happy Doodling!



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are delighted to be able to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning fund raising event next **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September**.



Please do come along from **8am** and join us for a cup of tea, a morning coffee and maybe treat yourself to a slice of cake or a biscuit, all for a worthy cause.

The sad fact is that one in two of us will get cancer at some point in our lives; we all know someone who has had cancer or currently being treated for it. Macmillan needs the support of all of us to raise much needed funds to support the vital work the charity does 365 days a year.

If you would like to make a cake or biscuit donation it would be much appreciated. Please be mindful of allergies; we cannot be responsible for knowing all the ingredients in every cake or biscuit. If you could provide a list of ingredients that would be great, but not essential. In order to avoid minimal contact with hands we're also asking that the cakes be individual in cake cases or wrapped in some way. Again, this is not essential, but it would be really helpful especially in the current climate. Please bring your cakes and biscuits along at 8am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September, we will have a table ready for you. Please name any Tupperware containers or tins so we can return them to you!

We have recyclable cups but if you would like to bring your own cup, we'll be pleased to fill it with tea, coffee or juice for a donation in one of our buckets.

We have also set-up an online DHJS donation page direct with Macmillan, if you would prefer to contribute in that way. The link to the page is:

<https://thyg.uk/BUU004963172>

We look forward to seeing you all next Friday morning! Come along and meet parent friends and carers, make new friends and have a coffee with our fab Hamlet staff team.

## OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS!

We would like to remind you all that there should be no dogs brought onto the school site, even in arms! We are mindful that not all children (and adults) feel comfortable around dogs, especially when they are growling or barking, or indeed, when they escape from their owner! Thank you.

# STEAM

Every half term, we launch a STEAM question of the month for the children to ponder over in their own spare time. This encourages our children's curiosity about the wonderful world that we live and provides them with an opportunity to apply their scientific knowledge in class to new (and sometimes strange!) contexts and ideas. |

The children can answer these questions however they choose. In the past, we have received videos, photographs, art, poems, stories, information texts, posters, models and more. Entries can be handed to Miss Harris, Science Lead at the Hamlet, who loves looking at and reading each of the children's unique answers to our questions.

See below for our STEAM Question of the Month. Deadline for entries is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Answers can be handed to Miss Harris or put in the folder in Griffin.

## STEAM

### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What would happen  
if people could  
control the weather?



Deadline: **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Hand your submissions in to Miss Harris or put them in the folder in Griffin.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM (& ASSOCIATED BITS!)

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Our school uniform is simple and when everyone wears the combo of blue and jade, the pupils look fantastic and proud to be part of Dulwich Hamlet School. We ask that the children wear the school jade polo shirt or navy t-shirt, navy trousers, shorts or skirt. We also have the option of a navy cardigan, a navy or jade sweatshirt and the navy hoodies. Socks should be blue, black or grey and we ask that all children wear socks every day. Shoes should cover the whole foot, be dark in colour and be practical for moving around the school and running at break and lunchtimes. We also allow plain black trainers.

All of our uniform is available online or we have a very good second-hand uniform shop run by the PTA on a Friday morning.

Our PE kit is a white t-shirt with the school logo, navy shorts and trainers. Tracksuit bottoms are allowed for outside PE in the winter months although the children do need shorts for dance and gymnastics. If your child chooses to wear black trainers as their 'school shoe' they will need a separate pair of trainers for PE and the daily mile.

The additional things we ask the children to bring in are: a named water bottle. We no longer have drinking fountains. We have filling stations and the children are able to refill their bottles at points during the school day.

Currently we are also asking for a small washbag with a flannel with the option of having hand sanitiser if preferred.

Our aim is to get the children in the playground at break and lunchtime. We will send them out in light rain, colder weather etc. We only keep them in if it's torrential rain, a storm or dangerous to be outside. It is therefore vital your child has an appropriate jacket or coat in school every day.

***We cannot stress enough how important it is to have every item clearly named.***

We have boxes in Turney Playground for children to put their things in at break and lunchtime. We have a reminder bell for the children to collect their belongings and staff are constantly reminding children to pick up coats, hoodies etc.

Our lost property is quite astonishing! If an item is named it will eventually be returned to its owner. Any unnamed items will be given to the PTA for the second-hand shop. Coats will be given to a charity and lunch boxes will have to be thrown away. Our playground becomes a play area for wildlife when we've all gone home. Your children must take responsibility for their possessions and collect their items when reminded.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you about jewellery and hair. The only jewellery permitted is stud earrings and a watch. We would prefer the children not to wear either on PE days, but we can keep them somewhere safe if necessary. Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back away from the face; equally hair that covers the face needs to be tied back or in a hairband to keep it out of eyes during lesson time, and of course, this is particularly important for PE.

## AFTER SCHOOL SPORT CLUBS

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We have at least nine sport-based clubs after school and cross country before school. If your child attends an after-school sport club, they can wear their PE kit to school on that day. (It must be school PE kit and not a kit of their personal choice). If your child goes to cross country club on a Thursday morning, they will need to arrive in school PE kit at 8am ready to run but bring in school uniform to change into afterwards. Y5 can come in kit as it is their PE day, but they will need a change of trainers and possibly socks as the field will start to get muddy and wet soon.

## SECONDARY TRANSFER

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Following our meeting with Y6 parents and carers this week, a reminder to find those usernames and passwords for the e-admissions process, and to put the absolute deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 for submitting your online application in your diary. For further information, please go to: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/applying-for-a-secondary-school-place>

and please make use of our ['Moving on Up... DHJS Quick Guide to the Secondary Transfer Admission Process for September 2022 Entry'](#)