

THE HAMLET HERALD



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As part of our School Development work on behaviour, we have been talking to the children about their 'readiness for learning' at key transition points within the school day. This includes ensuring a great start to the day. Those of you who have been through Turney playground recently at 8:55am, cannot have failed to notice Upper School responding so well to our high expectations. While punctuality in the main is very good, we know that we can do better. Every day there are a few children who are racing through the gates and I have found myself adopting the catch-phrase 'In the line, 5 to 9!' So, how can you help us? Please support your child in being prepared for the start of the school day and by arriving on time. Y3/4 parents: now that we are a term in, please can we support the Lower School teachers by moving away from the lines as the bell is rung so that teachers can clearly see their lines and manage their classes. Thank you for your continued support.

PUPIL PREMIUM

Further to our note about Pupil Premium in the Herald last week, please follow this link to download the Southwark Application for Pupil Premium Funding:

[file:///N:/Application%20for%20pupil%20premium%20funding%2023.03.18%20\(1\).pdf](file:///N:/Application%20for%20pupil%20premium%20funding%2023.03.18%20(1).pdf)

If you do think you are eligible, please complete the form and return to the office for the attention of Chrissie Purcell. We handle these applications in the strictest confidence. If you would like any advice or support in completing the application process, please contact Chrissie directly: cpurcell4.210@lgflmail.org

DROP-IN CHESS CLUB

Mr Salomonson is going to be running a drop-in chess club on a Monday lunchtime between 12:15-1:15pm, starting next week. There is no need to sign-up, just an enjoyment of chess required. The club will take place in 6S's classroom and is open to anyone who can already play and knows the basic rules of chess. Those who are keen to learn will be invited on a rota basis, details to be announced in assembly.

KEY DATES

Monday 21st January

WonderDome – mobile planetarium for Y5

Wednesday 23rd January

6GR class assembly, 9:05am Turney Hall. Parents and carers welcome

Parents Evening, 3:30-7:30pm

Thursday 17th January

Parents Evening, 3:30-5:30pm

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE/SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR CLUBS THAT MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING.

<http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/calendar.html>

PARENTS EVENING

We look forward to meeting with you all over our two evenings next week. Please check book bags today for your slips indicating the appointment time. Do give yourself some additional time, either before or after your meeting, so that you can look through your child's work.

ABRSM MUSIC EXAM PARENT CAFÉ

Please don't forget to book-in for your place on our ABRSM Music Exam Café (9am Monday 28th January) if your child is taking an exam with us later this term and you would like to learn more. We will provide tried and tested tips for supporting your child in the build-up to the exams over the remaining few weeks. Email the office:

office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

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THE MORNING MILE

Several articles have been written and research carried out to show the benefits of exercise, in particular exercise first thing in the morning. It's certainly true for our Hamleteers. We have noticed an increase in energy, focus and concentration in the pupils that attend one of our early morning clubs.

The Government recommendation is that children participate in at least 60 minutes physical activity every day, including activity at school and activity that you as parents are able to facilitate beyond the school gates. It also states that children do sport at least 3 times a week. As a school we certainly do our bit in supporting you to achieve that target for your child. We are fortunate in that we offer a wide range of sport clubs throughout the year (before and after school and at lunchtimes), 2 hours of PE every week to every class, dance for half a term each year and swimming for a term for Y4 and Y5 children.

To maximise all potential in our pupils and to raise an awareness of how beneficial exercise can be, we would like to increase participation in the mile. From Monday 21st January, we are aiming for every child to run/walk the mile at least once every week. Ideally, we would like to see every child opting for one of our before school sessions: Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at 8.30am. If your child attends an early morning sport club, this will count as their 'mile', although they are more than welcome to come along too. We are of course mindful that, for a number of reasons, not every child will be able to get to school for 8.30am. Those children who do not run the mile or do a sport club before school will therefore be given the opportunity to run/walk the mile during the core day. Our Sports Mentors are excited to be coordinating these sessions. We therefore ask that you ensure your child has a pair of trainers in school every day.

We have now completed our Year Group Mile Challenge, and we are delighted that Y4 were the overall winners with the best turnout, closely followed by Y5.

As we have said above, it would be great to see more children (and parents, carers and siblings) running at 8.30am. Make next week the week you start!

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING FOR PARENTS



Resilient
Families
Programme

Would you like to understand more about what your children do online and how to keep them safe?

Come along to our [FREE session for Southwark parents and carers](#) to find out about how you can help them manage some of the risks and feel more confident about your online parenting.

The session will be run by **Parent Zone**, the leading experts in providing information to parents on the digital world.

Your nearest session is:

Dulwich Wood Primary School
Tuesday 29th January 2019
6.00pm-7.00pm

Places for this session are strictly limited. To book your place, please sign up via

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-parenting-workshop-for-southwark-parents-dulwich-wood-primary-school-tickets-53435571232>

UNIFORM FOR COLDER WEATHER

Please ensure that your child now has a coat in school every day. The children are outside as much as possible during break and lunchtime and they need a coat to keep warm in the current climate. Some children also need gloves as they often complain their hands are cold. For outside PE, the children are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. If your child wears tights they will also need socks for PE days.

CHANGE 4 LIFE

Y3/4 parents: look out for the latest 'Change4Life' pamphlet in your child's book bag today. At national level, childhood obesity has reached epidemic levels – 22% of children are overweight or obese when they start primary school, and this increases to 34% by the time they complete their primary years. This booklet is aimed at providing parents with a few ideas to support creating healthier habits



SOUTHWARK INTER-SCHOOL WALKING WEEK CHALLENGE

From the 21st through to the 25th January 2019 (next week) Southwark are running an inter-school walking challenge. They are looking to find out which Southwark school can walk the most miles, and we believe that our DHJS children can certainly be up there in the top 10!

So, we need your help to encourage the children to participate. Please walk or scoot (not cycle, as this is not included within this challenge) to and from school on as many days as possible during next week. Time the walk with your children, as they will need to remember to report back to their class teacher how many minutes they walked in total each day. Our tip is to time it once on the Monday morning, and if you keep the route the same, we can just double it to include the journey back and keep that same time for the rest of the week! Thank you in advance for supporting our school to participate in this 'Get Fit, Don't Sit' challenge.

