

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

I want to congratulate and thank our Y6 cohort and Y6 teaching team for making the smooth transition back to remote learning this week. It is of course not what any of us would have wanted, but it is a reminder, nonetheless, that we are still in the midst of a pandemic. We look forward to seeing the majority of Y6 returning to school next Tuesday. With the set-back to the road out of lockdown, we will need to revisit our plans for end of term activities. We will communicate our decisions in due course. My whole school assembly on Monday served as a reminder to the children about how we must continue to take this seriously, and keep up our in-school routines and practices – particularly around good handwashing protocols and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' message.

I would like to thank both Miss Farr and Miss Raine who will leave us at the end of next week having completed their final teaching placement in Y6. We wish them both all the best as they look forward to September and receiving their own classes.

I was blown away by the number of children that did not come to school with a coat this morning...

TERM DATE CONSULTATION

Please don't forget to respond to our consultation regarding the proposal of a move to a two-week October half-term from 2022. The deadline is next Thursday, 25th June at 5pm. For ease, you can access the survey via this link:

<https://forms.gle/PsfVjzz6JT55JJNr6>

A few points for clarification:

- 5 INSET days will be exactly the same as we have already, this is not an increase. When these days are scheduled, will vary from year to year, and be determined by the school. These dates will be published along with the main school calendar approximately a year in advance. Historically, we have tried to coordinate with DVIS as much as possible.
- There will be no reduction in school days for the children with the introduction of a two-week October half-term. This will mean that the 5 extra days of holiday will need to be found from the rest of the school calendar, most likely by shortening the summer holiday.

KEY DATES

Thursday 24th June

2022-2023 Term Date Consultation closes at 5pm

Friday 25th June

PTA ice lollies for everyone after lunch!

'Hamlet's Got Talent' postponed until Friday 2nd July

THE YOUNG VOICES BIGGEST SING



On Wednesday we joined hundreds of thousands of children around the world to try and break the Guinness World Record for the Largest Simultaneous Sing (current record 293,978 people) and Largest Simultaneous Sign. The event was streamed live from The O2 arena and headlined by Ruti, YolanDa Brown and Billy Ocean!

As well as bringing people together, The Biggest Sing is raising funds for the charity [Place2Be](https://www.place2be.org/), which is the UK's leading school-based children's mental health charity, working to ensure that no child has to face mental health problems alone. You can donate by texting BIGGESTSING to 70085 to donate £1 (texts cost £1 plus one standard rate message) or visiting The Biggest Sing campaign page www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/biggestsing to donate online.

To watch The Biggest Sing, you can see a recording of the live event at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ao1auvAw1yg> – can you spot any of our Hamleteers?!

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
78	61	36	44

TTRS – GET INVOLVED!

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from Greater London from Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July. It's all done online via the TTRS website or app. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 07:00 and 19:00 on Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th, Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd. In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on your child's behalf (!) but by all means, encourage and support your child to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest an absolute maximum of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less. Rock on, Dulwich Hamlet!



PTA UPDATE

At this point in the school year we would normally be looking forward to our biggest social event and fundraiser of the school calendar: the Summer Fair. Unfortunately, this is not to be for a second year. We would, however, like to find some simple activities/smaller fundraising opportunities that we can do. As such, instead of a 'Lolly Sale', which we know the children enjoy during the warmer months, we will provide all children with an ice lolly which the school will distribute at the end of the lunch break next Friday. We will have collection buckets on the gates at pick-up at the end of the day for any contributions you are able to give.



NATIONAL READING CHAMPIONS QUIZ

Last Thursday, (pre-Y6 bubble closure!) eight Y6 children took part in the Age 10 – 14 South London Reading Champions Quiz. There were ten rounds of 10 questions with questions of varying levels of difficulty. Considering we were up against 48 other schools and some children who were four years older than our teams, we did amazingly well! Team A came out in 17th place with 59 points and Team B came out in 25th with 52 points – top half placing for both teams! Although unfortunately we didn't qualify for the grand final, we had a huge amount of fun and we demonstrated that we have an incredible amount of book knowledge! Well done to Anastasia, Eric, Hana and Matilda (Team A) and to Ali, Arthur, Max and Stevie (Team B) – you did so well.



Thank you to parents who have stepped forward to help on the PTA events next year. We have recruited a secretary too! But we are still looking for two Co-Chairs and a Treasurer. Without these three roles being filled, we will be unable to continue fundraising events. So please give some thought to volunteering and get in touch for a chat.

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Looking ahead:

PTA AGM – Thursday 30th September 7pm Turney Hall

Xmas Fair – Saturday 27th November