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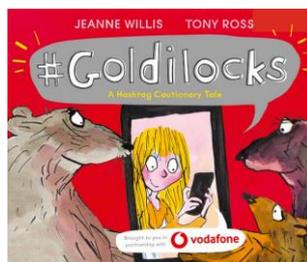
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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

In my final assembly of the half-term today, I thanked the children for their hard work and engagement with school life this term. It has been a busy few weeks and we are all ready to enjoy a 'pit-stop'. I also spoke to the children about keeping safe while away from school, specifically keeping safe while online, knowing that many of them will take the opportunity to spend greater time on their devices. I enjoyed sharing the text *#Goldilocks – A Hashtag Cautionary Tale* with the children.

This updated fairy tale by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross helps educate children on how to use social media responsibly, and talks about the dangers of ruining your online reputation. You can view the text by following this link:



<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks>

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break.

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

The following children have received Achievement Certificates in our special Friday celebration assemblies throughout September and October. Congratulations to you all:

- 3H Saskia, Jennifer, Oliver, Angus, Beatrice, Zac, Millie, Annaliese, Arlo, Joshua PC, Dylan, Jackson, Joshua W & Amalia HN
- 3TS Emilia, Oliver, Farrah, Thomas, Liberty, Sonny, Albert, Finlay, Beatrix, Henry G, Zachery, Sofia, Rex & Alice
- 3D Dylan, Claudia, Laurie, Sienna, Augie, Willow, Gus, Lara, Alexa, Charlie, Benedict, Ronin, Ella & Maxi
- 4S Rose, Friedrich, Freddie, Frieda, Kai, Leah, Shakiel, Alex, Farley, Zaynab, Aofie, Max, Adrien & Amelia
- 4G Liana, Clara, Eddy, Emilio, Harper, Joe, Olive, Sidney, Alex, Maggie, Dexter, Abby, Ella M & Cameron
- 4O Nathan, Nate, Sarah, Felix, Michael, Marina, Kiefer, Harley, Maggie, Vanessa & Valentina
- 5P Annabelle, Anastasia, April, Denis, George, Hana, Kurt, Luke, Matilda, Rory, Stanley & Wren
- 5G Bilal, Seamus, Kiran, Lucien, Teddy, Shayne, Peeps, Tiger, Micah, Arlo, William, Arjun, Maxwell, Tobias & Sophie
- 5N Arthur, Beatrice, Cecile, Edith, Layla, Max, Noah, Patrick, Raferty, Stanley, Stevie, Matthew & Freddie
- 6SP Lucy, Milo, Rosa-Ama, Blake, Adam, Lorna, Nieve, Bethan, Harry, Gilgal, James, Sulim, Tessa & Runa
- 6B Valentina, Kitty, John, Anouska, Benjy, Phoebe, Eden, Jordan, Theo, Molly, Josiah, Nathaniel, William & Sophia
- 6GR Niall, Lilly-Rose, Charlie, Liv, Theo, Lois, Max, Alana, Niamh, Oliver, Gracie, Jude & Edie

KEY DATES

Monday 28th October

INSET Day – school closed to children

Tuesday 29th October

Return to school for beginning of Autumn 2

Whole school Diwali assembly

New parent and carer tour for 2020 entry 1:45pm - FULL

Thursday 31st October

Parent and Carer Café for new members of our school community this year not via DVIS, 9-10am Burbage,

(PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE VIA THE OFFICE)

Shakespeare for Schools performance at Greenwich Theatre

7pm – selected Y6 children, ticketed event

Friday 1st November

40 visit to Sky Skills Studio

Y6 - Young Shakespeare Company performance of Macbeth

NEW PARENT TOURS & Y3 ADMISSIONS 2020

We start the first of our four prospective parent tours on our return from half-term. Even if you are a 'seasoned' Hamlet parent, you are more than welcome to join a tour if you have a child currently in Y2. Please let fellow Y2 parents and carers know of these opportunities, we do ask that you book a place via the school office. Our first two sessions are now full, but there are spaces for the 13th December and 10th January sessions, both 9:15-10:15am.

Admissions for Southwark residents should be submitted online via the Southwark website:

www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for this is 15th January 2020. Lambeth residents should do the same but via the Lambeth website.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
60	79	62	67

HALF-TERMLY GOVERNOR UPDATE

As we have just had our first DHJS Governing Body meeting of the new academic year, I thought I would take the opportunity to remind you about of the work of the school's governors.

A governor is sometimes referred to as a 'critical friend' of the school and is there to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and direction;
- Hold school leaders to account for educational performance
- Oversee financial performance and make sure money is well spent

Our governors apply a wide range of skills, experiences and backgrounds to support and oversee the school. Energy, enthusiasm and the ability to commit time to the role are also essential.

Please take a look at the school website where you can see who the current governors are: <http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/governors.html>

Some of the many topics covered at our most recent meeting of the full governing body (16th October) were the School Development Priorities for this academic year, budget monitoring, and the way in which the health of our 'glittering' curriculum is checked each term.

If you would like to understand more about the work of the governing body, please feel free to contact the Head of School or myself via the school office.

Karen Robinson

CLEAN AIR FOR DULWICH: 'SCHOOL STREET'

At the Hamlet we are proud that the majority of our families already choose active travel (for example, walking, cycling or scooting) to get to school. However, we also know that at peak times, the busy roads next to our schools bring with them pollution and road safety challenges.

With this in mind, we are supporting calls by 'Clean Air for Dulwich' for a 'School Street' on Dulwich Village. Please click on the following [link to their petition](#) to Southwark Council requesting that a School Street be put in place.

For those unfamiliar with School Streets, they are a temporary closure of a road next to a school, for defined hours. The petition contains further detail as to what is being proposed.

KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN 2

For a full list of updated Autumn term key dates, please follow this [link](#).

Specific dates to bring to your attention include:

Thursday 21st November

Y3 Parent and Carer Taster Lunch, 12pm

Saturday 23rd November

PTA Christmas Fair 12:30-3pm

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th November

Parents Evenings

Thursday 28th November

'Chatter Matters' Parent & Carer Café 9-10am, Burbage. Facilitated by our Learning Coach – Lorraine Thomas

Tuesday 10th December

Whole Christmas Celebration at St. Barnabas 10am & 2pm

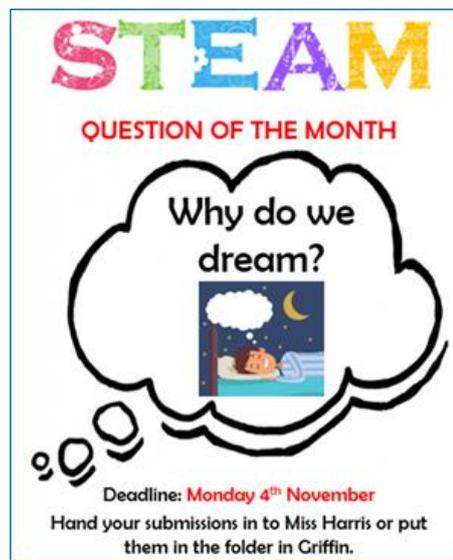
Tuesday 17th December

Music Concert 7pm at JAGs (all ensembles performing)

Friday 20th December

Finish for Christmas holidays, 1:25pm finish

Further details about all of these opportunities and events will be sent to you nearer the time. Do keep checking your emails from us.



SECONDARY TRANSFER DEADLINE

Please do not forget that Thursday 31st October is the absolute deadline for submitting your secondary transfer application. If you haven't done so already, please take the half-term break to complete this important job. Any applications received after the deadline are treated as late applications.

NEW VALUES AND BEHAVIOUR POLICY

A significant school development priority last academic year was to review our [Behaviour Policy](#). While we have been 'working' our new policy for some time, learning and making adjustments along the way, we have recently had the policy formally approved by our Governing Body and would now like to share it with you all. As of this week, we have also had our [Anti-Bullying](#), [Safeguarding](#) and [Homework](#) Policies approved by the Governors. You can find them on our website, but for ease, just click on the links. We will be working on our Online Safety Policy which we will share with you next half term.

ONLINE SAFETY CAFÉ RESOURCES

Thank you to those who were able to attend our cafe on Online Safety: Social Media on Thursday morning this week. Charlotte Kathe, Prevent Education Officer for Southwark, provided a real insight into the risks - and opportunities - of online communication for young people. The presentation is available on the [Parent Café](#) section of our website, along with the slides from last term's session on online gaming.

PS: If, like most grown-ups, you are still wondering what TikTok is, this handy guide from parentzone might be of use!

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=589105154e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_10_15_08_56&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-589105154e-179292361



PTA UPDATE

I hope you have all recovered from taxing your brains at the Hamlet Quiz. We raised around £900 (exact amounts to be confirmed) and hope everyone had a great time.

[Hamlet Christmas Fair: Saturday November 23rd, 12:30-3:00](#)

Christmas Fair planning has begun. Each class has been allocated a stall to run. So please volunteer via your class rep. We had such great attendance last year and I hope we can do the same again. This is our biggest fundraising effort of the year, so please get involved and come along to kick off your Christmas spirit.

Do remember, our aim this year is to help fund new IT equipment for our children in school. I know all of you agree how vital it is that our children can access up to date technology. So please give generously and come to the fair. We can also accept cash donations at the gate or get in touch with dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com to make donations.

While you are on half-term, do remember that we will be collecting **donations for jingle jars, bric-a-brac, sealed bottles of wine, perfumes, alcohol, oils etc... for our bottle tombola**. For jingle jars we need clean empty jars, or feel free to fill your jars with little toys and sweets and decorate them. Bric-a-brac is good condition, saleable second hand goods for our market. You can bring your donations to school from November 5th, although we have limited storage, so please do not bring your donations too early. Do you have a raffle prize you can donate from your business or someone's you know? We also have tables for rent in our Christmas market, so if you have an idea for a table to sell gifts or art or something else, or know someone who wants to be a part of it, get in touch on our email. Thank you!

Do you have match funding at work? Could you get match funding for a stall you are helping at during the fair? Do let us know and we can help you with the application. Remember we are a registered charity.

Have a great half-term. Gillian PTA Co-Chair

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons are now well under way for the term with some fantastic sounds coming from our music rooms! We have reminded all of our young musicians to take their instruments home for the half-term; please encourage them to open the cases and get some quality practise in! Your child will have been given a personal hard copy of their Autumn Term 2 music timetable today, but you can also access these on the website by going to the 'Our School' section, and clicking on the 'Music' tab. There is the potential for up to 8 weekly lessons next half-term. Please be mindful that there may be reasons that these lessons do not take place, for example if your child's class is out on a trip. We are not always able to 'make-up' lessons, but be assured, as per your contract, that your child will receive their 30 lessons over the course of the academic year, which as a guide breaks down to about 10 lessons per term.

SAVE THE DATE



HALF-TERMLY SPORTING ROUND-UP

Dulwich Hamlet Y6 girls' netball tournament

On Monday 9th September Y6 went to play a netball tournament at Streatham and Clapham School. We were excited to play in our first tournament of the year, representing our school. Our first match was against Streatham and Clapham School. The score was 5-0 to us, a great win for our first match. Winning our first match with such an amazing score gave us a great attitude for the rest of the tournament. Our second match was against Croydon High - the score was 2-0 to them. This dampened our mood a little but we still had our win from our first match so we had a chance of getting in the top three. Our third match was against Honeywell which was a draw 1-1. We had to win our next match to have any chance of getting medals. We were in the fourth match playing for a bronze medal. The game was getting very intense. Everyone played their very best and Sophie and Hannah scored all the goals. We were all tired out but at least we had won the game with a win of 3-2. We were all rewarded with a bronze medal and went back to school proudly showing them off. **Tessa 6SP**

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y6 mixed hockey)

On 16th September the Y6 mixed hockey team played Alleyn's on their hockey pitch. Going into the match our hopes were high although the rain had just made the pitch wet. At half time the score was 2-0 to Alleyn's and everybody that had gone off so far had noticed where we could improve. At full time Alleyn's won 6-0 but we had a couple of chances like when Zac and Gus did a one-two then Gus skilled a player off then put the ball narrowly wide from the post. **Nate 6B**

Dulwich Hamlet v St. Christopher's (Y6 girls' netball)

On the 20th September some Y6 girls played a match against St. Christopher's. The match took place at Dulwich Hamlet and soon after they arrived the game began. Dulwich Hamlet got the first centre pass. WA and GA ran in for the ball whilst the opposition tried to defend them. Within a few minutes the first shot was made. GS from DHJS shot the ball and unfortunately missed, however, GA from DHJS caught the rebound and scored the first goal. After a few attempts from both teams GA yet again scored another goal. After this the half time whistle was blown. Both teams had team talks on what we did well and what we needed to improve on. We all got a drink and then it was time to start. After a bit the other team got the ball and brought it down to their attacking third. GS from St Christopher's got the ball, GA GD and GK were marking the shot, however, GD and GK couldn't stop the ball from going in. After that DHJS started working even harder to get the ball back down to their attacking circle. GS got the ball and just before the whistle blew she made the last goal. At the end we each did 3 cheers and shook hands. I think throughout the entire match both teams had a good attitude. The final score was 3-1 to DHJS and both teams enjoyed the match. **Liv 6GR**

DHJS v Streatham and Clapham Prep School (Y6 girls' netball)

On Monday 22nd we went onto the netball courts all really excited for the game ahead. Streatham and Clapham were already there practising for the match. We did rock paper scissors and we won so we got the first centre pass. The match was four quarters long. After each quarter we had a team talk, what we could improve on and what we did really well. Each quarter was ten minutes long. Each one was really different. The match started with us with the ball and getting it right down to the shooters and we scored. Then it was their pass but they didn't score as they were intercepted by our team and we scored again. There was barely any time left (in the first quarter) and we didn't score another goal. Once we had finished our team talk, got some water and changed round positions a bit it was the second quarter. The second quarter went really well as well. They started with the ball but were intercepted early on. Then we scored which made us really excited making it 3-0 to us. After that they almost scored but our defenders caught it and so it was half time. After our second team talk it was the third quarter. After half time we went back on really enthusiastically. We scored once. It was their centre pass they got it right down and scored. We tried to get another but it was time up. The final quarter was one of the best. We started with the ball and scored once. The other team had upped their game but didn't score. That meant the final score was 5-1 to us. **Sophie 6GR**

Dulwich Hamlet v Oakfield (Y5 boys football)

Y5 played a football match against Oakfield. The match took place on Griffin Field on 26th September. In the first match Dulwich Hamlet scored so many goals I couldn't keep track! Their goalie kept on accidentally passing to our midfielders who passed it to their strikers. Both schools' attitude was amazing and we all shook hands at the end of the match. **Max 5N**

On Tuesday 26th September some Y5 boys went off to play a football match against Oakfield. It took place on Griffin Field, on the far pitch. The first good chance came to Oakfield, when one of their players got the post with a bicycle kick. Soon after, we scored a penalty to put us 1-0 ahead. They played well as a team and showed great confidence. By half time it was 2-1 to the Hamlet. As the second half kicked off, the Hamlet started to dominate. Although we could get caught on the counter attack, we would always track back and hopefully win the ball. It was a tough match, but we showed great teamwork and in the end we got the win we wanted. The final score was 5-3 to the Hamlet. **Raphael 5N**

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y6 girls football)

On the 27th September Dulwich Hamlet played Alleyn's in a football match. The 3 teams consisted of 7 players. My team was Kitty, Grace, Alana, Lottie, Phoebe Lucy and me. We started confidently and after the first five minutes of the match we had already scored 1 goal and at half time the score was 3-0. Even though the rain was beating hard we carried on

and we had a couple of attempted goals. We got flapjacks and apples then headed home triumphantly. **Katya 6GR**

On the 27th September some of the Y6 girls played a 40 minute match against Alleyn's on their field. Alleyn's nearly scored in the first quarter of the match but luckily Nancy saved it, however, they did score just before the half time point. Once we caught up and talked about our playing we carried on with the match. Fortunately, we scored an amazing first goal by Poppy, we also managed to score two goals in the second half as well. The opposing team scored five goals in total which really made them positive. Our attitude was rather positive, I think, apart from the odd disappointment because we didn't score but we were still very happy. **Ruth 6B**

Dulwich Hamlet v St Paul's and Alleyn's (Y6 boys football)

We played Alleyn's and St Paul's on the 30th September at Alleyn's playing fields. We drew closely at 1-1 against St. Paul's and I scored very late in the game but our defenders cleared lots of goals and the mid fielders formed good attacks. In that game both team's attitudes were good and we all had fun. Sadly, in the game against Alleyn's we lost 7-0 but nearly scored multiple times although their keeper was amazing. One of our problems was we didn't have a fixed keeper and that caused some arguments although everyone had fun.

Charlie 6GR

DHJS v St Paul's and Alleyn's (Y6 boys football)

In the first match it went very well and it was 1-1 to St. Paul's but in the second match it didn't go so well, they started by getting one up on us. Then as our morale went down, Alleyn's goal tally went up. In the end it was 7-0. After a last attempt at a goal the whistle blew and we knew we had done our best. I thoroughly enjoyed the game and hope everyone else who represents the school if they have the chance will enjoy the experience too. **Sam 6B**

On the 30th September the Y6 boys played St. Paul's. The match took place on the Alleyn's sports field. The match ended as a 2-2 draw. When the game kicked off St. Paul's snuck an early goal. We immediately responded and William scored two quick goals. With about two minutes left St. Paul's snatched a late goal to equalise. Both teams had a great team spirit throughout the match and it was a fiercely fought battle. Our second match of the day was against the home team, Alleyn's. Alleyn's scored an early goal and continued their dominance to win the game 6-0. Dulwich Hamlet had a lot of good chances and played some great football at times. Our team had a positive attitude all the way through, even though we were losing. Alleyn's thoroughly deserved to win showing a great team spirit.

Thomas 6B

Dulwich Hamlet v Blackheath (Y3 boys football)

On Wednesday October 2nd the Y3 boys football team played against Blackheath Prep at their ground. Blackheath tried their best but the Hamlet kept scoring goals and won the match 10-3. Angus played well and all the team helped us win.

Zac 3TS

On Wednesday 2nd October a team of Y3 boys travelled to Blackheath Prep to play our first match of the year. It was quite a long journey to get there, we were a little bit nervous but mainly excited. I played in the centre and made some good tackles. We all worked hard, remembering to pass the ball around. Blackheath Prep were a strong side and scored lots of goals. We kept on chasing and challenging our opponents for the whole match. With more time together as a team we are going to be awesome. We had great fun and really appreciated our post match apple juice. We were very proud to represent the school and cannot wait for a rematch. **Ben 3D**

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y5 girls football)

The Y5 Girls Football team played Alleyn's on Thursday 3rd of October. The match took place at Alleyn's sports ground and all three teams A, B and C played that day. Unfortunately, we lost our game 4-2 but the best moment came when Connie scored a great goal and got past a strong confident Alleyn's side. All of the team played really well, we stayed positive and used good teamwork for our attempts on goal. **Cecile 5N**

On October 3rd the Y5 girls played a football match against Alleyn's. As we walked up to Alleyn's Mr Mullings explained that he didn't mind if we lost 20-0 as long as enjoy it. Well, we took him at his word, because we lost 15-0, but it was so much fun! We did TRY scoring a goal a couple of times however, they got nowhere near the net. We kept taking it in turns to be goalie to see if we could save any of Alleyn's goals but to no avail. We finished the match thoroughly defeated but very happy. The opposition shook hands with us and we all did three cheers. The best part of it all was that I got flapjack at the end!

Coco 5G

DHJS v other schools at the Rosemead Cross Country match

I started cross country this term and I really enjoy it. A team of runners was chosen to run for Dulwich Hamlet in a big cross country race. Lots of other schools took part. I was so excited but also nervous at the start of my race. Someone told me that there were 150 Y3s in my race! It was so fun running at my top speed for the whole of the race. Towards the end of the race I heard people cheering my name which boosted me in and I came 4th! It put a smile on my face. Thanks to all my team, teachers and parents who encouraged me. **Dylan 3H**

On Friday 4th October I was one of three Y5 boys that represented the school in a cross country match at Rosendale Fields hosted by Rosemead Prep School. There were seven schools there including Dulwich Hamlet. When it was Y5 boys race, Miss Harris and Mrs Begley showed us that we had to

run around the field three times before finishing. I ran in the race and came 3rd! Everybody's attitude was extremely positive. At the end we didn't win but everyone really enjoyed it. I look forward to the next time I represent the school.

James 5P

On Friday 4th October 2019 Dulwich Hamlet took part in a cross country competition at Rosendale Fields. Y3,4,5 and 6 took part in this event. There were eight different schools taking part in both team and individual races. I was part of the Y6 girls' team so we had to wait until last to compete. Most people were nervous and said they were going to do badly, but everyone did well. When we ran past our school you heard loud screams of 'COME ON YOU CAN DO IT'. It made you feel like you could carry on for your team even when you felt like you could go no more. All the teams that took part had a great attitude. From the Hamlet, awards went to James CN from Y5 who got a bronze. Y6 boys Sam DLM got silver, also Milo DLM got bronze. Y6 boys got the team award. Finally, the bit we have been waiting for.... Sadly, we didn't come in the top three but we played with brilliant sportsmanship and got a packet of hula hoops each as a reward. **Alana 6GR**

Dulwich Hamlet v JAPS (Y6 girls' football)

On Monday 7th October a group of girls from Y6 had the privilege of going to JAPS to play a football match. My team included: Grace, Phoebe, Liv, Lara, Lucy, Sophia and Katya. Throughout the first half neither teams scored but in the second half Grace scored a goal. After that I had three attempts on goal but missed and Grace and Phoebe both had one try each but missed. In the end we had won 1-0! During the match both teams had great attitudes. **Kitty 6B**

Dulwich Hamlet v Blackheath Prep (Y4 boys' football)

On Tuesday 8th October the Dulwich Hamlet Y4 team played Blackheath at their home ground in Blackheath. The score was 2-1 to Dulwich Hamlet. After a slow start I managed to curl a shot off the post and score the opening goal. At the beginning of the second half, Blackheath scored a rebound after a save by Leo, our goalkeeper. The match was quite balanced with chances from both sides. Towards the end I had a chance down the wing, so I whipped the ball into Farley who scored the winning goal with a smashing shot. Overall it was an exciting game and both teams played well. **Eddy 4G**

We've definitely started this academic year with a lot of fixtures! I am incredibly proud of all the teams that have gone out since September to play in matches. From the more experienced players to the ones who have just started out in their sporting careers with us, everyone has been positive and proud to represent the school.

A big thank you to all the sports reporters for their match reports; I hope you enjoyed reading them as much as I did. The original copies get made into a book which all the children can access in our school library.

None of the fixtures would be possible without the dedicated support of the staff at the Hamlet. My thanks go to Dan Mullings, Lucy Akril, Jim Purcell, Beth Harris and Victoria Begley for supporting and escorting the children to and from fixtures.

We are fortunate to be able to offer so many sport clubs before and after school; my thanks also go to the club providers both within the staff and from outside companies.

Since writing my piece for the Hamlet Herald a few weeks ago I'm thrilled to be able to report that the number of children doing sport in school has risen to 294.

This week we held our annual swim trials. We keep a record of everyone's time. There are only a few galas each year and we do our best to put as many swimmers in as possible. Please note that some galas are for girls only. If your child's time has significantly improved or they weren't able to attend please email the office, Dan Mullings or me with the updated times.

Nikki Thomson