

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Last year one of our school development priorities was to develop the pastoral side of life at Dulwich Hamlet. Our plan began with a review of the behaviour policy and the introduction of our 'core' values:

Respect, Integrity and Resilience.

We investigated these values through assemblies, lesson plans and in our interactions with the children and hope that they began to influence the behaviour choices of our young citizens. This year we wanted to create a new value which encapsulated our positivity and warmth in a school where everyone matters. After reviewing the parent votes from two years ago, speaking to school council and the staff, we settled on: *Enjoyment*.

This term we are beginning to explore this idea. Assemblies will explore how enjoyment isn't just achieved by engaging in an enjoyable activity but is rather a state of mind. People can train themselves to find enjoyment - even in seemingly unenviable tasks like tidying the bedroom or doing the dishes! We are promoting delayed gratification and understand that hard work and toil now can provide enjoyment later on. We have thought about the purpose of school and how, ultimately, we are here to ensure future adults enjoy their lives as best they can. We are continuing to ensure that the all children have access to a rich and varied curriculum, despite the current difficulties. And finally, we are linking enjoyment to our mindfulness sessions in PSHE, with the idea that enjoyment can only really happen in the present.



And today we launched our new Enjoyment Certificate in assembly: So, who has one in their book bag today?

KEY DATES

Monday 21st September

Deadline to return flu vaccination consent form

Wednesday 23rd September

3H 'Meet the Teacher' telephone calls

Thursday 24th September

3D 'Meet the Teacher' telephone calls

Friday 25th September

PTA uniform shop open 9:00-10:00am

ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION

You should have received a letter and consent form detailing the information for this year's flu vaccination in your child's book bag yesterday. There is a quick turnaround for a reply - we will need you to return your consent form via the book bags on Monday please.

The vaccination is free for your child, and is now offered to all year groups. It will take place here at school, during the core day, and involves a quick and simple spray up the nose.

Information about the vaccination programme is available online and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

Please see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
To resume next week with the announcement of our new House Captains			

PTA INFORMATION

Chairperson: We are looking for a dynamic individual/s to Chair or Co/Chair the PTA. Please email dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com to nominate an individual, or to put yourself forward.

New parents & carers: Due to data protection the PTA requires all new parents to email their contact details directly to dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com, or via the database we have circulated. If you haven't already done so, please email us before the end of next week.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2nd October 10am, PTA AGM Zoom meeting

Friday 16th October 10am, PTA new parent/carers virtual coffee morning, via Zoom

Co-op Community Fund: Please don't forget that we have our own fundraising site with the Co-op. A percentage of all purchases at Cooperative Supermarkets go to Dulwich Hamlet PTA to support the development of our sensory garden. The Co-op give us funds when anyone takes out a membership and lists us as their chosen charity. You can join online at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>. To date we have raised over £1000. The site is only open for another month.

Crowdfund Update: Our total now stands at an incredible...

IT Fund for kids at Dulwich Hamlet Junior School

Project by Dulwich Hamlet PTA

Live

£6,645 raised in 77 days

104 supporters

Donate

Thank you all!

SCHOOL LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

Our chef, Fabrice, was overjoyed to be in receipt of two new ovens this week! These were desperately needed, and well-deserved, as Fabrice and the team work tirelessly every day to provide a nutritious hot meal for the children. We are pleased to be able to provide you with week 1 of our Autumn/Winter menu (see further on) which will be followed from next week. We ensure the children take a balanced meal from the daily range of options available. A plate of chips on its own does not fulfil this criteria!

We have reminded the children that if they have opted for a packed lunch, then they must stick with this for a full half-term. We are not in a position to be able to offer a pick 'n' mix option.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Thank you for providing your child with a small washbag and flannel to keep in school. We're already seeing a dramatic decrease in the use of green paper towels – phew!

We would also like to thank our community for a common-sense approach to illness and absence. We are delighted to report high levels of attendance since our return this September, with children displaying more usual (non-Covid-19) signs of illness, resting at home until well-enough to return. For your information, we have included a handy NHS symptom-checker flyer further on in the HH which we think is very clear and helpful.

ACTIVE TRAVEL REMINDER

We would like to clarify our position with active travel to and from school. We absolutely support active travel, whether that be by foot, cycle or scooter, as we always have done. What we have said at this current time, particularly at the main Village entrance, is that if you are able to walk, this would be our absolute preference. We need as much space as we can get at the front of school, for both yourselves and the children. Drop-off is not so much of an issue. Pick-up is the tricky time.

We have spoken to the children in assembly this afternoon about considering all pavement users. We had an incident this week between an elderly local resident and one of our pupils on their bike, clearly very keen to get home.

We are in an unfortunate position of having an exit that leads straight on to a crossing, providing a main pedestrian pathway for parents/carers and their children from a multitude of schools, not just DHJS. We kindly ask that you reiterate our message of consideration to others to your child. At this time, ensuring we give others space as much as is practically possible is of even more importance.

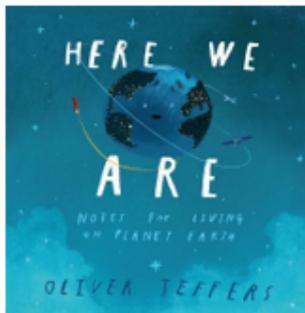
For your information, we have spoken with Cllr Newens and asked if the light phasing for pedestrians crossing can be amended.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Ordinarily, next Friday we would be coming together for a cuppa, something sweet to nibble and a chat, all in the name of raising much needed funds for Macmillan Cancer. We are proud of our annual event, and the considerable donations we have been able to make due to your generosity. All things considered, we plan to postpone this usual September event, and hold our coffee morning in the spring.



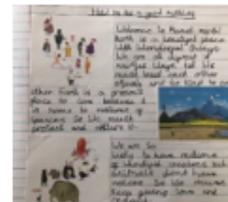
CURRICULUM SPECIAL: ENGLISH, PSHE & ART



To celebrate coming back together as a Dulwich Hamlet community, we decided to use a whole school text to base our English, PSHE and art work around. This work has centred around emotions, relationships and places that are meaningful for us – individually and as a whole school community.

Each year group has interpreted the text in a different way and we will be showcasing the amazing outcomes in the dining hall very soon!

Year 3 have been imagining what an alien would experience if they were to land on Earth. The children then created guides for how to live on Planet Earth, using excellent vocabulary such as 'nurture' and 'thrive'. Very handy for when an alien next lands in your garden!

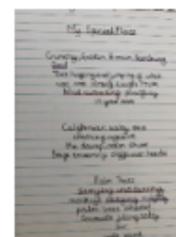


Year 4 spent some time cloud gazing this week. After the shared experience, they create poems titled 'under the same sky'. They drew on their knowledge of descriptive language and metaphors to create some truly stunning poems. A few standout lines:

'Sky is a brilliant blanket of clouds'

'Sky is a blossom azure'

Also creating wonderfully descriptive poems, Year 5 thought hard about where their 'special place' was. They considered where they felt the most calm and happy and worked hard on imagery to get the reader to picture where their special place was instead of telling them. Can you work out where this poet feels happiest?



Year 6 have been thinking about social contracts and how everybody on Earth should be treated. After discussing some of the issues around rights and equality that humans are facing today, they explored Amnesty International's Declaration of Human Rights and drew up their own list.

AND FOR A BIT OF CURRICULUM GLITTER...!



Trips are looking a little different these days! Year 6 experienced the Hamlet's first 'virtual trip' to the Houses of Parliament from the comfort of their own classroom. Our guides, Diane and James, explained the differences between the House of Commons and the House of Lords before teaching us how a new law is made. We even got to suggest some ideas for a new bill – suggestions included a ban on single-use plastics, support for sustainable travel...and free sweets and later bed times for life!

! Important !

Advice for schools

CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

A CHILD WHO DEVELOPS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A POTENTIAL CORONAVIRUS CASE:



NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)



FEVER (TEMPERATURE OF 37.8°C OR HIGHER)

The child will also feel hot to touch on their chest or back



A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

this means the child has noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

MOST CHILDREN WITH CORONAVIRUS HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS.



If a child is unwell with one or more of these specific symptoms they should be told not to come into school or sent home as soon as possible and advised to get a coronavirus test. **ONLY** those children with one or more of these symptoms or those advised by their clinician or Local Authority should get a test.



Children reporting other symptoms such as a headache, sore throat, runny or sniffly nose, earache, itchy eyes, lethargy or tiredness **WITHOUT** a fever should **NOT** be treated as potential coronavirus cases or advised to take a test.

If the national guidance on symptoms of coronavirus in children changes, updated information will be provided at a local level as soon as possible. This information about coronavirus symptoms in children can be shared with all school teaching and administration staff as well as parents and carers where necessary.

For further guidance on coronavirus testing for schools, please read the letter from PHE and NHS Test and Trace to school and college leaders at: bit.ly/phe-schools



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YOUR MENU THIS WEEK

Week (1)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH MEAT	Neapolitan pasta 1, 3	Lamb keema 14	Rosemary roasted chicken thigh & gravy	Chicken sausages & Mash 1, 3, 12	Sustainable battered Fish goujon wrap 2, 3, 6, 11
MAIN DISH VEGETARIAN	Vegetable tofu chow mein (v) 3, 6	BBQ vegetable patty (v) 3	Mixed bean & vegetable cottage pie topped with cheddar mash (v) 1	Mixed bean burrito (v) 1, 3,	Courgette, pea & mint baked omelette (v) 1, 3
SIDES	Sweetcorn Roasted peppers Basil foccacia 3	Wholegrain Rice & Peas Spinach & Kale	Skin on roast Potatoes Carrots Winter Greens	Broccoli Mixed salad	Chips Peas Baked beans
PUDDINGS	Yoghurt with diced fruit & toppings 1	Giant oat & sultana cookie 1, 3, 11, 6	Pear & chocolate Brownie 1, 3, 11	Sticky toffee apple pudding 1, 3, 6	Fruit flapjack 3

Available daily:
Handmade bread, Fresh fruit & Pantry

Also available daily: Jacket potatoes served with a selection of fillings

GOOD FOR
you

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE

Allergen Key: 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts, 6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg, 12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard

Love the food that loves you back