

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

It has been lovely bringing back opportunities for our parents and carers to come together informally. We have held three well-attended Y3 café this week, as well as our PTA AGM last night. I want to do a 'shout-out' to *Heritage Cheese* who provided some incredible platters, which were a very welcome addition to the meeting!

I must take the opportunity to thank Gillian and Philippa, our outgoing PTA Co-Chairs, for their exceptional work over the past few years. Even during all things Covid, they have re-imagined PTA events, galvanized our community and raised a significant sum of money for the school. We can't thank you enough. I am delighted that Lou and Kate have agreed to take over the baton as Co-Chairs, with a fantastic team supporting them.

Building back our community in the light of the last year or so has never been more important, and as such, we have an exciting calendar of PTA events to share with you next week. We hope that you will all want to get involved, even in a small way. Please hold Saturday 27th November in your diaries for our Christmas Fair.

STAFF NEWS

We are saying a goodbye today to our fabulous teaching assistant Mrs Ewusie-Mensah, who is expecting a baby in the next few weeks! Having spent four years supporting our Hamleteers, she is now going to be devoting all her energies in becoming a full-time mum. We wish her all the best for this exciting new chapter.

DOODLEVISION!



The top three classes with the highest % of being in 'the green zone' this week are:

First place (12 points): **3H** **80%**

Second place (11 points): **6W** **79%**

Third place (10 points): **3GR** **72%**



Many congratulations. We are very proud of you all!

KEY DATES

Tuesday 5th October

Y4 working with the Freshwater Theatre Company

Thursday 7th October

6N visit to the Imperial War Museum

NEW PARENT TOURS & Y3 ADMISSIONS 2022

We start the first of our four prospective parent tours just before the October 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 in advance via the school office.

Friday 22nd October 2021 9-10am * **FULL** *

Friday 12th November 2021 9-10am

Friday 26th November 2021 9-10am

Friday 7th January 2022 9-10am

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

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>

The admissions window is now open and the closing date is 15th January 2022. Lambeth/Lewisham residents should follow the same process but via the Lambeth/Lewisham websites.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
23	31	29	32

CONKERS!

Conker season has just started in the UK. We would like to run a Hamlet Conker Season in the coming weeks to reward good behaviour in the playground. Please look out for conkers on your walks, remembering to help the trees out, which are suffering from Leaf Miner and Bleeding Canker at the moment, by not taking all the seeds and perhaps even planting some in a good spot.

You can then store the conker for a few weeks before helping your child to drill a hole and attach a string. Of course, none of you would ever *dream* about hardening a conker by artificial means so we don't need to mention that...!



DEN BUILDING

We are looking for den building materials for our playground. Would you be able to donate any of the following:



- Tarps
- Rope
- Tree stump sections
- Poles/ sticks
- Bamboo Canes
- Crates and storage boxes
- Wooden planks

Please contact Mr Salomonson who is coordinating our playground adventures! tsalomonson1.210@lgflmail.org

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Final total, drum roll please...

A staggering £1132.08 has been raised for Macmillan. Thank you.



SCHOOL POLICIES

There are a wealth of school policies and reports available for you to view on our website. If you would like a paper copy of any of our policies or reports, please contact the school office who will be able to provide you with this:

office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk

KIDS EVENTS FROM OUR FRIENDS AT VILLAGE BOOKS

Draw with Rob!

Sunday 17th October, 3pm, MCT at Alleyn's

Village Books is delighted to be welcoming award-winning and record-breaking author and illustrator Rob Biddulph to Dulwich!

Rob will be celebrating the publication of the first book in his brand-new middle-grade series for boys and girls: *Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City*. Fizzing with magic, danger, friendship and art, this exciting and funny adventure is just what you would expect from the creative genius behind #DrawWithRob.

Join us to take part in a live *Draw with Rob* session, hear him talk about *Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City*, as well as his latest picture book *An Odd Dog Christmas*.

Tickets from £8



The 143-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths

Tuesday 26th October, 9.30am, Live Stream Event

Bestselling author Andy Griffiths will be joining Village Books live from writing room in Melbourne, Australia, to discuss the latest book in The Treehouse Series.

Andy and Terry have added thirteen new levels to their Treehouse (it used to be 130 storeys, but it keeps on growing!) Recently, Andy's been a bit stressed, so Terry has decided the perfect way for them to relax is to head up to their new camping ground level for a much-needed holiday. But it turns out to be not quite as relaxing as Terry originally planned. . .

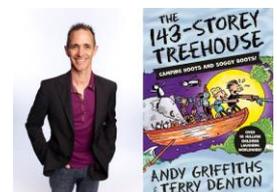
Terry forgets to pack the tent and the food, their attempt at fishing ends in disaster, the spooky campfire stories are a little too spooky and then, to make matters worse, all of Andy's fellow campers start mysteriously disappearing.

Can Andy brave the dark, dark woods and rescue them in time to finish writing their next book? Andy is here to make half term that little bit sillier!

Tickets from £5.

Details for both events can be found at:

<http://www.village-books.co.uk/events>



SPORTS NEWS

It is so great that we can get back to sporting events and fixtures this term. We've hit the ground running (no pun intended!) and already 146 children have represented the school at a football or hockey match.

It is unfortunate our Trust cross country event was unable to go ahead today; the weather and running conditions were against us. We do have other cross-country events coming up though!

Sport is a big part of Hamlet life and we like to encourage all our pupils to lead active lives. I'm delighted to announce our new Sport Mentors for this year. They are all keen to support and motivate us in being physically active. **Miss Thomson P.E. Subject Lead**

Meet the new team:

Hi, my name is Max and I am delighted to be your Sports Mentor. I love all sports, but my main ones are rugby, cricket and swimming. I enjoy sports because they are fun and good for your health. I would like to say how lucky I feel to be chosen by all of the PE team to represent everyone when it comes to sport, no matter how big or small. I would like to make people more aware of the sporting opportunities available to them, I will do this by putting posters around the school to advertise the various clubs and events available to all. By doing this, I hope that more people will take part in sport and become even fitter and healthier. I am truly honoured to have been chosen for Sport Mentor and I am really excited to start helping people. **Max, 6S, Topaz Water.**

Hi, my name is Bea, I've loved sports ever since I was 6. I played football with my Dad in the garden. My brother played rugby at the Old Alleynians and soon I wanted to play rugby. I started playing rugby with mostly boys group, then I moved to only girls because the boys were starting to get a bit rough for me. I do that on Sunday mornings. On Saturdays, I play football with The Tulse Hill Tigers girls. My favourite positions are striker and goal.

I know being a Sport Mentor is a huge commitment. I promise I will be responsible and be respectful of what other people like. Girls can play whatever sport they like, from rugby to swimming. I am also looking forward to some football matches against other local schools. **Bea, 6W, Topaz Water**

Hi! Let me introduce myself. My name is Chloe in 6N. I have recently become a Sports Mentor and I feel this is a great opportunity to demonstrate leadership skills to the Year 5s, Year 4s, and most of all, the Year 3s. I can offer help with a lot of sports like climbing, football and especially gymnastics. I may not be able to help with everything, but I will try. I am excited for the sporting year ahead, and I have to say it is excellent to be able to take part in fixtures again. It is wonderful that people can also go to Village to play football (or cricket) on their PE days; it's an amazing opportunity.

I hope, during the sporting year ahead of me, that I become better at cricket because it is my last year at Dulwich Hamlet. I also hope that Dulwich Hamlet wins lots of matches.

My favourite sports are: Climbing, Gymnastics, Sprinting (only short distances), Swimming, Cycling. **Chloe, 6N, Ruby Fire**

Hello my name is Arlo. I'm in 6W. I can't wait to become a Sports Mentor. I will make sure that sport at Dulwich Hamlet gets even better. I have so many sports I enjoy in and out of school. Some sports I have only ever played at Dulwich Hamlet. Outside of school I play for Dulwich Village football club alongside many of my friends. I want to help younger kids find their sport and encourage them to try new ones. Especially some of Year 3 who are not keen on sports yet and want to become interested. Sport can bring friendships to everyone and that's what's fun about it. Let's make sport great again! **Arlo, 6W, Sapphire Air**

Hi, my name is Sophia, I'm in 6N. I've been chosen as a Sport Mentor this year. My goal is to encourage everyone to have ago at sport, no matter what level you're at. There's always more that you can learn. The sport's I like to play are; rugby, swimming, football, rounders and cricket. You can always find enjoyment in sport, that's what I found out. **Sophia, 6N, Sapphire Air**

Hi my name is Kayan, I am very grateful to have been chosen as a Sports Mentor this year, as sports is one of the subjects I enjoy the most. My favourite sports include running and rounders. As a mentor I believe I will be able to offer support and advice to people who need it.

I believe that sport is a subject that can be enjoyed by everyone, hopefully with some help from me and the other Sports Mentors, others will enjoy sports as much as I do. **Kayan, 6N, Sapphire Air**

Hello everybody my name is Kiefer. I am in 6N. I love sport, in fact any sport and every sport but if I had to choose it would be netball. It means a lot to be a Sport Mentor, in fact I wanted to cry when I found out. I was so happy. I hope to encourage younger and older kids in the Hamlet. Also, I hope to give ideas like sport fundraisers and houses vs other houses and some other things that are similar. In case you forgot I'm in Sapphire Air, go Sapphire Air!!!!!!!!!!!!!! **Kiefer, 6N, Sapphire Air**

My name is Alex and I'm in 6N. My favourite sports are football, cricket, rugby swimming and I also enjoy running. I like football as it's a team sport and when you play there are always people encouraging you if you miss or concede an own goal. It's also fun working together to play spectacular football leading up to a goal. For me, being a Sports Mentor means encouraging others into sport and helping other children find enjoyment in playing. It's good that there are so many sports at the Hamlet as if you don't like one thing there is always another to try. **Alex, 6N, Topaz Water**

