

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Welcome back to you all for what is going to be another busy and eventful summer term. Please do make a note of all the dates and times relevant to you and your child that we have included in this issue. It is still early days with our more frequent paperless communications, and do appreciate that it takes time to get used to a new way of working, but kindly ask that you do regularly check your emails from us for anything of relevance.

While we were all resting and reviving over the Easter break, our Premises Team went into over-drive. We have had a complete refurbishment of our B&ASC space. It is now looking fresh, spacious, and fit for purpose. The children and B&ASC staff have clearly been enjoying the new look this week. We have also made huge strides with our complete ICT infrastructure overhaul. By half-term we will have robust wifi coverage throughout the entire site, as well as ICT capacity to take us into the future with our ever increasing ICT needs and demands. It's not work that you can visibly see, but the day-to-day impact for both pupils and staff will be significant. We have also had new front gates fitted, which will be going electronic shortly during the core day. Many thanks to Jim and his team for ensuring all works went to plan and that we were 'school ready' on Tuesday.

Sharon Baxendale, our Assistant Headteacher in charge of Inclusion, has recently undergone some surgery and is taking some time to rest-up and recover properly. I am delighted to report that she is doing really well, and we look forward to her returning in a few weeks. In the meantime, if you do have any particular SEN queries, please contact your child's class teacher or year group leader in the first instance.

## EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Although Easter was last weekend, we decided to carry over our traditional Easter Egg competition to today, just to keep that chocolate theme going for a little longer... Thank you to all of the Hamleteers who took the time to enter. Mrs Purcell & Miss Bartle from the office were our official judges for today and had an 'eggs-ceptionally' difficult task in deciding our winners! The creativity employed and time and effort taken by all was just terrific. In case you were not able to come and have a look at the end of the day today, we will share some pictures on the website. All entrants received a small chocolate prize, but our winners for each year group were as follows:

**Y3** 1<sup>st</sup> 'Egg Balls' - Chloe 3C  
2<sup>nd</sup> 'Beat it' - Xavier 3H  
3<sup>rd</sup> 'Eggsplosion' - Zac 3C

**Y4** 1<sup>st</sup> 'Polar Eggsplorer' - Alejandro 4W  
2<sup>nd</sup> 'Egg Sheeran' - Charlie 4W  
3<sup>rd</sup> 'Eggington News' - Immy 4W

**Y5** 1<sup>st</sup> 'Eggstreme Sports' - Alice 5LT  
2<sup>nd</sup> 'Fantastic Eggs' - Gabriella 5C  
3<sup>rd</sup> 'Eggsotic Yoka' - Bea 5C

**Y6** 1<sup>st</sup> 'Amelia Egghart' - Amelia 6I  
2<sup>nd</sup> 'Mrs Bennegg P & P' - BB 6T  
3<sup>rd</sup> 'Breaking News' - Zoe 6I

## KEY DATES

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

5DG Bikeability Week  
Y4 swimming sessions to start  
Scholastic Book Fair, 3:30-4pm Pickwick

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Scholastic Book Fair, 3:30-4pm Pickwick

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Scholastic Book Fair, 3:30-4pm Pickwick

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

3S trip to Wild London, Peckham

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

PTA Summer Fair meeting 2:30pm Café Rouge

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

BANK HOLIDAY

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

5VT Bikeability  
3C trip to Wild London, Peckham

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

5LT class assembly to parents and carers, 9:10am Turney Hall  
Class photos

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

3H trip to Wild London, Peckham

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

5LT/5C trip to Kew Gardens  
PTA Race Night 7pm Turney Hall

## SWIMMING

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Y4 start their swimming sessions for the whole term next week, and we are delighted that once again we are able to use the pool at JAGs. It doesn't matter if your child is already a confident swimmer, or just a beginner, the highly experienced instructors will provide weekly lessons to build confidence and stamina in the water. Please do ensure your child has their swimming kit (towel, hat & trunks or one piece costume, goggles are optional) with them first thing in the morning. Not only is swimming part of our PE curriculum it is an important life skill to have. Summer is fast approaching and children of all ages need to feel confident around water.

Lessons for Y4 will take place every Monday until 3rd July, except for Monday 8th May due to an event at the pool.

We are also looking forward to introducing a one-off, life-saving skills session for our Y5 children prior to the summer break. Details to follow nearer the time.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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Throughout the year we are treated to many fantastic class assemblies. The children do enjoy performing for an audience and it's great that so many parents and carers take time out of their day to come along and be part of the occasion. Thank you. We would, however, like to kindly request that you don't bring in hot drinks to Turney. Spillages cause a hazard in the hall and the left cups leave unnecessary litter.

Thank you to 3S for kick-starting the term with their class assembly this week. We are also looking forward to assemblies this term from:

5LT - 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
3C - 17<sup>th</sup> May  
5VT - 24<sup>th</sup> May  
4MG – 12<sup>th</sup> July

## COMIC RELIEF UPDATE:

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We're in the process of counting up all the money we raised on Red Nose Day and will hopefully be able to give you a final total very soon. Please do send in any final sponsor money asap, along with any photos of your event. Thanks again.

## A FEW SUMMER TERM 'SAVE THE DATES...'

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Details regarding specific events will be communicated to you nearer the time.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: INSET Day

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June: PTA Summer Fair 12-3pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Open Classroom 3:30-4:15pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July: DHJS Art Exhibition 5:00-6:30pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July: New Parents Evening 6:15-7:30pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Production, 7pm, Michael Croft Theatre at Alleyn's

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Y4/5 fun swimming gala, 1:30-3pm, JAGs

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Sports morning, Griffin field

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Summer music concert, 7pm Turney Hall

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 1:45pm Turney

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Leavers' Disco, 6pm Turney Hall

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Break-up for summer, final registration and pick-up, 1:25pm

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

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Please come and support our Book Fair next week. We receive a healthy commission from Scholastic for every book sold, which will go back into purchasing further new stock for our ever-so-popular library. You should have received a pamphlet in the book bags yesterday, giving you a taster of the books that will be on sale. Please note, although there is a pre-order section at the back of the leaflet, on this occasion we won't be able to take orders in this way, you will need to come in person to the fair to buy your books.