

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

What a fantastic first term of the year. The children have been working their socks-off both within and beyond the classroom. You have supported us at so many events, curriculum-based and social. The DHJS staff team have just not stopped - planning, prepping and delivering. Thank you to you all for your contributions. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2019. Looking ahead to a busy new term, please find the Spring term 1 'Our Learning Grids' in your child's book bag, giving you an overview and a taster of what is to come in the New Year.

We say 'goodbye' and a massive 'thank you' to Wendy Huseyin today. Wendy has been with us at the Hamlet for 18 years in the capacity of a teaching assistant. We wish her well as she starts her next exciting chapter in retirement.

DHJS SCHOOL COUNCIL

One of our key areas for development this year is improving the opportunities for pupil voice within the school. Therefore, we have elected our first School Council. The School Council is chosen from all pupils in the school and each class is represented. Each year group has two boys and two girls. School Councillors have been chosen by their peers as they are considered to be highly trustworthy individuals, friendly, caring and good listeners. The children will be working hard to make the playground a fantastic place to be.

This year some of the many items on their agenda will be:

- *writing playground rules,*
- *setting up a 'Friends Against Bullying' team,*
- *creating a 'Bullying Map' to identify hotspots in the school*
- *representing their peers and putting forward ideas for improving lunch and playtime*

We look forward to hearing of their work. Congratulations to our School Council team:

Olive (3J)	Kiran (4G)
Nahla (3TS)	James (4H)
Zakery (3C)	Tilly (4S)
Alex (3C)	Natasha (4G)
Gilgal (5B)	Nicholas S-R (6GR)
Lois (5P)	Millie (6MG)
Nate (5A)	Lilly O (6S)
Theo F (5P)	Pablo (6GR)

KEY DATES

Monday 7th January

INSET day – school closed to children

Tuesday 8th January

Morning Mile resumes – 8:30am, Griffin field

Thursday 10th January

Morning Mile – 8:30am, Griffin field

PLEASE READ ON FOR KEY SPRING TERM DATES. YOU CAN ALSO FIND THESE VIA THE KEY DATES OF OUR WEBSITE HOMEPAGE, AND VIA THIS LINK:

http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/uploads/6/2/8/6/62866179/dhjs_key_dates_for_spring_term_1_2019.pdf

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

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

- 3C Noah, Rudi, Alice, Amelia, Hugo, Zakery, Betty, Aoife, Georgia, Rosie, Frieda, Freddie, Beatrice, Dax, Kai & Iggy
- 3J Liana, Cara, Harper, Alex, Mona, Ella, Asger, Dexter, Abby, Cameron, Arlo, Ayoub, Logan, Ella, Ace & Maggie
- 3TS Andy, Annie, Kitty, Vanessa, George, Kayan, Maggie, Vadaant, Jasper, Sarah, Simran, Manny, Scarlett & Deklan
- 4S Aamir, Rory, Toby, Freddie, Maisy, Romi, Steven, George G, Rafferty, Freddie, Aaron, Amber, George W, Arlo, Alfred & Patrick
- 4G Mani, Kiran, Rafael, Austen, Anastasia, Sophia, Tiger, Hana, William, Luke, Kurt, Arjun, Joshua, Amber, Lewis, Alice & Edith
- 4H Max A, Mihali, Leyla, Arthur O'B, Dela, Constance, Beatrice, Tobin, Max B, Seamus, CoCo, Stanley & Annabelle
- 5A Marlee, Rafer, Kitty, Jordan, Otille, Sam, Eden, Rufus, Eve, Astrid, Thomas, John, Poppy, Sophia, Nathaniel & Phoebe
- 5B Lucy, Frank, Rosa-Ama, Noah, Chloe, Agnes, Juliet, Tom, Adam, Nieve, Liliansa, Tallulah, Tessa, Runa, Matilda, Sulim & Felix
- 5P Isabel, Rafferty, Jude, Grace, Charlie, Iris, Alban, Edie, Olivia, Theo, Matthew, Ayla, Gus, Zac, Maya & Oliver
- 6S Myles, Annika, Francesca, Connie, Tommy, John, Lottie, Bailey, Kaci, Seven, Rachel, Joseph, Nicholas, Amelia, Ben & Eleni
- 6MG Sylvia, Kesh, George, Jovita, Emma, Millicent, Theo, Dorian, Joshua & Sully
- 6GR Jem, William, Rafferty, Amelia, Noah, Freya M, Jacob, McKenna, Grace, Freya P, Emilia, Nicholas, Rachel, Bea, Alfie, Oliver & Matty

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
25	54	40	34

SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Southwark Council are currently working on a Movement Plan, which will hopefully enable safer, healthy active travel. There is an opportunity to influence its focus by completing the survey below.

<https://consultations.southwark.gov.uk/environment-leisure/movement-plan/>

We would also like to bring to your attention a Dulwich Society Traffic Meeting taking place on Saturday 12th January at 2.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall on Half Moon Lane. Please see the information below.



The Dulwich Society

GETTING AROUND DULWICH



Towards a healthier, safer, and more active future.

A public meeting hosted by the Dulwich Society

Methodist Church Hall, 155 Half Moon Lane, SE24 9JG
SATURDAY 12 JANUARY AT 2.30pm

NATIONAL & LONDON CONTEXT
Helen Hayes – Member of Parliament for Dulwich & West Norwood

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL'S CURRENT POLICIES
Councillor Richard Livingstone - Cabinet member for Environment, Transport Management & Air Quality

POTENTIAL DULWICH IMPACTS
CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES AND LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOODS
Dulwich Village Ward Councillors Margy Newens & Richard Leeming

THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF TRAFFIC-RELATED AIR POLLUTION
Dr Helen Wood, Queen Mary University of London

LOCAL ACTIVITY - SCHOOL STREETS INITIATIVE AT BESSEMER GRANGE
Dr Henrietta Collier

QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL

NEXT STEPS

A GREENER LONDON

Mayor, Sadiq Kahn wants London to be the first National Park City, with a target of making more than half of the city's area green by 2050. Dulwich Hamlet did their bit for a greener London this half term. With a box full of saplings from the Greener City Fund, we planted 15 new trees, a range of wild cherry, downy birch and field maple. We're happy to report that Leah from Y3 definitely has green fingers, they're just a bit muddy in the photo!

'HELLO' FROM YOUR PTA

Have a happy Christmas everyone! We have had a very busy first term. I invite everyone to our next planning meeting on January 17th at 7:45pm at the Crown and Greyhound. We will use next term to plan for a very busy summer term. Including all the prep for the Y6 Leavers. So please come to this meeting to take on roles big and small.

What a great Christmas party. So nice to see so many people there. We raised £1008 while having a great time. We sold out all 125 tickets! Thank you Tara Crowe for arranging the party with me.

Last but not least, thank you Martina and Lula for your cake sale organising with our Y4 parents. We raised £314.20.

We are well on our way to raising the funds we need for the upgrade to the Turney playground, covering our music budget, and our tech in the classroom. We have also bought treats for the kids Christmas parties, panto and drinks for the Music students at the concert at Jags this week. Well done, it was an excellent concert.

I just want to say thank you to all who have volunteered this term. It has made a big difference to school spirit. Our community really makes the PTA roles feel manageable and meaningful when we all pitch in together.

Happy Holidays! Gillian & Your PTA.

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ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING SESSION

We would like to highlight a **FREE online safety training session for parents and carers**, which is taking place in the New Year. Places at this event are strictly limited, but are being offered to parents with links to schools and colleges in the neighbouring area including ours. All the information, including the link for booking a place, is available on the invite below or via [this link](#).



Would you like to understand more about what your children do online and how to keep them safe?

Come along to our **FREE session for Southwark parents and carers** to find out about how you can help them manage some of the risks and feel more confident about your online parenting

The session will be run by **Parent Zone**, the leading experts in providing information to parents on the digital world.

Your nearest session is:

Dulwich Wood Primary School
Tuesday 29th January 2019
6.00pm-7.00pm

HALF-TERMLY SPORTING ROUND-UP

Year 4 boys football tournament

On Tuesday 16th October a Y4 football team played a tournament at Alleyn's. We played against Alleyn's, Rosemead, Blackheath Prep and St Paul's. Our team were outstanding and we..... won! Altogether we scored around 22 goals, 10 attempts and had 6 near misses. I played with great team-mates who included Mihali, Freddie, Rafferty, Raphael, Nicholas, George, & Arlo. Well done boys you had 'GREAT' attitude.

Madhi 4H

Dulwich Hamlet v Blackheath Prep (boys football)

The game was hard as we did not have subs but we worked as a team and made it a draw. (1-1) We had to go up and down the pitch as we had to attack and defend.

Pablo 6GR

Dulwich Hamlet v Blackheath Prep and The Belham. (Year 4 girls football)

On Tuesday 6th November Y4 girls went to play a football match against Blackheath and The Belham. We only managed to score one goal against Blackheath. Even though we lost we had a good time and are ready to do it again. At the end of the match we congratulated the other team. There were 3 handballs. When we scored a goal it was so close for it to not go over the line. The ball often went off the pitch.

Anastasia 4G

Dulwich Hamlet v Blackheath Prep (Y5 girls football)

On 8th November Y5 played a football match against Blackheath Prep School. When we arrived, we split up into 2 teams. We were so excited! Everything went so well, Poppy was right in there and she got our only goal. The other team did so well too. There were lots of near misses but so what, we just kept on trying! The opposing team were very good and they gave all they had and so did we. All the time both our teams had a good attitude even when the other team scored. In the end we lost 3-1 but the other Hamlet team won! It was a pleasure to be part of this match.

Astrid 5A

Dulwich Hamlet at the Maurice Fulcher Cricket Finals

On Friday 9th November a group of Y5s and 6s went to the Kia Oval (a famous cricket ground) to play in the finals day of the Maurice Fulcher cricket competition. We arrived with lots of enthusiasm, however the competition was tough. When the first match started we were determined to win but it came down to the wire and we

lost by 4 runs. We went on to win the next match with a good team performance so we had a chance to make the final if we could win our last match. Unfortunately, it was hard but we tried our best and came 4th overall. We were proud to make it this far.

Nicholas 6GR

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y3 boys football)

Y3 played Alleyn's at Alleyn's School on Monday 12th November. We played really well; 8 goals to us, 1 goal to Alleyn's. Jasper scored 5 of the goals. We know Alleyn's are a top team and would be difficult to beat but we took advantage of the holes in their passing and tried to charge forward.

Farley 3C

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y5 boys football)

We took a cautious approach at the beginning, staying on the opponent's side. After quite a long time Alleyn's got a corner and crossed it in but quickly we got to our senses and scored in an open goal. Now, we knew the battle was on but our goalie took a small goal kick and the opponents seized the ball and took a strike at our goal and scored. 2-1! Alleyn's started piling in goals with strikers coming down the side and then it was 5-1! Things were looking desperate then Nate, our striker, scored with a corner and with new confidence he took another strike leaving us at a respectable 5-3.

Sam 5A

London Youth Games Cross Country Run

On Saturday 17th November we went to the London Youth Games at the park in Kentish Town. Before the race we signed in and found Mrs Begley under the Southwark sign. We received a free 'Team Southwark' vest and put our number on. We unhelpfully received a map of the course that was completely wrong but thankfully before the race we walked around where we were running and a lady guided us in the right direction. While waiting for our race to be announced we warmed up and did some stretching and a short run. Before long we headed off to go to the start line and waited for the gun to be fired which was our signal to start. It took 10 minutes for the gun to be fired then we set off to do 2 laps around the course; 1.5 km.

When we finished the run we waited until the score came up. Frankie coming 35th & Connie 91st (out of 168). In the U11 race there was the smallest amount of people racing as in other races there was over 240 people. As a team, Southwark came 2nd with a silver medal, out of 32 boroughs. We enjoyed the race and were happy with the results and places we came.

Frankie & Connie 6S

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y5 mixed hockey)

On 29th November a Y5 hockey team went to Alleyn's to play a hockey match on their astro pitch and this is how it went: so first Alleyn's were pushing hard and charging at us, one eventually scored but it was our turn to push and then we scored. Then we scored again, then Isaac hit, it took a deflection and in the goal. At half time it was 3-1 to the Hamlet. We were all very jolly at the score. As the 2nd half went on we held our ground but as we got more tired they pushed harder and finally they scored with 2 minutes to go. They weren't done yet getting near miss after near miss. Then 1 minute to go they scored again and the final score was 3-3. On the other pitch it was 1-0 to Alleyn's.

Nate 5A

On the 29th November, the Y5 mixed hockey team walked up to Alleyn's to play a match against them. There were 2 teams and each team played a match of 40 minutes in total.

For my team Lucy was in goal; there were no set positions for anyone except Lucy, as we all moved around the pitch.

The game was not one sided; each side had equal possession of the ball, though sometimes Alleyn's would break through our defence and have an opportunity to shoot. The only attempt that turned out to be a goal was in the 2nd half when Alleyn's broke through our defences and shot. Lucy tried to save it; when the ball came in, she tried to kick it but it slid underneath her foot.

At the end of the match we managed to get past Alleyn's defence and had some chances to shoot to make the game even. At one point Zac dribbled the ball down and passed it, but then the other team realised that we had the ball and they came up to defend.

In the end the score was 1-0 to Alleyn's, but I think that it was a very close match. On our team everyone played exceedingly well, though some of the players that really stood out were Alban, Zac, Harry and Lucy.

Niamh 5P

The 'Morning Mile'

We're very pleased with the number of children, parents and staff who run the mile on a Monday, Tuesday &/Thursday morning. We would really like to see more of our children doing sport before school. There are a number of clubs available, all of them free. Apart from all of the

obvious health benefits of exercise, it does make a difference to the children's levels of concentration, energy and focus throughout the day. Why not make it a New Year's resolution?

Y3, 4 and 5 have had their 'which year group can have the most mile runners', Y6 will be in early January. In the meantime, here are some stats for you:

Daily mile numbers for 3rd, 4th and 6th December:

Y3: 5, 8, 7 = 20

Y4: 4, 16, 15 = 35

Y5: 13, 28, 21 = 52

Y6: 10, 8, 16 = 34

Top runners:

Y3: Sidney 3J 14 runs

Y3: Joanna Edwards 11 runs

Y4: Arthur KC 4H and Freddie F 4S 10 runs each

Y4: Mrs Kos-Cassidy

Y5: Nate 5A 12 runs

Y5: Mrs Bichard 7 runs

Y6: Frankie 6S 12 runs

Y6: Mr De Mesquita

During the winter months it's a good idea for the children to have tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt for outside PE. If your child is wearing tights they will need to take them off for PE so, please put a pair of socks in the PE bag. It's also the season for coughs and colds; these are not reasons for not doing PE! Simple principle – if your child is well enough to be in school, they're well enough to do PE! Injuries and broken bones count as a reason not to do PE!

We don't have many swimming galas throughout the year but we had our first this term. We had a friendly match against JAPS and gave some of our swimmers their first experience of a gala. The standard is always high at galas; to achieve first / gold in Y6, a swimmer needs to be able to swim 25m in approx. 14 seconds. Well done to our team who put in a really good effort.

In this term so far 273 children have represented the school at a sporting event. We have attended 50 individual matches (16 wins, 23 losses & 11 draws). We've played in 10 tournaments, 1 swimming gala and 2 Southwark cross country events:

- Winning 1 gold and 2 silver medals at Rosemead cross country and best Y5 boys overall team
- 1st place Y4 at Alleyn's football comp
- 2nd place Y6 at Alleyn's football comp
- 3rd place Y3 at Alleyn's football comp
- 3rd place Y5 at Alleyn's football comp

- We are the best Southwark school in the Maurice Fulcher cricket competition which took place at the Kia Oval cricket ground
- We had 3 runners in the London Youth Games Southwark trials.

We're looking forward to a spring term full of sporting fixtures. As always, my huge thanks go to Dan Mullings, Lucy Akiril, Spike, Claudia Cafeo, Victoria Begley, Beth Harris, the parents who volunteer and support and the Progressive Sport coaches for all their continued hard work and support running clubs, coaching teams and helping our children get the most out of sport.

Nikki Thomson (Assistant Headteacher and PE Leader)



END OF TERM HOUSE POINT ROUND-UP

The winning house this term is Garnet Earth! Well done for achieving so many house points throughout the autumn term. The total amount of house points for each house was boosted by 4 inter-house year group sport tournaments. The winning house for the sport tournaments was Ruby Fire with a whopping 2750 points!

To celebrate their success, Garnet Earth house may wear their house colour on Friday 18th January



Key Dates for Spring term 2019

Y3 -
 Y4 -
 Y5 -
 Y6 -
 Whole Sch -

Key Dates	Events	Further Details
07.01.19	INSET Day	All Day
08.01.19	Term starts	Welcome Back & Happy New Year!
09.01.19	LAMDA After School Club starts	15.25-16.30
11.01.19	Open Day for Prospective Parents	09.15-10.15 – spaces need to be booked via School Office
14.01.19	Clubs start	15.25-16.30
16.01.19	Y4 Portal to the Past Anglo Saxon Day	All Day
17.01.19	PTA Reps Planning Meeting	Crown & Greyhound 19.45
18.01.19	Autumn term winning House to wear house colours	Winners tbc
21.01.18	Y5 Wonder Dome – the Mobile Planetarium	Visitors to school
23.01.19	6GR Assembly	09.05-09.30
23.01.19	Spring term Parents Evening 1	15.30-19.00
23.01.19	Yoga Martial Arts Cookery & Y3 Football *Cancelled*	Due to parents evening
24.01.19	Spring term Parents Evening 2	15.30-17.30
24.01.19	Y5/6Rugby, Gymnastics, Cookery & Sewing *Cancelled*	Due to parents evening
28.01.19	Parent Café: ABRSM Music Exam Preparation	08.45-09.30 Burbage
29.01.19	‘The Riot Act’ – Road Safety presentation for Y5/6	pm at school
30.01.19	3J Assembly	09.05-09.30
05.02.19	Young Voices Concert at the O2	Y4, 5, 6 choir members pm rehearsal & 19.00 performance
06.02.19	4S Assembly	09.05-09.30
06.02.19	Y6 Trip to Junior Citizens	10.00-12.00
08.02.19	PTA Cake Sale in Village Playground	15.25-16.15
13.02.19	Parent Café: Y6 SATS Info Session	08.45-09.30 Burbage
Half term	Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February	-

25.02.19	Spring term 2 starts	-
25.02.19	Tate Project photographer for Y3	During the day at school
27.02.19	Parent Café: Y5 Reading Focus	08.45-09.30 Burbage
28.02.19	Curriculum Evening: Online Safety	18.45-20.00 spaces need to be booked via School Office
04.03.19	Parent Café: Music Practice Focus	08.45-09.30 Burbage
06.03.19	5P Assembly	09.05-09.30
13.03.19	Y4 Trip to Battle Abbey	08.00-16.30
13.03.19	3TS Assembly	09.05-09.30
14.03.19	Blackheath Singing Festival	Choir members TBC
15.03.18	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	All Day

20.03.19	Parent Café: Y4 Reading Focus	08.45-09.30 Burbage
21.03.18	DHJS Recorder Festival	pm informal concert: pupils only 19.00-20.00 concert in Turney Hall to parents and carers
27.03.19	5A Assembly	09.05-09.30
29.03.19	LAMDA Examinations	During the day at school
01.04.19	ABRSM Music Examinations	During the day at school
02.04.19	ABRSM Music Examinations	During the day at school
03.04.19	ABRSM Music Examinations	During the day at school
03.04.19	Parent Café: Y3 Reading Focus	08.45-09.30 Burbage
04.04.19	PTA Easter Cake Sale	15.25-16.25
05.04.19	DHJS Easter Egg Competition	Details to follow
Easter Hols	Monday 8 th April – Monday 22 nd April	-
23.04.18	Summer Term starts	-

*A very Merry Christmas to you from us all at
Dulwich Hamlet Junior School*

