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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We started this final week of term with the most incredible concert at JAGS - our young musicians played beautifully. Thank you for joining us.

This morning, we came together for our final assembly. The children sang, with stunning harmonies from Y6; the staff read a poem about a naughty elf; we watched the most fantastic film produced by Film Club, and gave a huge sigh of relief when Santa was 'saved'; appreciation certificates were presented to staff; and a letter was read out to Y4 in response to their peaceful Polar Bear Explorer Club 'protest' yesterday. It was a privilege to be part of this special assembly, and to share it with the children and staff.

Looking ahead to a busy new term, please find our spring Key Dates document further on in the HH. Also, check your emails from yesterday, where you will find your child's spring term 1 'Our Learning Grid' and spelling letter. There is plenty of information there to give you an overview and a taster of what is to come in the new year...

All of the Hamlet Team and I would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support, your good wishes for the festive break, and for your kind and thoughtful gifts.

Happy Christmas everyone.

See you in 2024!

A very Merry Christmas to you from us all at

Dalwich Hamlet Junior School



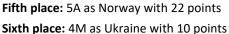


DOODLEVISION AUTUMN 2 RESULTS

Well done to all you Doodlers who were in the green zone this half term! Remember, just 10 minutes a day will improve your understanding and your confidence!

First place: 3EF as Sweden with 57 points **Second place: 3KS** as Finland with 44 points

Third place: 3RS as Israel with 32 points
Fourth place: 60 as Italy with 24 points



TTRS winners for Autumn 2 are: 5A, 4M, 5B, 6O and 4G

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KEY DATES

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January

INSET days – school closed to children

Monday 8th January

Return to school for the start of the spring term 2024!

Normal start time: 8:45-8:55am

All after school clubs start

Thursday 11th January

Y5 swimming resumes

Friday 12th January

Final prospective parent and carer tour 9-10am Ruby Fire 'wears red' – own clothes day

Please see our Key Dates for Spring Term 2024 further on in the HH

END OF TERM HOUSE POINT COUNT-UP

Thank you to our wonderful House Captains who have been doing a fabulous job each week collecting, totalling, and presenting our House Points. We have a double winner for the end of this term:

Congratulations to Ruby Fire for winning both the end of term Inter-House Sports tournaments, and for being the overall House winner for this term.

You will have your 'House Own Clothes Day' in the new term.



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air	
The last			Period S	
1750	3750	1750	3250	

VALUES CERTIFICATES

Every Friday, in our weekly Celebration Assembly, each teacher nominates a member of their class who has demonstrated one of our Values in action. We enjoy hearing the varied reasons as to why they have been specifically chosen. This half-term we have congratulated:

RESILIENCE

Y3: Eli, Sam R, Lina 3KS, Willow 3EF, Oscar & Ivy 3RS

Y4: George G, Kairo 4M, Jacob 4GR & Tia-Rae 4G

Y5: Olivia 5B, Felix W 5N, Max, Antonia & Jayden 5A

Y6: Sienna, Portia, Darcy 6TS, Shanique & Luca 6W

RESPECT

Y3: Idman 3RS

Y4: Dete, Maylia 4M, Safia & Felix 4G

Y5: Alfie 5B & Sebastian 5N

INTEGRITY

Y3: Awura, Jonah 3KS & Pietro 3RS

Y4: Marnie, Milo 4M, Sylvie 4GR & Abigail 4G

Y5: Diriki, Iman 5B & Florence 5N

Y6: Tom 6TS, Zidan 6O & Jax 6W

ENJOYMENT

Y3: Isabelle 3KS. Rebecca 3EF & Daniel 3RS

Y4: Max, Eddie 4GR & Nico 4G

Y5: Robhin 5B, Bohan 5N & Arthur 5A

Y6: Cillian 6TS, Leo, Nico 6O, Rocco & Izzy 6W

INDEPENDENCE

Y3: Rafe & Calum 3EF

Y4: Harry, Eve 4GR, Poppy & Tomas 4G

Y5: Allegra 5B, Florence & Dylan 5A

Y6: Alex 6TS, Jayden, Ivy, Caitlin 6O & Magnus 6W

P.E. SPRING TERM 2024 (until half-term)

Monday - Year 6 (Handball, Health Related Fitness and football)

Tuesday - Year 4 (Handball, hockey and football.)

Wednesday - Year 3 (Handball, hockey and football)

Thursday - Year 5 (Handball, hockey, basketball and swimming)

Friday - Year 4 dance

TCSET SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER VOL. 2

We emailed you our second Trust Safeguarding newsletter this week, full of useful information, and sign-posts to lots if support and organisations. You can view the newsletter by clicking here. We will also place it on the safeguarding page of our website.



ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

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

- 3KS Sam B, Sidney, Emily, Cooper, Yasmin, Valentina, Cordelia, Antonella, Shakeil, Annabel, Martha & Emilia
- 3RS Lucy, Barney, Cleo, Rosario, Jake, Charlie & Neriah
- 3EF Dina, Harrison, Azra, Kathryn, Bobby, Kit, Reuben & Madeleine
- 4GR Serena, George A, Raphael, Percy, Allegra, Louis, Ayub, Alfie,
 - Harrison, Theodora, Amelia & Joshua
- 4G Leon, Imany, Jovan, Fyn, Josh, Errol, James, Marcus, Leonardo, Ellis, Nico & Felix
- 4M Philippe, Matthew, Arthur, Palma, Zosia, Charlie, Alex, Estelle, Cooper, Beatrice, Hugo & Eden
- 5B Freddie, Ayush, Alaia, Alfie, Aliona, Anna Mara, Freddie, Henry, Ikram, Jacob, Oliver, Sol & Soren
- 5N Zora, Elsa, Rafe, Eva, Fred, Ivan, Keava, Liam, Hugo & Charlie
- 5A Aiden, Antonia, Bernie, Clara, Dunya, Hugh, Iain, Sophia, Tommy, Casper & Jasmine
- 6TS Isabella, Astor, Tom, Freddie, Romilly, Leo, Jean Paul, Bethan, Oscar Ar, Fox, Luca & Liam
- 6O Charlotte, Milana, Mark, Leo, Felix, Elsa, Rose, James, Elisabeth, Nico, Max & Ivy
- 6W Alyssa, Ellie, Jamie, Jayden, Martha, Zai, Sammy, Sam, Flo, Fred, Max & Charys

Y3 ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

A reminder for those of you with siblings currently in Y2. Please do not forget to submit your online application by Monday 15th January 2024 – a job you may wish to tick-off the 'list' over the Christmas hols. Applications for Southwark residents should be submitted online via the Southwark website:

https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions

If you live in a different borough, you apply via their admissions website.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

All of our Hamleteers have brought home some home learning for the holidays — reading/Doodle/TTRS mainly. (Each year group has something slightly different) We want everyone to make sure they are well-rested, and most importantly, have some holiday fun. But as we head towards the return of term, completing some of these holiday activities will certainly help with getting back into the 'school routine'.

HALF-TERMLY SPORTING ROUND-UP

I'm delighted to be able to share more sports news from the second half of term. We've had a few fixtures since the half term break; some have been wet, some very wet! It's always great to see our Hamleteers demonstrating their sporting skills and a positive sporting attitude on and off the pitch, course or court. Unfortunately, we haven't had any written reports from our journalists this time. Our reports today will be in picture form.

Please do keep checking the drawers and cupboards at home for pieces of our kit; we're a few bits missing! We've even had some returned via the second - hand uniform shop!

Our first fixture was a girl's football festival at Rosemead Prep. Our team of girls played several matches against other local schools. The team were cheered on by a very enthusiastic parent!



The following week our girl's cross-country squad braved the elements and ran in the JAGS Cross Country competition.



On Tuesday 28th November we had the first of our Trust mixed football team festivals. This one was for Y4 and played at Lyndhurst School.



Our other sporting news:

On Monday 27th November our Y6s invited Lyndhurst over to learn how to play Gaelic Football. Despite the heavy rain a good time was had by all. Our Y6s were able to teach their peers' new skills learnt and even have a mini match.

Our Y5s have enjoyed some cycling sessions at the velodrome. This is a new form of PE for us and we hope the skills learnt on and off the track will benefit all, our keen cyclists and / or encourage others to jump on a bike.



It's not only our children who get involved with fun physical activities, our staff do too! On the last day of the first half of the autumn term, our Y6s teamed up with brave energetic staff for a flash mob dance in Turney Playground. Mrs Swann and her daughter made a short film of the Y6 work leading up to the main event and of the teachers rehearsing before school. We also filmed the event and shared with our school community. We're unable to share the link with the wider community on this occasion. Well done Y6, well done DHJS staff and well done and thanks to Alison Swann.

My thanks as always to the dedicated PE team and staff members who brave the elements whatever the weather. Not forgetting Mr Mullings for co-ordinating and leading our fixtures. *Nikki Thomson Assistant Headteacher & P.E. Lead*

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES FROM OUR LOCAL LINKS BEYOND SCHOOL







School's Community Outreach Coach spikekenny@alleynian.org 07976621967



https://oarfc.rfu.club https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/coaching/ age-grade-rugby

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about enline safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit national college.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for

SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online, if you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

INCORRECT PARENT CODE

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

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With Android devices, Google's
Family Link app is your friend.
You'll need a Google account - and a
separate one for your child, which you
should use when first setting up the
device. Then, in Family Link on your own
device, select 'Add Child' and enter their
account details. This lets you specify
limits on daily usage, restrict certain
apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped.

At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Quided Access (under Settings) Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a suchnology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which? PC Proand Computerative, the's appeared regularly as a teat psendt on stelled in and radio, including on BIDC Newselfight, Radio S (the and the ITV News or Ten-He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo
Switch Parental Controls app on
your phone, and you'll be shown
how to link it to the console. Once that's
done, you can limit how long your child
can play each day, decide what age
ratings are permitted and more. You'll
also get weekly updates on how often
they've used the device. These controls
are accessible through the console itself,
but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

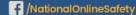
SMART TVS

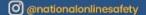
Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

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12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Afreed design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgrand uate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities — empowering school leader and staff with the knowledge and fools to shope their satings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working botogether in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

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Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr. Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

day volunteering – perhaps at a lood bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

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Key Dates for Spring Term 2024

Y3 - Y4 - Y5 - Y6 - Whole School -

Key Dates	E vents	Further Details	
08.01.24	Spring term starts for children	Normal School time 8:45-8:55an	
08.01.24	* After School Clubs Resume*	Contact office for further details	
12.01.24	Final Prospective Parent Tour for Y3 Admission September 2024	09:00-10:00 (booking via school office)	
15.01.24	Closing date Primary Admissions (Y3 & Reception) September 2024	Deadline 23:59	
18.01.24	Young Voices Concert – Y4/5/6 Choir members (regular)	The O2 Arena (ticketed event)	
22.01.24	Y5 Wonderdome Workshop	Turney Hall, morning	
24.01.24	5B Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 09:	
30.01.24	Y6 visit to Centre of the Cell	All day, off-site	
31.01.24	4GR Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 09:	
31.01.24	Dulwich Hamlet Art Exhibition	17:00-19:30	
01.02.24	Dulwich Hamlet Art Exhibition	08:30-09:00	
06.02.24	Safer Internet Day	Related activities throughout the wee	
		Facilitated by the Y6 Team	
07.02.2 4	Y6 Parent and Carer Café: focus on Y6 SATs	08:45-09:30 Burbage	
07.02.24	5N Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 09:	
08.02.24	Jiv Class Assembly	Please bring in your sweet treat donation	
	PTA Valentines Cake Sale	Village playground, 15:25	
09.02.24	Y6 Mexicolore Workshop	Turney Hall , morning	
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21.02.24	Height and Weight Checks for Y6	National Child Measurement Programm	
21.02.24	Parent & Carer Café: focus on Maths	National Child Measurement Programme	
		08:45-09:30 Burbage	
23.02.24	PTA Quiz Night	Turney Hall – details to follow	
26.02.24	Parent & Carer Café: focus on ABRSM Music Exams	08:45-09:30 Burbage	
27.02.24	Y6 visit to Jamyang London Buddhist Centre tbc	Part day, off-site	
28.02.24	4G Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 09:	
w/c 04.03.24	DHJS World Book Day Celebrations	Details in due course	
05/03/24	Parent & Carer Café: focus on SEND	08:45-09:30 Burbage	
05/03/24	Y4 Portals to the Past Anglo Saxons & Vikings Workshops	All day, on-site	
06.03.24	5A Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 09:	
08.03.24	PTA Mother's Day Cake Sale	Please bring in your sweet treat donation	
	1 1A Hodiel 3 Day Cake Sale	Village playground, 15:25	
13.03.24	4M Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 09:10	
15.03.2 4	DHJS does Red Nose Day	Details in due course	
18.03.24	Y6 Annual Reports Part I	Via email – English & Maths comments v	
16.03.24	To Allitual Reports Fail CT	next steps	
w/c 18.03.24	Y6 Parent & Carer Progress Meetings	Various times, online	
19.03.24	Open Classroom – all year groups	15:25-16:15	
20.03.24	Y3 visit to Buster Farm	All day, off-site	
20.03.24	Y4 Parent and Carer Taster Lunch	Details to follow	
21.03.24	Open Classroom – all year groups	08:25-08:45	
27.03.24	Y4 visit to Battle Abbey	All day, off-site	
	•	Via email – English & Maths comments v	
28.03.24	Y3/4/5 Annual Reports Part I	next steps	
28.03.24	DHIS Easter Egg Competition	Details to follow	
28.03.24	Last Day of Spring Term	Normal finish time, 15:25	
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15.04.24	Summer term starts NO INSET DAY	Normal start time 08:45-08:55	
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Further events may be added – we will inform parents and carers at the earliest possible opportunity.



Dulwich Hamlet Junior School

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2023-2024

Autumn term 2023

(STAFF INSET DAYS: Thursday 31 August and Friday 1 September)

Term starts: Monday 4th September 2023 - Friday 20 October 2023

Half Term: Monday 23 October 2023 - Friday 3 November 2023

Term starts: Monday 6 November 2023 – Thursday 21 December 2023

Spring term 2024

(STAFF INSET DAYS: Thursday 4 January and Friday 5 January)

Term starts: Monday 8 January 2024 - Friday 9 February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 - Friday 16 February 2024

Term starts: Monday 19 February 2024 - Thursday 28 March 2024

Summer term 2024

Term starts: Monday 15 April 2024 - Friday 24 May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 - Friday 31 May 2024

Term starts: Monday 3 June 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024

(STAFF INSET DAY: Monday | July)

Public Holidays

- Christmas Day Holiday to be taken on: Monday 25 December 2023
- Boxing Day Holiday to be taken on: Tuesday 26 December 2023
- New Year's Holiday to be taken on: Monday I January 2024
- Good Friday: Friday 29 March 2024
- Easter Monday: Monday | April 2024
- May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2024
- Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27 May 2024
- Summer Bank Holiday: Monday 26 August 2024

[WEEKLY MENU] Week 2

Week Commencing: Mon 8th Jan - Mon 29th Jan - Mon 26th Feb - Mon 18th Mar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Main Dish of the Day	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese (G)	Pepperoni Pizza (G, MK)	Roast Beef 4 Gravy	Mild Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice (CE, G*, MK)	Battered Fish 4 Chips (F, G).		
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Veggie Bolognese with Spaghetti (CE, G)	Veggie Supreme Pizza (G, MK)	Winter Vegetable Quiche & Nut Free Pesto (E, G, MK)	Vegetable & Lentil Dhal Rice (CE, G*)	Homemade Vegan Sausage Roll 4 Chips •• •• (G)		
Vegetable Choice	Garlic Bread ↓ Green Salad (G, MK)	Seasoned Potato Wedges 4 Sweetcorn	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Beans or Peas		
Dessert of the Day	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, G, SU)	Fruit Jelly	Classic Jam Sponge & Custard (E, G, MK, SO*)	Selection of Fruit Mousse (MK)	Chocolate Orange Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (E, G, MK, SO)		
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details						
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit						

Dulwich Hamlet Junior School Allergens:

CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MU = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds

* = May Contain

