

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We sing a fabulous song in assembly called 'Homework Blues', complete with rehearsed *attitude* and a few actions thrown in for good measure. It's great! Ask for a rendition at home... After hearing it in assembly, I was prompted to take a peek at the Y4-6 Google Classrooms list of 'hand-ins', and I was quite shocked at the lack of names on the lists. I have also been disappointed with the Doodle Maths completion rate. This week, I have also been out and about doing a Reading Record 'spot-check'.

Parents and Carers often ask how they can best support their child at home. We believe that our Homework Policy is simple, and workable for all family set-ups. We want our Hamleteers reading regularly at home, checking-in with their weekly spellings, completing Doodle and TTRS activities, as well as their weekly Google Classroom activity (currently not Y3). All of Y4 now have a weekly handwriting practice sheet, and our young musicians should also be practising a minimum of 3x per week.

We know that some of you would like more, and as such, every half-term term we provide the year group 'Our Learning Grids' with optional extra home learning activities, linked to the current units of work/topics that you can facilitate at home. Many of the opportunities are things that the whole family can enjoy and get involved with.

We will be speaking with the children about establishing good homework routines. I'm looking forward to seeing an improved 'return' on homework over the next few weeks!

## DOODLEVISION

Another slight improvement this week....



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

**First place** (12 points): **5TS & 6S** **70%**

**Second place** (11 points): **6W** **62%**

**Third place** (10 points): **3F** **59%**



Many congratulations. Keep on doodling everyone!

## KEY DATES

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

Y3 visit to the Horniman Museum

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

5TS class assembly – 9:10 Turney Hall, parents welcome

5G & 5P visit to the Charles Dickens Museum

5TS & 5P swimming (5P prior to visit)

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

Y4 swimming

## MOTHER'S DAY PORTRAIT COMPETITION

The Dulwich Trader, Ed and Tomlinsons have re-launched their annual Mother's Day Portrait competition and we've been invited to enter. We know we have many budding and talented artists among our children so we're hoping for lots of entries all depicting a special person. The portraits can be of a mother or special person in a child's life. There are no restrictions on medium other than, portraits should be no smaller than A3 and should be bold, bright and beautiful. The winners will have their work displayed in a shop window in or around Dulwich.

There are two categories: Reception to Y3 and Y4 to Y6. All entries must have the child's name, class and Dulwich Hamlet Junior School written clearly on the back. There will also be a competition code, to be advised soon. We will send out reminders as we get closer to the closing date but if you need something to do this weekend why not get started with some sketches. **All entries must be sent into school by March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
369	431	409	291

## THIS GIRL CAN!

You may well be aware of the National campaign, 'This Girl Can', celebrating women and girls in sport. Here at the Hamlet we celebrate girls in sport in many ways, one of which is through photos on a display. We are in the process of updating our fabulous 'This Girl Can' display. We're also relocating it to a new home in Turney Playground. The new display will be on the PE cupboard doors so everyone can see what talented sporting girls we have.

If we've already got a picture of your daughter it will go on the new display. If you'd like to send in an updated one we can change or have both. If you haven't yet sent one in we'd love to have one! The photo can be of any physical activity. Please note we will be laminating the picture so it waterproofs it for the display. Feel free to email your pictures to Nikki Thomson or the school office if that's easier. We look forward to seeing your girls in action!

## EARLY HELP SIGN-POSTING: OPEN HOUSE

### FREE WINTER CLOTHES

Come and choose what you need from our stock of clothing and shoes for men, women and children. All items are FREE.



**Where?**  
  
St Faith's Community Centre  
Red Post Hill, Dulwich  
London SE24 9JQ  
**Train** North Dulwich Station  
**Bus** 37 or P4

**When?**  
**Every Monday**  
from **10th January** to  
**28th February 2022**,  
**2-4pm.**

No clothes will be available outside of these times or on other days



[www.getridofit-donate.com](http://www.getridofit-donate.com)  
Telephone 07944 102 112

We have recently been made aware of 'Open House': an organisation based within our local community that is able to support families with free items of clothing, shoes, toys and books. All items are donated from the community, are clean and sanitised, with many donations being new or like new.

## PTA UPDATE

Happy New Year from the PTA. We're off and running!

- **Our first cake sale of the year is coming up on February 11th.** Year 5 volunteers needed, let your reps know if you can help set up and sell on the day. We'll be asking for donations of cakes & biscuits (baked or bought, extra points for valentine-themed!) - reminders will go out closer the time.
- **Quiz Night will be back this year**, either live in person (we hope) or virtual, depending on the COVID situation and our ability to find a venue that allows us to run it safely. Watch this space.
- **Marcus Linfoot is our new Treasurer;** huge thanks to Marcus for stepping forward. With the return of secretary Olga from a maternity break, that rounds off the committee. A few classes are still without a rep team; if this is your class, please consider raising your hands to share this role.
- Finally, lots planned in the months ahead so do make sure you're on your class and PTA mailing list so you get updates, ticket info etc. Email [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com) with your name and class(es) to be added.

### FREE PARENT SUPPORT FOR ONLINE SAFETY AND DIGITAL RESILIENCE

Parent Zone are continuing with fantastic webinars this term to support parents with keeping their child safe online. Sessions are open to all Southwark parents and carers.

#### Online Gaming: What you need to know

Thursday 27th January, 5pm-5:30pm

Explore the world of online gaming: the benefits, the risks, and when to log off.

#### Digital Wellbeing and Screen Time

Thursday 3rd February, 5pm-5:30pm

Managing screen time and helping your child's wellbeing.

#### Online risks, extremism and misinformation

Thursday 10th February, 5pm-5:30pm

"Digital resilience" parenting approach to keeping your child safer online.

#### Helping your child stay safer online

Thursday 24th February, 5pm-5:30pm

How you can help your child explore their online world safely.

#### Being Internet Brave

Thursday 3rd March, 5pm-5:30pm

Communicating with your child about online safety.

To sign up, visit:  
<https://www.pzlocal.org.uk/events>  
or scan the QR code



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## VIRTUAL CHESS CLUB

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We know the children are eager for lunchtime clubs to begin again, and we hope to be able to reintroduce these soon. However, in the meantime, we are able to provide 40 spaces in a virtual chess club in the form of a free subscription to Chess Kid. ChessKid.com is a chess training app for children. Have a look at their [website](#) and if you think your child might be interested, encourage them to look out for the sign-up sheets at school next week.

Thanks to Mark Thompson (Parent, Year 3, and leader of our Lunchtime Chess Club IRL) for organising this.



## SCHOOL/TRUST POLICIES

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Our half-termly reminder that 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](mailto:office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk)