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HEAD of SCHOOL'S NOTE

We've had a great end to the term. Our Y6 production of 'Cracked' at the end of last week, our sports morning on Monday and our Music Concert on Tuesday are just a few of the events that have brought us together as a community to celebrate everything that is the Hamlet. We talk about being a Hamleteer all the time; all of these opportunities and events certainly demonstrate the 'M' (Magic) and 'E' (Enjoyment) of learning that is so important to our vision. Thank you for coming and sharing these special moments with us, supporting your children.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our exceptionally dedicated, talented and inspirational staff. They are a joy to work with. They know your children so well and in whatever role, they continually seek to find exciting and innovative ways to engage our Hamleteers within their own learning journeys.

We wish Tom Turnham, Sylvia Brough, Kate Gorely, Alice Goldsmith, Sarah Hutchinson and Kwabena Owusu-Ansah all the very best as they move on to their new adventures. They are going to be missed by us all.

Thank you to our Local Governing Body who is a great friend and support to the school, while continually questioning and challenging us to be the best we possibly can.

I also want to say a very special thank you to Cathy Flanagan, Rachel Schofield and Alison Moon who have taken the lead with the PTA over the past few years in their roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that our PTA is proactive, providing some great social opportunities for you all as parents, while raising significant funds for the school to purchase resources such as the sound system and screen in Turney Hall, stock and resources for the library, contributing to the development of the garden at the front of the school, as well as the air gym in Village. They are going to be a hard act to follow!

And finally, thank you to all of you. We couldn't do what we do without your continued support, encouragement, kind words and positive engagement with the school. It is very much appreciated and genuinely makes a difference for us in our day to day work with your children. Best wishes to you all for a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing our returning Hamleteers in September, and we wish our Y6 cohort all the very best as they move to their respective secondary schools.

KEY DATES FOR THE START OF NEW TERM

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September
INSET days

Wednesday 6th September
Term begins. Normal 8:55am start

Wednesday 13th September
6:45pm Secondary Transfer meeting for Y6 parents, Turney Hall

Sunday 17th September
Selected Choir members perform at the Mayors Thames Festival at The Scoop, City Hall, 1pm.

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st September
'Meet the Teacher' sessions

Friday 29th September
8:00-9:30am Macmillan Coffee Morning
9:00am PTA AGM in Griffin Hall

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

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

- 3S Eve, Eden, James, Clover, Olivia, Grace, Alice, Matthew, Rufus, Edie, Matilda, Otilie, Camille & Lewis
- 3C Louie, Nancy, Maya, Rafer, Tallulah, Nieve, Adam & Nathaniel
- 3H Lois, Lorna, Harry, Felix, Lucy, Niamh, Agnes, Oliver, Runa, Astrid & Theo
- 4W George, Dorian, Rafferty, Emilia, Charlie, Amelia, Charlotte, Alfie B, Stanley & Thomas
- 4B Rachel, Bea, Sophie, Charlie, William, Tommy, Lilly, Enzo, Sylvia, John, Millicent, Tamiah, Connie, Noah, Theo, Kesh, Fejiro, Sam, Amy & Bela
- 4MG Alexander, Francesca, Finn, Jovita, Aidan, Sophia, Julien & Lottie
- 5LT Cameron, Tove, Alfie, Michael, Nina, Rocco, Alexei, Nola, Zachary, Henry & Hettie
- 5C Nina, Adam, Marta, Oscar, Gabrielle, Gabriel, Agatha, Elvy, Sasha, William & Fin
- 5DG Joshua, Nancy R, Poppy, Nancy H, Gracie, Jack, Ollie, Obed & Juanita
- 5VT Matilde, Eddie, Mary, Isaac, Fabien, Carys, Greta, Anna, Barry, Isabel, Iris, Amalia, Amelia, Sami, Luke, Jaime & Abraham
- 6T Bea, Daniel, Alex M, BB, Maddie, Daisy C, Joe, Kaitlyn, Jack L & Ayush
- 6G Roman, Ondra, Sylva, Chae, Lily, Max, Janey, Belle, Sam, Ruben, EB, Christian, Issac, Charlie C, Tomas & Elena
- 6I Lizzie, Eleanor, Priyal, Sky, Honor C, Austin, Anita, Zoe & Bradley

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2017/18

The speeches were prepared, the speeches were delivered. The votes were cast and counted! We are delighted to announce that our House Captains for 2017/18 are:

Sapphire Air: Isabel R 5VT & Isaac M 5DG

Ruby Fire: Alexei F 5LT & Kate K 5VT

Garnet Earth: Conor C 5VT & Sasha S 5C

Topaz Water: Gabby S 5C & Fin T 5C

We are confident that you are all going to do a tremendous job next year. Congratulations to you all, and indeed to everyone who participated in the election process. You took it seriously and all spoke with such passion and enthusiasm.

FINAL WORD FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016/17

Sapphire Air

Mimi: I have really enjoyed being a House Captain, especially meeting a lot of people and knowing who won each week before assembly. The whole experience of being a House Captain gave me lots of opportunities to try new things and I feel more confident to do so.

Marlowe: I really enjoyed being a House Captain because there are lots of wonderful opportunities such as *'Hamlet's Got Talent'*. I have also made lots of new friends; it has been amazing.

Ruby Fire

Orna: I have always been grateful to all the people who voted for me because when I became a House Captain I met loads of new people. I have grown in confidence. Thank you.

Joe: I have enjoyed being House Captain because of all the opportunities and I have improved in public speaking.

Garnet Earth

Lizzie: It has been so great being a House Captain and I have loved all the great opportunities we get to experience. I have made loads of new friends that I will always remember.

Ruben: Being a House Captain this year has been everything I expected and more. I loved having the responsibility over my shoulders, it was an honour and I am sad it is coming to an end. The project I have most enjoyed is *'Hamlet's Got Talent'*. I am happy to be handing over the role.

Topaz Water

Tabitha: I will always remember being a House Captain. It has been a great opportunity and I have become more confident to talk to people. It has been really fun too.

Harlan: I love being a House Captain as everyone would socialise with me and I'll miss that a lot.

AND THE WINNER IS...

A huge congratulations to Topaz Water for winning the Sports Day Cup, but..... **Garnet Earth** were the overall House Cup winners for 2016/17. Well done!

SECONDARY TRANSFER

From the information we have to date, our Y6 children will be moving to the following schools in September:

Alleyns	1
Bishop Thomas Grant	1
Grey Coats Hospital	2
Harris City Academy Crystal Palace	1
Harris East Dulwich	1
JAGs	2
Kingsdale	7
Platanos College	1
Royal Russell	1
St Dunstons	1
Sydenham High School for Girls	2
The Cedars	1
The Charter School East Dulwich	5
The Charter School North Dulwich	55
Elmgreen	1
Out of London (relocating)	2
Unknown	5

HOLIDAY ONLINE SAFETY

SnapChat, an app used regularly by many children and young people, has recently launched a new feature called SnapMaps that lets users track each other's movements in real time. This has raised safety concerns and fears of bullying and stalking. SnapMaps allows users to see the location of their contacts. This feature allows others to accurately pinpoint where users are.

Childnet International have posted on their website a thorough explanation of SnapMaps and how to ensure users stay safe.

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat>

During this holiday period, we encourage all of our parents and carers to 'know' your child's online activities, take time to remind your child about the principles of basic online safety, and to be mindful that many apps do have age regulations that you may wish to consider.

We reminded children in our final assembly today about keeping safe over the summer, both online and when they are out and about enjoying their summer activities and down-time.

HALF-TERMLY SPORTING ROUND-UP

This section includes the matches & fixtures that have taken place this term, but I thought I'd take the opportunity to mention a few facts & figures as well as say a few massive 'thank you's'.

This year 83% of our pupils have participated in at least one sporting event. We have taken part in 145 fixtures in a range of sports. We have taught 17 different sports either in PE lessons, after school, or in Enrichment: That's pretty amazing! I would personally like to thank all the staff and parents who have taught PE, led sessions, assisted in some way, stood on the side-lines in all weathers or given up early mornings to help & encourage our pupils. In particular I would like to thank Dan Mullings, Tom Turnham, Victoria Thompson, Sharon Campbell, Lucy Akrill, Tom Salomonson & Emma Chan who have run clubs all year & made such a difference to our pupils' attitude & attainment in sport.

We are proud of our sporting achievements & this year decided to nominate 4 pupils, a staff member & the Y6 netball team for a LPESSN award. The 3 girls in Y6 were nominated for their attitude towards sport, their peers, and their determination to succeed & to try everything with enthusiasm. 130 schools entered nominations and our girls were shortlisted. They didn't win an award but they are all winners in our eyes. Many congratulations to Elena, Amy & Hannah. We wish them continued success in sport at their secondary school.

The 4th pupil nomination did win an award – Max (Y5) won 'Primary Boy Athlete of the Year'. His excellent long distance running times combined with a positive attitude make him a winner all round. Many congratulations Max!



Our Y6 netballers have played at an outstanding level this year. They work incredibly hard and very well as a team. Their success in a number of tournaments has been commented on by other schools. They didn't win the award but they did win the LPESSN league & we do now possess the biggest trophy ever in our trophy cabinet. Well done girls & well done Lucy!

The staff member, as you might have guessed, is Dan Mullings. His outstanding commitment to sport at the Hamlet means our pupils get so many more opportunities than other schools, coaching on & off the pitch. Here are some of the reasons why we nominated him:

'Dan is nominated for this award because of his outstanding and continuous commitment to PE and sport at the Hamlet. It's fair to say that, without Dan, the majority of sport outside of lessons would not happen. Every lunch time, come rain or shine, Dan runs sport sessions for each year group. If the children ask for a team practice Dan organises it and gives them guidance and tips on skills, attack and defence. In the children's words, *'he makes the lunch times fair', 'everyone gets to play', 'he fixes it so we all get a turn on the ball'....'if someone's doing too much he changes the rules so we can join in'.*

Dan attends just about every sporting fixture. He took the mini bus test so that he could ferry children to and from venues. Dan speaks with the children before selecting a team and if they're picked every child knows when the event is, who they're playing and what they're going to do/ position to play. We asked the children what they thought of Dan and these are some of the comments. Although they make us smile, the children take them seriously: *'Mr Mullings checks we're eating fruit'. 'He makes us eat salad....to keep in shape'.* To encourage healthy eating Dan insists the children not only eat a proper lunch they have to have fruit or salad. It's a great 'carrot' (excuse the pun!) for children to be selected for a team. Non healthy eating = no selection.

To maintain continuity and keep up to speed with the children's talents, abilities or needs, Dan liaises with all our outside coaches and teachers. He is often asked, and always steps in, to referee or umpire a match regardless of his level of experience of the sport. He takes the time to read, learn and understand the rules of each of the sports we participate in so he can assist both the children and staff running the event if necessary. He organises the refreshments when we have a home match.

Dan doesn't teach PE but he often observes or joins in lessons. The children are always keen to show him what they're learning and enjoy having him around. If you ask the children to sum up what they think of Mr Mullings in a word or phrase, the most common responses are: fun, fair, awesome, kind, really knows sport, he's a good footballer, patient, really, really cool, he's SO good for all the sport we do.

We can't put into words or express just how much we value and appreciate Dan Mullings at the Hamlet. 'Every school needs a Dan'.

Nikki Thomson

Swimming gala

On the 27th April, Dulwich Hamlet took part in a wonderful swimming gala at JAGS sports club. Our team had a great attitude & we gave our races everything we had. Overall, we came 3rd place which was amazing. The opposing teams were all positive & swam very well. It was a wonderful experience & we all had a great time. **Greta 5VT**

I competed in a swimming gala competing against JAPs & Sydenham. Both teams swam very well & their attitude was positive. During & after every race, there was clapping & cheering from all the schools whether it was for their own team or not. It made you feel great even if you didn't win your race. The atmosphere was awesome & I think everybody enjoyed themselves. I'd like to thank Miss Thomson & Mr Mullings for their support & for taking us. I really loved going. **Natasha 6I**

Year 5 netball

On a lovely summer's day Dulwich Hamlet took on a very organised Streatham & Clapham team. Streatham & Clapham started the game off & had many chances to score in the first half of the game but failed to take advantage of their pressure. In the second half the Hamlet then managed to score a goal taking the lead against the run of play. Streatham then proved more dominant for the rest of the game & ended up scoring 5 unanswered goals. The Hamlet played well overall against tough, well drilled opposition. In particular Freya fought well, as did Vidhi, who was stretched constantly in defence. Encouraging signs for the next match. **Lyla 5DG**

Year 6 netball (DHJS v Heber)

The A team started & they were doing really well. Heber had a really good netballer who could throw balls at great lengths. We all celebrated as we had scored a goal. The game went smoothly; Heber did not manage to score any goals. We managed to get in another two goals before the end. All in all it was a successful game. Both teams played amazingly. After that, the B team faced Heber. We started off a bit shaky but as the game went on we gained back our spark. Later on in the game, Heber pushed through & scored a goal. Not long after we quickly caught up. We scored our first goal - I personally felt thrilled. The game got tougher as the defence rose in difficulty. It was a challenge but we got another goal in which gave us the win. It was great. We finished with a celebrational ice lolly which was needed in the heat! **Neo 6G**

Rounders match v Alleyns

On 26th June there was a rounders match with the Y5's & Y6's against Alleyn's School. Both years did stunningly amazing; there was also good sportsmanship from both teams. We all had fun participating & enjoying ourselves whether we won or lost. **Juanita 5DG**

LPESN netball league

Throughout May, June & July our Y6 netball team played in the London PE School Sports Network netball league. Their success took them all the way to the finals. Well done to Ella, Indie, Filippa, Lottie, Mimi, Connie, Hannah, Honor & Molly. Recently the A team entered a Southwark league there were 17 schools & we were the only team with just girls. We took a squad of 9 players. We enjoyed the quarter finals as we experienced different levels of teams. There were 8 minute halves & the final match score was 12-5 to us. We were really excited as we had won the match & that meant we would go to the semi-finals! The team we played against were taller than us so it made it easier for them to intercept, so we had to think about tactics. The semi-final match was very competitive. In the first half we were losing 2-1 but as a result in the second half we got ourselves together & we won 12-5. We played a number of schools in all types of weather. One match we had puddles, another was boiling hot. The final was a nail biting event & we were very happy to win. We got a huge trophy & a gold medal each.

Reports compiled by the year 6 A netball team.

Swim safety

The PE national curriculum requires that all children of a junior school age have access to swim safety lesson. Last week each of the Y5 classes had the opportunity to learn some vital skills:

The life-saving lessons have been fun and also challenging. It has been a hard experience because it is not easy to pull someone and swim at the same time. I would like to thank JAGS swimming pool and the instructors for this wonderful experience. **Mary 5VT**

Last week we went to JAGS pool to practise life-saving. We all brought a t-shirt in to swim in. We worked on different types of saving people. The first one was if you had any floatable object make the person grab it & pull them in. The second was if you were drowning to wave & make lots of noise so people could see & hear you. The third & final one was if you had to get in yourself. We learnt how to tow a person in 3 different ways: under their chin, across their chest & on your shoulders. **Frey 5LT**

On Wednesday 12th July 5C went down to the local swimming centre & learnt some fabulous techniques on how to save someone's life. This incredible course was fun for everyone & was interesting too! Not only did we have lots of fun learning in the pool we also did super helpful sessions in the classroom. ***Eve 5C***

On Thursday 13th July 5DG went down to JAGS leisure centre for life saving training. It included: making floats out of our t-shirts, treading water, learning swimming techniques that could save someone's life. There were 3 activities & they were all super fun!

It taught us a lot & we all came back just a little bit wiser! After the session our swim teachers came into the classroom & talked to us about beach safety, flags, signs & meanings. It was a superb experience & I loved every minute of it! ***Eveny 5DG***

Some of our sporting successes:

- LPESN Rugby Competition semi-finalists
- Streatham & Clapham Versatility Netball Champions
- London Youth Games individual bronze medals
- U8 Alleyns football winners
- U9 Alleyns football winners
- U11 Cornflower Competition winners
- Maurice Fulcher Cup (cricket) winners
- Netball League winners
- Dulwich Hamlet Cross Country Match winners

CRICKET SUCCESS

Dulwich Hamlet Junior School CC finished another fine season last Sunday with two wins out of three, although that was not quite enough to retain the title and many congratulations go to the convincing victors Goodrich. Congratulations to Mimi's Dad who finished as Player of The Season. If any parents are interested in joining a friendly but competitive league please contact Simon Gane simon@chalkkitchens.com

