

THE HAMLET HERALD



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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

What a final last week!

On Monday, we had our summer concert, which we had the privilege of hosting in the fantastic Vaughan Williams Auditorium at JAGS. Our ensembles always sound amazing, but they sounded even better there! A huge thanks to our music team, especially Sharon Campbell for providing our young musicians with this experience.

Our Y6 cohort then gave us a moving Leavers' Assembly on Wednesday afternoon, sharing their special memories of their time at DHJS. I think there were a few tears shed at this point!

Yesterday morning, it was such a joy to see our Y6's hand over the personalised books they had crafted to their Y2 DVIS partner – a well-embedded Hamlet/DVIS tradition. I've included a few pictures later on that captured this incredible session. The Y6 disco last night was as much about our outgoing parents coming together to celebrate, as it was for the children. Such a fantastic evening.

And today, we come to the end of an incredible school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our exceptional community for your continued support, and kind words of appreciation to the DHJS team. Your positive engagement, commitment, and encouragement make such a huge difference to us all in our day to day work with your children, making Dulwich Hamlet the exceptional school that it is.

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing our returning Hamleteers in September.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to our Assistant Headteacher, Tom Salomonson, who has been appointed as our Deputy Headteacher from September. Along with Mrs Purcell and Miss Thomson, he will continue to be an integral member of our Core Leadership Team, helping to shape and develop all of our school priorities.

KEY DATES

Thursday 31st August

Staff INSET day

Friday 1st September

Staff INSET day

Monday 4th September

Formal start to the new academic year 2023/24 for all pupils.

All children to arrive between 8:45-8:55am via Village or

Turney gates All children to depart at 3:25pm

Friday 21st July

Final day of term – last registration, 1:25pm

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2023-2024

The speeches were prepared; the speeches were delivered.

The votes were cast and counted. We are delighted to

announce that our House Captains for 2022/23 are:

Sapphire Air: Felix 5M and Isabella C 5N

Ruby Fire: Aaryan 5M and Sophia N 5TS

Garnet Earth: Nico 5M and Willow 5TS

Topaz Water: Fox 5N and Darcy 5N

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.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

A huge congratulations to **Garnet Earth** for winning the summer term house point trophy, and to **Ruby Fire** who are the overall House Cup winners for 2022/23

Well done to you all!



ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

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

- 3GR Lucy, Layla, Matthew, Zalie, Albina, Oli, Ralph, Jordan, Thea & Beatrice
- 3BF Malcolm, Carlotta, Harrison, Alex, Jacob, Theodora, Percy, Lochie, Louis & Hannah
- 3EF Zachary, Imany, Jovan, Tia-Rae, Harrison, Teo, Sami, Felix, Emma & Nico
- 4B Hugh, Rafe, Alfie, Aliona, Alaia, Veronika, Ikram, Zubair, Bernie, Bohan, Isla & Felix
- 4G Zoe, Imogen, Isabel, Georgia, Oran, Oliver, Olivia & Robhin
- 4S Layla, Ayush, Elias, Elsa, Lola, Hugo, George, Grace, Charlie & Oliver
- 5TS Martha, Clara, Sophia N, Mariam, Starr, Luca, Sam, Jax & Michael
- 5M Aaryan, Sagar, Milana, Lily, Leo, Rose, Elsie, Elisabeth & Elsa
- 5N Cillian, Freddie, Atlas, Stanley, Jean Paul, Oscar Ar, Eden, Alex & Leo
- 6H Harry, Elsie, Neve, Annaliese, Dylan, Ostyn, Rose, Joshua, Leire & Henry
- 6W Fleur, Summer, Juno, Thomas, Maxi, Zac, Max R, Millie, Leo, Sonny & Ronin
- 6O Jennifer, James, Laurie, Alice, Theo, Gus, Cydney & Molly

SEND NEWSLETTER

Please find attached to your HH email a copy of our summer term SEND newsletter from our SENDCo, Mrs Koder.

Along with lots of useful information, there is a piece specifically about transition that may be of interest to you over the break.

Our SEND Link Governor, Felicia Johnston has also provided you with some fantastic ideas for inclusive fun things to do this summer.

It's definitely worth a read!

TERM DATES/KEY DATES

You will find a copy of our term dates for 2023-24, along with our autumn term key dates list at the end of the Hamlet Herald.

By providing you with these key dates in advance, we hope you are able to plan family activities around these dates, ensuring that you avoid term time for holidays etc... We also hope that you will put some of as our DHJS community opportunities in the diary, ready for September.

There are a few 'to be confirmed'. We will provide you with updated versions at the beginning of the new term.

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: Leonardo 3EF, Arthur, Palma & Marnie 3GR
- Y4: Louis 4G
- Y5: Portia 5N
- Y6: Oli H 6H & Angus 6W

RESPECT

- Y3: Keir & Ayub 3BF
- Y4: Michelle 4B, Max 4G & Ted 4S
- Y5: Fox, Romilly & Niamah 5N
- Y6: Alice 6O & Charles 6W

INTEGRITY

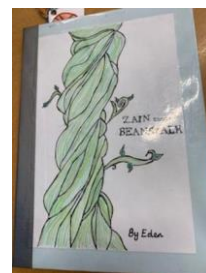
- Y3: Zosia 3GR
- Y4: Hugh, Aliona, Iman, Hadi 4B & Diriki 4S
- Y5: James 5M
- Y6: Jennifer 6W

INDEPENDENT

- Y3: Leon, Joshua, Fyn, Marcus 3EF, Eddie, Adam & Carlotta 3BF
- Y4: Frederick 4B, Iain 4G, Aiden, Keava & Ayush 4S
- Y5: Zai & Sammy 5TS
- Y6: Rafael, Wilbur, Henry 6H, Laurie, Jackson & George 6W

INDEPENDENCE

- Y3: Alex 3GR
- Y4: Beatrice 4B & Casper 4G
- Y5: Mark, Georgie, Caitlin 5M, Rocco, Vaughn 5TS, Coleman & Isabella 5N
- Y6: Arlo 6H, Eden, Luca, Charlie, Molly, Georges, Ivan, Thomas, Jasper & Benita 6O



FINAL WORD FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS 2022-2023

Topaz Water

Benita: This year I have really enjoyed being Topaz Water's house captain from 2022 to 2023. Being a house captain made me more mature and more involved with everything that's happened in the school. I'm really extremely happy that I got voted for a house captain in Y5. I honestly thought I wouldn't be able to make it but here I am right now writing this I can remember when I got told my role as a house captain I was so, so surprised and I thought it was too good to be true I would love to thank everyone in Topaz water for working so hard for all of the house points we have gotten over the last few terms. I appreciate all of my colleagues for all of the hard work they have done with me.

Tom: This year I have had the privilege of being a Topaz Water house captain. It has been a great experience and we've been lucky to do all the amazing things we've done. My favourite thing however has to be Hamlet's Got Talent as putting together the show was so fun. The funniest part about it was that because I was in charge of microphones I had to run out the building and around every time somebody had to switch. One funny story that I will always remember is when there was a football tournament that I was invited to but couldn't go to due to house captain duties and unfortunately I kept coming across them preparing. Overall I have had a fantastic year as a Topaz Water house captain and I wish all the future house captains good luck. I hope they have as much fun as I did.

Sapphire Air

Liberty: This year, I have been privileged enough to have been voted Sapphire house captain. This role has boosted my confidence and improved my leadership skills. I would like to thank Sapphire Air for supporting me in my new role. This year I have enjoyed so many things but, my favourite has to be Hamlet's Got Talent. I loved it so much because we had all worked so hard on it and it mainly ran smoothly. I hope that the next female Sapphire Air House Captain has as much fun as I have had and wish them the very best.

James: This year I have been privileged to be Sapphire Air house captain. Thank you for everyone who voted for me. A funny story I can remember was when Topaz Water was not doing so well. Benita told the truth so for honesty saying that she did not want to cheat, Mr Salomonson gave her 50 house points that gave them the win when Garnet should have won. To the future House captains of Sapphire Air, I hope you can achieve more than what I have for next year. I wish you the very best of luck.

Ruby Fire

Emilia: This role has been the most terrific thing and I have really enjoyed this brilliant year. I have had so much fun counting up the house points and reading them out to your excited faces, as well as all the other responsibilities as a house captain, so thank you so much for voting me in at the start despite me not being there on the day to deliver the speech. This year has been the best with you giving us the most amazing Hamlets Got Talent and us having the chance to help out with international evening. We always have strived for fun each week, often having little parties with the music we made (but we did get told off). I am glad that I have had a chance to be a role model to you (even if I am a bad one) and although we lost the latest term trophy I am delighted to lead us to the year's victory. I hope for the best of luck to our house for the years to come and wish the best to the next house captains having loads of fun like we did!

Dylan: This year I have really enjoyed being a house captain. It has been a great experience and I am super grateful for everyone who voted for me. A funny thing that happened was we didn't do the house points in time and we were sprinting around trying to deliver them. It was annoying in the moment but now I think back and laugh at the moment. Good luck to the next house captains. I hope you have a great time.

Garnet Earth

Astrid: I have really enjoyed being a Garnet Earth house captain this year. Thank you everyone who voted for me otherwise I never would have become a house captain. Being a house captain has given me a lot of confidence in speaking to a large number of people. One of the best memories I have of being a house captain was Hamlet's Got Talent as it was so funny to watch and be part of. I wish the best of luck for next year's house captains.

Zac K: This year I have been privileged to be Garnet Earth house captain. Being a house captain has been a lot of fun because of the things that we got to do outside of the classroom such as Hamlets got talent, house points, music in the playground and much more. I'm so thankful for the people that voted for me to be Garnet Earth house captain. Good luck to next year's House Captains.

HALF-TERMLY SPORTING ROUND-UP

We've had a few sporting fixtures during the summer term but not as many as we would have liked. Fingers crossed the new academic year will have less disruption and more decent weather and we can return to the normal DHJS representation in sport. Approximately three quarters of the school have been out and represented the school for something over the course of the year. I'm really pleased that swimming and cross-country matches are back and we can show off our talented swimmers and runners. Here's what our sports reporters have to say about their matches since April:

Rugby Report - Y4/Y5 Tag Rugby Tournament at The Cedars School, 11th May 2023

On the 11th May an intrepid squad of 12 excited Y4s climbed into the minibus to travel to the inaugural Y4/Y5 Tag Rugby Tournament at The Cedars School. We arrived on time and set-up our base before starting to warm up in preparation for our first game.

The Tournament included teams from St Thomas Becket, Oakfield, Oakwood, Sacred Heart Battersea & St Chad's School. However, the other schools were fielding mainly Y5 teams, which put us at a bit of a disadvantage, nevertheless our squad was keen and ready for the challenge.

Our first game was against Oakwood and we managed a credible 3-3 draw against a well-coached team of giants. We then played a succession of other games against the rest of the teams in the tournament, with varying levels of success in terms of the score. The objective of the day was to support our student's personal development through rugby. England Rugby promotes five Core Values: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship. These values not only apply to the game of rugby, but also to everyday life. What was really clear about the day was that our squad, increased in confidence, developed their game skills, started to work more effectively as a team, improved their communication and decision making and most importantly had a great time!

A couple of mentions, even though I don't usually focus on individual players: Bernie & Ibrahim developed their understanding of the game and showed that, if given the ball in space, they can score using their evasion and speed at will. Emilia, as she does at after school rugby club, proved that she is a focussed, intelligent decision maker and that her decisions are backed up by her high skill levels. There was also some great leadership from our joint captains on the day Frederick & Henry.

The tournament organiser (Sam Tiffin - Head of Rugby) congratulated our team given that we were the only squad

made up exclusively of Y4s. It is a credit to our Hamleteers that they met the challenge head on and that their heads never went down. In truth, they had a great time, which was topped off by an incredible lunch provided by our hosts.

As the rugby coach at Dulwich Hamlet, I am immensely proud of them all as well as the other rugby players at the school, who amaze me whenever we work together! I just love watching them play!

Squad: Fredrick, Henry, Aidan, Hugh, Rafe, Lauren, Emilia, Wolfie, Ivan, Freddie, Bernie & Ibrahim.

Spike Kenny, Rugby Coach



The Charter Schools Trust Dance Festival

This has now become an annual event. This year we travelled to Lyndhurst School where we all shared in a celebration of dance.

The Dance Festival was a friendly dance show where four schools came together to perform one or two dances. Our dance was inspired by 'Shu Shu' fabric and we all wore blue because originally 'Shu Shu' fabric was blue. We had lots of fun and loved showing our dance to the rest of the schools.

Hughie and Mariam 5TS



Year 4 cricket. Platform London Cricket Tournament

Y4 were lucky enough to attend the platform London cricket tournament. I think Aidan was really good because he apologized when he got out and was really good sportsmanship. I also think Grace and Florence were good because they learnt something and put it into a game. And it was fun and pressuring. In the end amazingly, we got to the final and tied against Judith Kerr with 232 runs and both teams got gold and got into the next tournament.

Bernie 4B



Girls United Football Tournament

Our Y5 and Y6 girls were invited to play in a tournament on Griffin Field, a girls' 'World Cup'! The aim of the event was to focus on community building and inspiration. We did exceptionally well, coming second overall. The girls were very pleased with their medals.



The Charter Schools Trust Cross Country Meet

After a few scuppered attempts at getting everyone together we were finally able to hold the first, of hopefully many, cross country meets on Griffin Field last Friday.

I won Gold! I couldn't believe it! Last time I did a long race was at sports day. I felt that same feeling, my throat went dry and my legs felt like jelly. The day was cold and rainy, I was really nervous. I knew I was a fast runner, but I was worried I may not be able to make it all the way round. I stayed focused and won gold for Dulwich Hamlet Y3 girls.

Serena 3BF

Dulwich Hamlet v Rosendale (Y4 cricket)

It's always great when other schools reach out and offer to play a 'friendly'. We were contacted by Rosendale who have experienced similar issues with regard to fixtures to see if we fancied a friendly game of Kwik Cricket. Twenty of our Y4 boys went out and played. We were beaten in both matches but not by much; most importantly a good time was had by all.

Well done to all our players and thank you to our sports journalists who earned two house points each for their respective house.

Sports morning

We took a bit of a chance this year and moved our whole school sports morning to an earlier date in the year. The weather was great and the children performed well. The combination of track and fun field events meant everyone could achieve in some way. I'm incredibly proud of the children who took part in the track events including the long distance. Technique stamina and style were evident in all. Just for your diaries, we think May or June will now be our preferred time for this event (7th June 2024 tbc)

Swimming

Another of my favourites this year was the Y4&5 fun swim gala. It was absolutely brilliant to see every child having the opportunity to swim 25m in some way. Our swimming this year has been incredible. Schools are required to get all children swimming 25m by the end of Y6. We've almost achieved this! We also have to provide swim safety lessons. The children not only had great fun swimming in a t-shirt and shorts without goggles, but learnt lots about being around water and what to do or what not to do!

Swimming should be resuming in September for Y5; we will confirm the days and times as soon as we know.

Thank you...

I want to thank our Y6 Sport Mentors. They have been positive role models for our school community this year. They have organised lunchtime tournaments and helped out at many fixtures; and not complained once! You are all true sports stars and the PE team would like to say thank you and wish you all the very best in the next stage of your school career and sporting journey. (Olivia, Juno, Liv, Willow, Angus, Isaac, Laurie and Ben.)

My thanks too to the staff who run before and after school sport clubs for our children. Sport makes such a massive difference to our lives both mentally and physically and to have so many opportunities is just brilliant.

Last but by no means least, a big thank you to the dedicated PE team who brave the elements whatever the weather and organise fixtures for all the children. Thank you, Dan, Spike, Alison and Tom.

This summer why not get involved in a new sport or revive one of the ones you used to do. If your child is one of just a few who just can't quite swim 25m go along to your local pool and keep trying. You'll feel great when you achieve 25m – next stop 50m! We're hoping to work closely with the velodrome next year; if you enjoy cycling why not give that a go. If you enjoy football find out about our local clubs. If you want to give rugby a go use the link to find out more.



P.E. days for next year:

Monday – Year 6

Tuesday – Year 4

Wednesday – Year 3

Thursday – Year 5

PE starts w/c 4th September. The children can come into school wearing PE kit.

Dance starts for Y6 on Friday 8th September, please wear PE kit.

Wishing you all a lovely summer,

Nikki Thomson (Assistant Headteacher & P.E. Subject Lead)

A huge congratulations to Garnet Earth for winning the summer term inter-house sports tournament.

Champions!!!



Key Dates for Autumn Term 2023

Y3 -
 Y4 -
 Y5 -
 Y6 -
 Whole Sch -

Key Dates	Events	Further Details
04.09.23	Autumn term starts	Arrive between 8.45-8.55
11.09.23	*After School Clubs Begin*	15.25-16.30
13.09.23	Y6 Curriculum and Secondary Transfer Meeting	Online meet, 6pm (will be recorded)
18.09.23	Year Group Autumn Term Curriculum Presentations	Sent via email
18.09.23	3KS Meet the Teacher meetings	During the core day
19.09.23	3EF Meet the Teacher meetings	During the core day
21.09.23	3RS Meet the Teacher meetings	During the core day
27.09.23	3KS Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09.30
27.09.23 (tbc)	PTA AGM – please come along and get involved!	Turney Hall 19:00-20:00
28.09.23	Y3 visit to Horton Kirby	09.00-ETA 16.00
28.09.23	Y4 Freshwater Theatre Company <i>The Quest for Volcanoes and Earthquakes</i>	Village Hall
28.09.23	Y6 Taster Lunch – carried over from summer term	12:00-13:00
29.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Morning – come & support this incredible charity	Village Playground 08.00-09.00
04.10.23	3EF Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09.30
11.10.23	3RS Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09.30
11.10.23	6TS Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
13.10.23	New Parent Tour	09:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
16.11.23	5B Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
17.11.23	5N Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Afternoon visit
18.11.23	5A Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Afternoon visit
18.10.23	6W Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
19.10.23	Y4 <i>Animal Classification</i> workshops at The Horniman Museum	Half day visit
20.10.23	Hamlet's Got Talent!	pm. Turney Hall
23.10.23 HALF TERM HOLIDAYS 03.11.23		
tbc	Parent Cafe: New Parents to DHJS this year, not via DVIS	Burbage – 9.00-10.00
10.11.23	New Parent Tour	09.00-10.00 (booking via school office)
10.11.23	DHJS Marks Remembrance	Turney playground
15.11.23	6O Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
17.11.23	Flu immunisations – whole school	School nursing team – throughout the day
tbc	Open Classroom – come and see your children's work!	15.25-16.30
tbc	Open Classroom – come and see your children's work!	08.25-08.45
tbc	Parent and Carer meets with class teachers	Various times via Google Meet
24.11.23	New Parent Tour	09:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
25.11.23 (tbc)	PTA Christmas Fair	12.30-15.00
29.11.23	2 x Y5 class visit to The Ragged School	All day visit
05.12.23	Whole School Christmas Celebration at St. Barnabas Church	X2 Performances – 10.00 & 14.00
08.12.23	1 x Y5 class visit to The Ragged School	All day visit
15.12.23 (tbc)	PTA Christmas Cake Sale	15.25 Village playground
tbc	Christmas Concert at JAGs – all ensembles performing	19.00-20.30
tbc	Christmas lunch	All year groups
tbc	Panto	Time tbc
tbc	Y4 & Y5 Christmas Parties	13.30-15.15
tbc	Y3 & Y6 Christmas Parties	13.30-15.15
21.12.23	Last day of term	13.25 last registration



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

Term starts: Thursday 4 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

INSET Days: 1 Date TBC

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

INSET Days: 1 Date TBC

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 1 January 2024
- **Good Friday:** Friday 29 March 2024
- **Easter Monday:** Monday 1 April 2024
- **May Day Bank Holiday:** Monday 6 May 2024
- **Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 27 May 2024
- **Summer Bank Holiday:** Monday 26 August 2024