

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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### HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As we enter the final two weeks of this spring term, I'm sure many of you will be turning your thoughts towards family activities, some fun days out, and maybe a short break away. Can I take this opportunity to stress the importance of not withdrawing your child from school for such events. Children should only be absent from school due to illness, or exceptional circumstances, authorised by myself. It may be tempting to think that a day or two doesn't matter, but it really does! The start of the summer term is **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**, directly following Easter Monday. It is **NOT an INSET day**. The children will be getting stuck into their learning immediately upon their return from the Easter break with new topics all round, a school journey for Y5 to prepare for, and Y6 SATs literally a couple of weeks away. Please ensure your child starts the new term along with the rest of their class. This will certainly support them in feeling settled and having a sense of belonging, knowing what is going on and not missing out on those important early lessons where new concepts and ideas are introduced.

### ONLINE SAFETY – FREE PUBLICATION

Following our Online Safety Curriculum Evening last month, the latest issue of Digital Parenting Magazine is finally here. This free magazine which is published by Parent Zone, provides practical advice for parents on helping children to safely explore the online world. We have copies available from the office on a first come, first served basis (one per family).



If you haven't already, we would recommend that you visit the Parent Zone website: <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

It offers a wealth of resources available to families, providing a dedicated area for parents and carers, giving advice and support in order to meet the challenges of the digital age.

### KEY DATES

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

5A class assembly, parents & carers welcome, 9:05am  
11:15am Author visit with Andy Griffiths for Y3 & Y4

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Class photos  
Lower school SEN Reading Focus Parent & Carer Café (by invitation) 8:45-9:30am Burbage

Please book your place via the office: [office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk)

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Y6 LAMDA exams  
Y5 Anti-Hate Crime workshops from 'Just Enough'  
PTA Easter cake sale 3:25pm Village playground  
Please bring your goodies to the office in the morning – thank you in advance

### ENRICHMENT 2019

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have volunteered to run or assist with our Enrichment Programme this year. Nikki Thomson will be in touch after the Easter holiday with all the relevant information.

### COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY

A massive thank you for all your support with our fund raising last week. Please send in any sponsor money or funds raised at home as soon as possible. Our current total is a stunning £1506.12!



### WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
84	65	65	45

## BLACKHEATH MUSIC FESTIVAL OF SONG

On Thursday 14th March, our choir joined schools from around South London for Blackheath Prep's Celebration of Singing. Each school performed two or three pieces and we also sang together. Nigel Groome, Director of Music at St Matthews' Westminster, gave all of the groups feedback on their individual performances. It was really interesting to see such a range of music being sung by children of similar age.

"It was really fun. I liked getting up on stage and performing!" Arthur, 4H  
"I liked that we got feedback on our singing. He said we really captured the humour of our piece." Nancy 5A



## DHJS EASTER EGG COMPETITION

We launched our own Easter Egg competition this week; a much loved tradition of the Hamlet. Please find attached the rules for this year's event. The eggs will be judged on Friday 5th April at 9am and parents and carers will be invited to come and see the entries at the end of the day.

### EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

We invite all pupils to enter this fun competition.  
Bring your entry into school on  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
Please follow these instructions carefully.



**Entries should be:**  
**ONE** decorated egg, in a container no larger than 30cm x 30cm  
Attractive or witty  
Hard boiled or blown eggs  
Entered by **pupil** only, not parents or older siblings  
Labelled with pupil's name, class and house.

**Display:**  
Please take entries directly to Turney Hall for display by 9:00  
Adult viewing 3.25-3.45  
Class viewing 10:00 – 12:00

**Judged:**  
Judged after 9:00  
2 house points for each entry  
1<sup>st</sup> place 12 house points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 house points & 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 house points  
Winners announced in afternoon assembly  
Entries to be collected at the end of the school day and taken home

**Easter prizes to be won!**

## WORLD BOOK DAY STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to our winners of the World Book Day story writing competition: Lara (5P), Theo (5A), Niamh (5P), Reuben (4G), Amelia (3C) and Vy vy (4H). Their prize was to visit Village Books this morning to choose a brand new book to enjoy. Please follow this link to the news section of the website to see their imaginative tales.

<http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/news.html>

An enormous thank you to everyone who submitted a story, I was truly overwhelmed by the amount and quality of the entries, it made choosing the winners a difficult task! Everyone who entered received a certificate in assembly this afternoon. Some stories are featured on the display in the library but as there were so many wonderful entries, they will all be included in a book for everyone to enjoy whilst in the library. *Miss Arkwright, Literacy Leader*



## BIRTHDAY SWEETS AND CAKES

A lot of us really enjoy a slice of birthday cake or a chocolate or two to mark an occasion; it's always a delight in our staffroom! Unfortunately, we can't extend the invitation to share such treats in the classroom. For many reasons, not least of all allergies and dietary requirements, we politely request that no cakes or sweets are brought into school for birthdays. For these occasions please save the cakes and sweets for outside school. When we provide food in school for occasion days, we are mindful of all the needs of our pupils and cater accordingly; we cannot accept any responsibility for any food products consumed when they're brought in from outside. Thank you for your understanding.

**STOP PRESS:** Molly Case, specialist cardiac nurse, and daughter of our Executive Head, publishes her first book from Penguin Viking, which documents vivid stories about patient experiences combined with memoir and medical history.

Molly received national recognition after her Nursing the Nation poem performed at the Royal College of Nursing, went viral, is a published poet and, following her time spent at Kings College Hospital, now works within the St Georges team, supporting those families with genetic heart conditions, including sudden cardiac death in the young.

The book will be available from April 18th and can be pre-ordered on Amazon -search for 'How to Treat People'.