

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Welcome to our bumper edition of the HH which will take us in to the October half-term break.

It has been so lovely engaging in 'normal' activities this week that have been missing due to the pandemic. 6N kick-started our class assemblies for the year, creatively taking us through their Macbeth (Literacy) and World War II learning. It was great to see so many of you engaging in deep conversation, pouring over your child's work at our Open Classroom sessions. For those of you that attended our 'Zones of Regulation' webinar, I think you will agree that it was informative and packed with practical ideas to take away and try in your own settings. Thank you to our Speech and Language Therapist, Bidy Kulkarni-Prendergast, for sharing her tricks of the trade and expertise. Next term will be equally busy, so let's all enjoy some downtime next week!

DOODLEVISION!



It is with great excitement that we can announce the final half-term scores (the country in the brackets refers to the country that ranked those positions in 2021's Eurovision song contest – in case you are wondering...!)

DOODLE VISION AUTUMN 1 2021

6W - 47 points (Italy)

3H - 43 points (France)

3GR - 31 points (Switzerland)

5G - 24 points (Iceland)

6S and 6N - 11 points (Ukraine)

4S and 4B - 9 points (Finland)

6W can look forward to their reward (tbc) after the break.

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

First place (11 points): **3GR** **67%**

First place (11 points): **6S** **67%**

Third place (24 points): **3H** **66%**

(extra points awarded for the most improved class)



Many congratulations. We are very proud of you all!

KEY DATES

Monday 1st November

Return to school for Autumn 2. THERE IS NO INSET DAY

Wednesday 3rd November

Y5 at Bright Sparks Concert - Royal Festival Hall

Friday 5th November

PTA Uniform Shop 9-10am

PTA 'Bake-Off' and after-school Bake Sale

PLEASE SEE OUR UPDATED KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2 FURTHER ON IN THE HH

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Please do not forget that Sunday 31st October is the absolute deadline for submitting your secondary transfer application online. If you haven't done so already, please take the half-term break to complete this important job. Any applications received after the deadline are treated as late applications: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

Y6 parents and carers: for guidance and support with this process, please refer to our '[Moving on Up...Quick Guide](#)' notes which are available on our website.

PARENT PAY

We kindly ask that you review your Parent Pay account over the half-term break, and clear any outstanding payments you may have for B&ASC, music lessons, after school activities or Voluntary Contribution. Thank you in advance.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
73	103	79	87

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

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

- 3H Iain, Alfie, Hypatia, Allegra, Eva, Iman, Wolfie, Lauren, Hatice, Max, Emilia, Imogen, Ivan & Theodora
- 3F Freddy, Molly, Michelle, Alfie, Aliona, Theo, Dylan, Rafe, Clio, Sol, Florence & Leila
- 3GR Tommy, Diriki, Elsa, Sophia, Grace, Florence, Dunya, Fred, Ibrahim, Elias, Antonia, Keava, Clara & Bart
- 4B Aaryan, Owura, Oscar, Milana, Max, Magnus, Eden, Freddie, Camilo, James, Dilan, Ale, Shanique & Ivy
- 4O Lucia, Astor, Molly, Bella, Alyssa, Willow, Felix, Charys, Kenzo, Vaughn, James, Max, Jax, Ronnie & Rocco
- 4S Sophia, Zidan, Sofia, Hugh, Mariam, Ben, Leo, Atlas, Rose, Michael, Oscar & Mark
- 5P Beatrix, Olivia, Oliver, Annaliese, Rose, Dylan, Edward, Ostyn, Ruari, Claudia, Arlo & Lucia
- 5TS Etienne, Niamh, Sienna, James, Amalia, Theo, Gus, Cydney, Saul, Ivan, Emily, Tom S, Oliver & Alice
- 5G Summer, Isaac, Millie, Rex, Benedict, Juno, Leo, Charles, Fleur, Rire & Liberty
- 6S Nahla, Rose, Sidney, Rosita, Valentina, Mona, Amelia, Lucy, Ansh, Ayoub, Sarah, Max, Friedrich, Deklan
- 6N Leo, Joe, Alex, Chloe, Rudi, Harley, Scarlett, Ella & Ace
- 6W Bea, Aoife, Daniel, Fleur, Vedaant, Maggie, George, Frieda, Betty, Stella, Nathan & Shakiel

OUR LEARNING GRIDS

Please check the book bag today for your Autumn 2 'Our Learning Grid', which has also been emailed to you for ease with the links. For reference: we also place these on the website under the Our School → Curriculum → Our Learning pathway.

READATHON!

Cast your minds back to March 2019 and the celebrations around book week. It feels like a lifetime ago, but the children were really enthusiastic about raising money for the Readathon. Children were sponsored for the number of pages they read, and they really put their all into collecting their sponsorship. Thank you so much for helping the children in the current Year 5 & 6 (and 7 & 8...) for raising £373.50! This money has gone to buying books for children to read in hospitals around the UK.

Fast forward two years and we have received our certificate, along with £10 of book vouchers, which we have spent stocking the new Village library, and a £75 voucher for Scholastic books, which we shall spend on books for the curriculum across the school. A very delayed 'thank you' for your support!

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: Joshua H, Isabel 3H, Ayush, Anton, Charlie 3GR & Leon 3F
- Y4: Jamie, Kaden, Stanley, Hannah 4B, Hanya, Sienna, Niamah 4O, Mia, Clara & Romilly 4S
- Y5: Lille, Liv 5TS, Zachary 5G, Elsie & Amelie 5P
- Y6: Zaynab 6W, Maggie 6N & Bea 6S

RESPECT

- Y3: Henry, Zora 3H, Isla, Freddie 3F, Felix & Jasmine 3GR
- Y4: Elisabeth 4O, Georgie & Leo 4S
- Y5: Molly, Frances 5TS, Sonny & Jackson 5G
- Y6: Cian, Michael 6W, Dax, Kiefer 6N & Amelia 6S

INTEGRITY

- Y3: Zoe 3H & Anna Mara 3F
- Y4: Florence 4B & Scarlett 4O
- Y5: Tom W 5TS, Summer, Finlay 5G, Harry & Wilbur 5P
- Y6: Manny 6W, Olive, Farah 6N, Nahla & Sarah 6S

ENJOYMENT

- Y3: Josh H, Aiden 3H, Alaia, Louis 3F, Hugo & Thea 3GR
- Y4: Darcy, Caitlin 4B, Lucia, Molly 4O & Charlotte 4S
- Y5: Jenny, Luca 5TS, Angus, Emilia 5G, Albert, Farah & Joshua 5P
- Y6: Thomas, LilyRose, Oscar 6W, Georgia 6N, Valentina, Ella & Felix 6S

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

This booklet: 'Protecting children in education settings' explains the schools' duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Hard copies are available in our front office.



Click on the booklet to view.

Protecting children in education settings



Key Dates for Autumn Term 2 2021

Y3 -
 Y4 -
 Y5 -
 Y6 -
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Key Dates	Events	Further Details
	25.10.21 HALF TERM HOLIDAYS 29.10.21	
03.11.21	Y5 Bright Sparks Concert: London Philharmonic Orchestra	Royal Festival Hall
05.11.21	PTA 'Bake-Off'!	
08.11.21	3H Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
09.11.21	3GR Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
10.11.21	3F Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
10.11.21	5P Class Assembly (Parents & Carers invited)	Turney Hall 9.10-9.25
11.11.21	*DATE CHANGE * Parent Cafe: New Parents to DHJS this year, not via DVIS	Burbage – 9.00-10.00
12.11.21	New Parent Tour	9.00-10.00 (booking via school office)
16.11.21	Y3 Parent and Carer Taster Lunch	12:00-13:00
17.11.21	Re-scheduled 6S Class Assembly (Parents & Carers invited)	Turney Hall 9.10-9.25
19.11.21	Open Education Anti-Bullying Show and Workshops	All day
24.11.21	6W Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 9.10-9.25
25.11.21	Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening: Writing focus	Turney Hall 18:30-19:30
26.11.21	New Parent Tour	9:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
26.11.21	Y3 Visit to the Southbank	
27.11.21	PTA Christmas Fair	12.30-15.00
w/c 29.11.21	Parents Evening	Various times via Google Meet
07.12.19	Whole School Christmas Celebration at St. Barnabas Church	X2 Performances – 10.00 & 14.00
08.12.21	Christmas Panto	Turney Hall pm
10.12.21	Bassistry Arts Music Workshops for Y5/6 & Celebration Assembly	All day
10.12.21	PTA Christmas Cake Sale	Village playground 15:25 (Y6 to lead)
14.12.21	Christmas Lunch	12.00-14.00
15.12.21	Y3 & Y6 Christmas Parties	13.30-15.15
16.12.21	Y4 & Y5 Christmas Parties	13.30-15.15
16.12.21	Music Concert	19.00-20.30 at JAGs
17.12.21	Last day of term	13.25 last registration

PTA NEWS/UPDATE

Christmas Fair: Heading into half term, could everyone please think about what could be donated for our Christmas Fair - 27th November! Bric-a-brac, Jingle jars (empty jars or sweet filled), bottle tombola – drop-off area will be outside the office, under the shed, on our return from half-term from 2nd November. Also, we will need volunteers - from the decorating/creative side, to set-up/clean up, and helping with stalls on the day. Class reps will be seeking some helpers, so please get involved if you can, we really appreciate it!

Halloween Fun Run: A reminder that the fun run in Dulwich Park is on Sunday 31st October, 1:30pm-3pm. Tickets are still available via Ticket Tailor. If anyone is free to also help on the day, please let the PTA know. Look forward to seeing you there!

<https://buytickets.at/dulwichhamletjuniorschoolpta/588039>

Bake Off 2021 (and Bake Sale after school too!): The Hamlet famous cake 'Bake Off' competition is nearly here! Please get baking and bring your homemade creations to school morning drop off on the 5th November. Please mark if you are happy for your creations to be sold at the Bake Sale after school on the 5th, or alternatively/as well as (!) drop-in donations via the office for the sale separately.



STEAM

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

We were so impressed, as always, with the fantastic curiosity and creativity demonstrated in response to this half term's STEAM Question: *What would happen if we could control the weather?*

This question is incredibly topical in the lead up to COP26, and we expected the children to naturally share ideas linked to our changing environment, global warming and how we could use this superpower for the better!

There were many terrific entries and their effort and engagement is

commendable. A big congratulations goes to our winner for this half term: Albert (5P). We have had many sculptures and art pieces in the past, but this was the first time we received a carefully engineered Lego structure with motors! Albert's 'Creed Climate Control Machine' (CCCM or 3CM) uses a motor to change the weather according to what the environment needs the most. For example, you could water your garden whenever needed just by turning on the device! Well done, Albert, on a fantastic piece of engineering and imagination!



ECO-COUNCIL AT 'SPEAK UP FOR THE CLIMATE' EVENT OCTOBER 2021



On Saturday 9th October, our Eco Council shared their ideas, opinions and demands to make London Carbon Zero by 2030. The event, Speak Up for the Climate, was attended by members of the local community and key figures involved in campaigning to stop climate change from the Dulwich and West Norwood Climate Coalition. The children shared speeches with the audience, which included lead councillors and cabinet members of Southwark and Lambeth council. They then posed important and challenging questions to the experts demanding change to reduce the air pollution levels affecting children in London each day. The children spoke with such passion, knowledge and determination about a topic that will impact their future if change doesn't happen now.

Miss Harris was incredibly proud of their speeches, which caused 'whoops' and 'cheers' from the audience. Hearing the children's explanations and anecdotes about how their lives are already impacted by climate change, and the understandable anger yet clear motivation they have to educate others and demand policy-level change was commendable. They have already personally engaged in shaping a low carbon London, and we can't wait to see what they do in the future!



Read below for an example speech that Willow (40) read to the audience:

Hello. My name is Willow and these are my friends. I go to Dulwich Hamlet Junior School [DHJS for short]. Here at DHJS, we try our best to stay eco-friendly and that is why we are up here today. We were lucky enough to be chosen for the Eco-Council, because we want to make a change. But let's stop blabbering and get to the point.

The U.K is the first major nation to make a pledge to cut carbon emissions to basically zero by just over 30 years. As well as clearing devastating fumes, the scheme- according to some experts on climate change-will also have surprising but great effects for the whole population as one.

BECOMING CARBON ZERO

There are already non-carbon alternatives we can turn to, including solar and wind power. If we plant more trees, they will absorb the harmful gasses in the air, making the carbon zero expectation easier to reach. Experts say that even if 25% of the land was planted with trees, it still wouldn't be enough!

Even if we plant more trees we still wouldn't have reached carbon zero, because we still wouldn't have stopped cars, trains, buses and taxis driving about. The Eco-Council had a few ideas. Here they are:

- *No.1 We could up the prices in petrol cars, and down the prices in electric cars*
- *No.2 If we do the one above, we could put more refills for electric cars everywhere*
- *No.3 We could make sure the whole population knows about Quiet Ways [cause I only learnt about them on Monday, and I've lived in London my whole life!]*
- *No.4 Bicycle and scooter prices could go down [a lot] so more people have that alternative if they can't drive or get the train, bus or taxi*
- *No.5 We could put air filters inside places like schools, nurseries, places of work and leisure centres, but mostly just around busy cities*
- *No.6 For drop-off and pick-up [and only at drop-off and pick-up] we could close the roads around schools*

If we don't do anything about this soon, there will be devastating consequences. Like people say, "There's no PLANET B!"

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not"

The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss

HALF-TERMLY SPORT ROUND-UP

I'm thrilled that we can bring this sporting page back to life once more. We've certainly made a good start with our fixtures and sporting events; to date almost half the school, 180 pupils, have represented the school for football, hockey or running.

It is unfortunate that due to poor weather conditions we were unable to hold our Trust cross country event. This has now been postponed until the spring term.

It is our intention to invite every child in the school to play or run at least once for a school team. There are some fixtures and matches which require a commitment to the school e.g. cross country running. Often for these events we can only select a small number of runners. When we have a home match we can always increase that number. The children who turn up regularly for clubs and show enthusiasm for matches will often be considered for selection first.

We have some rather smart kit for our players and they look great when they're able to wear it with pride when playing or running. There are some occasions when the children will end up wearing the kit home. If that's the case, please wash and return the kit asap. Unfortunately, over the past few years we've lost several pieces, especially socks! This now means that some matches need to be played in school PE kit.

Here's what our sports reporters have to say about their matches:

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y4 boys football tournament)

Y4 played a football match against a very good Alleyn's team. We scored a goal in the second half, but it wasn't enough to win the game. We lost 5-1, but we all really enjoyed playing against Alleyn's. **Ron 40**

My name is Oscar and I am in 4B. On Wednesday September 22nd I played in a football match against Alleyn's. After school we walked to the Alleyn's football field. Our team was leading 2-1 but in the last moments of the match Alleyn's equalised. We gave it our all, especially our goal keeper. He made some dramatic saves. I loved going! **Oscar 4B**

This match was an absolute delight. We played against Alleyn's. After school we got into our football kit put our football boots on and our long socks and we walked over to the school. The weather was quite sunny and warm. The pitch size was decent it wasn't too big or too small, it was just about right. We had about 10 / 11 people in our group and I started off as a defender. When we started the match, I was a bit worried until one of us scored a goal and I got my confidence up a bit. After half time we were chatting about our strategies, our strategies were to just pass the ball until one of us got close to the goal then shoot. The best part of the match was when I managed to score a goal. I tackled the person then looked up and I shot the ball in the goal. I was really proud of myself. Soon Alleyn's caught up and at the end we drew the score was 2-2. This was a good experience and I would recommend for someone to do it. I really enjoyed it and I hope to do it again.

Aaryan 4B

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y5 football tournament)

We played against Alleyn's, and we were there playing football on Thursday. We won against them by 4 goals, they got only one goal when I messed up in goal. Our team work was amazing and our team was so proud. **Emily 5G**

I played football on Thursday 23rd September against Alleyn's at the fields of Alleyn's school. I liked it a lot and I hope to do it again soon. I think our goal was powerful and brought us lots of hope, however, we had many near misses as well. The team's attitude was great although the match was quite aggressive. Their team's attitude was competitive but we were all very enthusiastic. I enjoyed the match, it was brilliant and I hope everything goes well to play again. **Oliver 5TS**

Y5 girls played Alleyn's at football and it was a great performance from everyone. We tried to attack from the wings, but Alleyn's were too strong at defending. We lost, but it didn't matter as we really enjoyed playing against another school, and it was a very good experience as well.

Liv 5TS

My name is James, I am in 5TS and we played the most amazing match against Alleyn's. We played in a field across from Alleyn's school and a few houses away from St. Barnabas. We scored two goals which I assisted both times. My team mate Isaac also scored a goal. The goalie saves were amazing. Our team's attitude was positive. The other team's attitude was good. It was a privilege to play and represent Dulwich Hamlet School. **James 5TS**

On Thursday 23rd September, year 5 girls football teams went against Alleyn's year 5 football teams on Alleyn's football pitches. The ball was coming nearer and nearer to our goal they tried to score but we luckily saved it and the ball went back to the other end. My team's attitude P for positive! Alleyn's team a bit intimidating but positive. Final score Dulwich Hamlet 7, Alleyn's 1. We won! **Rire 5G**

On Thursday 23rd September, Year 5 Hamleteers played three football matches against Alleyn's. I was a defender in my team but I did a lot of attacking. Jacob in our team scored before half time and in the second half Alleyn's scored a goal too. The match ended 1-1. We had a lot of possession of the ball and several attempts on goal. One of my attempts hit the post. We all had great fun playing the match. It was my first-time representing Hamlet in football and I'd love to do it again. **Edward 5P**

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y6 football tournament)

Year 6 girls played a football match against Alleyn's. The overall score was 5-1 to us. We won! My favourite part was when our first goal went straight in. It was so satisfying. Me and my team mates kept up high energy throughout the match. After a great pass from Sarah I scored another goal. Our team did really well, and Farah was strong in goal. **Amelia 6N**

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y5/6 mixed team hockey)

Last week's hockey match was the first hockey match for over 18 months. The game was against Alleyn's, they were an impressive team with a good game plan. We were the underdogs because most of our team hadn't played a hockey match, but we had one thing they didn't, spirit. The match was year 5/6 mixed on an astro pitch. When Alleyn's scored our confidence was knocked back. We kept on going and finally we got an equaliser that just went past the line at half time. We thought it would end a draw. We quickly scored and after that we scored 5 goals and won 6-1! We scored the goals because we used a tactic that was keeping someone up front. I think the most impressive players were Jenny and Farah because Farah did brilliant tackles and Jenny was our keeper. She was fearful of the ball and she did very good saves. I enjoyed it very much. **Laurie 5TS**

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y6 hockey)

The Dulwich Hamlet Junior School hockey team played Alleyn's School on Thursday 30th September. Our team consisted of Year 6 and Year 5 players. It was a fun and exciting match where we defended really well against the strong Alleyn's team. We didn't have as many attempts at goal as we would have liked but kept the energy up throughout. The final score was 1:0 to Alleyn's. We gave it our best effort and hopefully next time we can win. **Leo CJ 6N**

Dulwich Hamlet cross country team (Rosemead School match)

On Friday 8th October our first cross country team of the year headed off to Rosendale fields. We have some excellent runners and the competition was strong. All our team ran a good race. Laurie D came 2nd in the Y5 boys' race and Jasper came 2nd in the Y6 boys' race. Overall, we were placed 2nd! A really good effort.

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

My thanks as always to the dedicated PE team who brave the elements whatever the weather. I also want to thank the after-school sport club leaders: Mr Purcell, Mr Ola, Ms Cafeo, Spike, Miss Kenny and Fun4sports, the before school cross country club run by Miss Harris and Mrs Begley, not forgetting Mr Mullings for co-ordinating and leading our fixtures.

Miss Thomson Assistant Headteacher and PE Subject Lead