

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I started our week with a whole school assembly and posed the question to the children: 'Do you know what our school vision is...?' I wonder, do you?! I was incredibly impressed with a few brave Y6 children who put up their hand, and even more impressed when one of them cited it word perfect. We then started to explore a little about what it means and looks like in practice.

We adopted our school vision many years ago and at the time, invested much time and energy discussing and sharing with our community. We think it still stands true today, 10 years on. Over the next few weeks, we're looking forward to re-visiting, questioning and having a new shared understanding of what it is all about for now and into the future.

Thank you all for coming and engaging with our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. We hope you found this a useful opportunity, I know the teachers really appreciated your time, enabling them to build a fuller picture of your child at this early point in the term.

Oh, by the way, if you are wondering what our school vision is, you will now see it written every week at the top of the page underneath 'The Hamlet Herald'!

DHJS ART EXHIBITION 'ON TOUR'!

If you are out and about this weekend and happen to find yourselves near North Dulwich train station, do go and spend some time looking at the art work on display in our frames on both platforms. We saved this work from our end of year Art Exhibition; it was too good to not have another airing! We hope that it is not only going to brighten up the space, but also bring a smile to many a travellers' face. A thank you must go to Ms Gorely and Miss Brough for curating the work at the end of term, with a massive special thank you to Ms Chan for re-mounting and labelling in preparation for the display. It is stunning.

KEY DATES

Monday 25th September

Y3 visit to Horton Kirby
5VT visit to The Ragged School Museum

Wednesday 27th September

6I class assembly – parents welcome. 9:10am Turney Hall
5LT & 5TS visit to The Ragged School Museum

Friday 29th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning. 8-9am Village playground
PTA AGM 9am Griffin Hall

MAYOR'S THAMES FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our Y5/6 Thames Festival singers who really did themselves and DHJS proud at The Scoop last Sunday, singing as part of the 400 strong Kids Choir. Thank you to Miss Campbell for rehearsing and organising this opportunity.



We are now working towards our next set of concerts including 'The Young Voices' at the O2 after Xmas. Choir is now welcoming new members. It is held on Friday lunchtimes in Turney Hall at 12:15pm. No need to sign-up, just come along. All we ask is that the children commit to the weekly sessions if they are to be invited to perform. For further information contact Miss Campbell: scampbell17.210@lgflmail.org

Weekly House Points

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
204	287	225	232

PTA NEWS

A reminder that the PTA AGM takes place on 29th September at 9:00 in Griffin Hall and we would encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

If you haven't already appointed a class rep, please can you do so. Class reps play a really important role helping the PTA co-ordinate events and passing on information to parents in their respective classes. We have a number of exciting events coming up and could really do with as much help and support as possible. If you would like to get involved in any way, big or small, please email Mandy or Sara at:

dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com

Our legendary Quiz Night is coming up on Friday 13th October. This has been a very successful, sold out, event for the past few years. Ticket applications will be coming home in the book bags next week, so please keep an eye out. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

BUG BUSTING BLITZ!

Since our return from the summer, there seems to have been a few back-to-back cases of head lice. We fully appreciate the saga that is treating nits – the combing, the shampooing the entire family, and indeed the cost...

One little trick which we are aware of and seems to have worked for some, is to comb with a specialist head lice comb once a week, nits or no nits. Whether this really is just a fluke or not, it does appear to keep more on top of the little beasts!

Perhaps if we all try to build this combing into our weekly routine, we just might start to have fewer occurrences. Try it and see...

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Following our meeting with Year 6 parents and carers last week, a reminder to find those usernames and passwords for the e-admissions process, and put the absolute deadline of 31st October for submitting your online application in your diary.

For further information, please go to:

www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions

LAMDA SUCCESS

After being patient for the whole of the summer holidays, the results were waiting for our Year 5 and 6 LAMDA pupils on their return. 24 children were entered for their acting examinations back in July and everyone either achieved a merit or distinction. A fantastic result and well-deserved after all of their hard work. Many thanks to Kara Tritton for her continued work and commitment with LAMDA for our pupils.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Don't forget we are hosting a coffee morning next Friday (29th) to raise funds for Macmillan cancer support. Please do come along and start your morning with a hot or cold beverage and maybe a cake all in a good cause. The sad fact is just about all of us know someone who has had cancer or who is undergoing treatment. We are proud to play our part in a fun social way to support a worthy cause.

Please bring any cakes for sale into school on Friday morning. Please come as close to 8am as possible so you can buy and we can sell as much as possible. We are extremely grateful for any homemade cakes; please note we cannot guarantee any ingredients in any cakes so if you have allergies please be aware.

SOMETHING TO GET INVOLVED WITH...

Come and join the annual charity fun run for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust in Dulwich Park, **tomorrow, Saturday 23rd September**. It's a lovely family event - the highlight is a **1 mile run for the kids at midday** - complete with goodie bags and medals! Bring your adults along for the 5k and 10k races starting at 10am. There will be a bouncy castle, face-painting, cake stalls - and watch out for a few familiar TV actors who will be turning up to run and give their support. Thank you in advance for your support - cystic fibrosis is one of the UK's most common life-threatening inherited diseases.

Sign up here <https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/events/dulwich-park-fun-run>

VILLAGE ROADWORKS UPDATE

Further to our email earlier in the week this is a brief update on the situation: From 4pm Friday afternoon (22nd) the front gate access will be closed off so the pavement can be resurfaced. By Monday morning we have been told we will have a proper pavement either side of the front gate. The railings won't go back just yet so please exercise due care when walking round the corner.

We have asked Conway to keep us updated on the plans and stages of development. We are also working closely with them regarding school trips and taking our pupils out of school.

The junction traffic lights will stay as they are for a while and again we ask that you take extra care when crossing the road. Conway have a designated person to cross groups of people across the road during peak times. Please use the crossings provided rather than dart across the junction diagonally. We've had a few near misses as children have run across following adults.

USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR TRIPS

Following recent events, we are very mindful that there is a possible heightened concern over our use of public transport on school trips and visits in central London. Utilising public transport is something that we do frequently. Year 5 are to be using the train and tube for their visit to The Ragged School Museum next week.

We wanted to reassure you that a detailed risk assessment is carried out prior to the trip and on that risk assessment is a section on what to do in the event of a threat or attack. This includes having a 'Plan B', whereby alternative transportation arrangements have been considered with regards to getting the children home safely. We check police guidance on this right up to the day of the trip and also speak to the place the children are visiting to ask what their provision is. The risk assessment includes encouraging vigilance by all members of the group, staying together and key staff holding all contact details for the children. Please note that we have also increased our child to adult ratio for travelling on public transport for forthcoming visits.

We are a school that prides itself on making good use of the wonderful resources and opportunities that we have on our doorstep. We really don't want to compromise our position as a London school offering such wonderful learning opportunities to our Hamleteers. Please be assured that the safety of both pupils and staff alike will always be of paramount importance.