

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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### HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Without a doubt, our Hamleteers are telling us that they are loving their daily lunchtime experience! From the new tablecloths, to the varied menu, we are seeing mainly empty plates. We switched our catering provider to *Olive Dining* for the start of this academic year, and this has been such a positive move. We have welcomed our new Chef, Chef BJ, who is ensuring the quality and presentation of the food is of a high standard. We have included the *Olive Dining* 'Welcome' newsletter for you at the end of the HH today providing you with a useful overview. We look forward to welcoming our Y6 parents and carers for their re-scheduled Taster Lunch on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. Y3 parents, please place November 29<sup>th</sup> in your diary for your turn. Y4 and Y5, we will schedule some dates in the spring term for you too!

Thank you to the PTA for our AGM that took place this week, and indeed to those of you that came along. The incredible community spirit we harness at DHJS never ceases to amaze me. It really is something quite special. As well as discussing forthcoming events, fundraising, and the 'big ticket' items purchased for the school last year (complete overhaul of tech for our Mac Suite, and four new interactive whiteboards), lots of new ideas were shared – all very exciting! Every class has at least one Class Rep (thank you Reps) and will keep you informed of all that is coming up and how you can get involved. Talking of which, I'm looking forward to joining you over a cuppa, and probably a biscuit or two, at our Macmillan Coffee morning next Friday.

See you there!

### DOODLEVISION

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

|                                  |            |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First place</b> (12 points):  | <b>3EF</b> | <b>68%</b> |
| <b>Second place</b> (11 points): | <b>5N</b>  | <b>55%</b> |
| <b>Third place</b> (10 points):  | <b>5A</b>  | <b>52%</b> |



Please keep on Doodling everyone!

**TTRS winner this week is...5N!**

### KEY DATES

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

3KS, Parent and Carer Café, Burbage, 8:45-9:30am

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

Y3 Visit to Horton Kirby

Y4 Freshwater Theatre Company: Natural Disasters

Y6 Parent and Carer Taster Lunch

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning, 8-9am, Village playground

### ACTIVE TRAVEL/CONSIDERATE PARKING

We are delighted that so many of our Hamleteers use active travel as a means of getting to and from school. We were fortunate to benefit from a Southwark Cleaner Greener bid in order to increase capacity for bicycle parking. You may not be aware that we have additional space for bikes at the back of school, through our Turney Road entrance, which is never fully occupied. We have spoken to our Hamleteers in assembly today, and encouraged them to make use of this, which in turn, should hopefully help the congestion that we are currently experiencing at the front of school.

We have been made aware of some particularly dangerous parking from our Hamlet families over the past week or so, specifically by the planters opposite the school by the junction. We kindly request that our community consider the safest place to park, over convenience, to ensure that pedestrian and cycle routes are both clear, and we all feel safe. Thank you.

### WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

| <b>Topaz Water</b> | <b>Ruby Fire</b> | <b>Garnet Earth</b> | <b>Sapphire Air</b> |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                    |                  |                     |                     |
| 98                 | 84               | 87                  | 62                  |

## VOULUNTEER SOS!

### Come and volunteer to help us deliver our vision for outstanding education

Our volunteer programme is now a well-established part of life at Dulwich Hamlet and the learning environment is enriched by a range of parent volunteers who give their time in whatever capacity they are able.

We hope that your generosity of spirit will continue this year as we seek a new raft of volunteers to support in three areas:

1. Lunchtime Club (45 minutes or more per week)
2. One-to-one reading (20 minutes or more per week)
3. Sports coaching (45 minutes per week – preferably 8am Mon, Tue or Fri)

You will need to be willing to:

- Commit to a regular slot each week for most of a school term
- Undergo a DBS (even if you have one from another organisation)
- Complete a short safeguarding training session
- Provide a character reference

If you are interested, [please apply via this link](#).

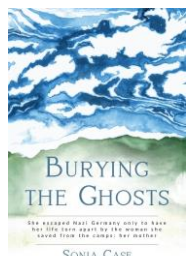
## CHANGE OF SEASON

Autumn has arrived which means slightly chillier mornings, blustery winds and rain! Please send your child to school with a coat that will keep them dry in a shower of rain. We go outside for mid-morning break, lunchtime and PE even in the rain. We only stay in if it's torrential rain or too slippery to be outside safely. Check those weather apps in the morning! With regard to after school outdoor clubs we will always do our best to give you notice if a club is cancelled due to the weather; this isn't always possible as the British weather can be unpredictable.

## AN INTERESTING READ...

Some of you may remember the previous DHJS Headteacher, Sonia Case, who retired fully from our Trust schools in 2021. Since that time Sonia has been busy working as a magistrate in the London South East courts, painting watercolours and has written a novel, *Burying the Ghosts*, based on her mother's experiences of escaping Germany and life in London as a refugee. The story interweaves fact and fiction to make a compelling narrative about mothers and daughters, prejudice and identity and love and forgiveness.

It's a great Autumn read and available from Village Books right now!



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This is a reminder to invite you all along to our coffee morning next Friday, 29th September. Come and have a drink with us, maybe eat something sweet as well. We'll be under the shelter by the school office and in Village Playground from 8am. If you would like to donate any cakes please bring them along at 8am. Individual ones are best; easier to serve and set out. There will be buckets for money collection and the opportunity for 'gift aid'.



## SOMETHING TO DO THIS WEEKEND!

### Christmas Card Project:

Today you will have received a letter about the Arts Projects for Schools Christmas card designs. Your child will be bringing home a piece of A4 white card and a unique sticker in a plastic wallet. Please do follow the instructions in the letter and make a note of the key dates.

### Rise Together:

This is a fabulous 'space art' competition that may be of interest to our creative Hamleteers! A letter has been emailed home this week with all the information. There is the chance of winning a telescope, as well as having the artwork displayed on the big screens across the UK, including the famous one at Piccadilly Circus!

It involves creating a piece of artwork of **what space means to you**. It can be any shape or size, (landscape orientation) using pens, pencils, paints, or even a computer design. The only stipulation is that you need to be able to take a photo of it, or create an image of your artwork that can be uploaded, along with your name, age and contact details.

Deadline for submission is 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. To hear more about the competition from NASA Astronaut, Nicole Stott, and for the form to upload your work, please click on this link:

[Rise Together - Harwell Campus](#)

## PTA UPDATE

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Thanks to those parents who braved the weather to attend the AGM Wednesday night! It was lovely to see new and familiar faces and to chat over a glass of wine. For those not able to join, we will make the meeting minutes available in due course and via email request to the PTA.

For anyone wanting to share ideas on ways to boost the learning resources for the children or fundraising ideas alongside our agreed dates, please do get in touch.

[dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com)

We announced at the AGM that we are seeking election of new co-chairpersons and secretary. Please do contact us if you have any questions or would like to discuss the roles in more detail. Kate Boydell and Lucinda Richardson will remain on the PTA committee to support and assist incoming chairs.

A huge thanks to the wonderful class rep volunteers, we always need lots of helpers so please let your class reps know how you can help support them.

The next event will be celebrating **Diwali on Friday 17th November**. More information to follow in the coming weeks how parents and your children can be involved in this special celebration.

The **Christmas fair** is scheduled for Saturday **25th November**, look out for upcoming communication via the WhatsApp groups for your class stall to run at the fair, and how you can get involved to make it a special day.

Best wishes from the PTA team.



Dulwich Hamlet  
Junior School  
PTA

 FREE EVENT



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# DYSLEXIA FAIR 2023

## CELEBRATING STRENGTHS

SUPPORT

DYSLEXIA  
FAIR

RESOURCES

30th September  
10am - 4pm

AWARENESS



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1157339

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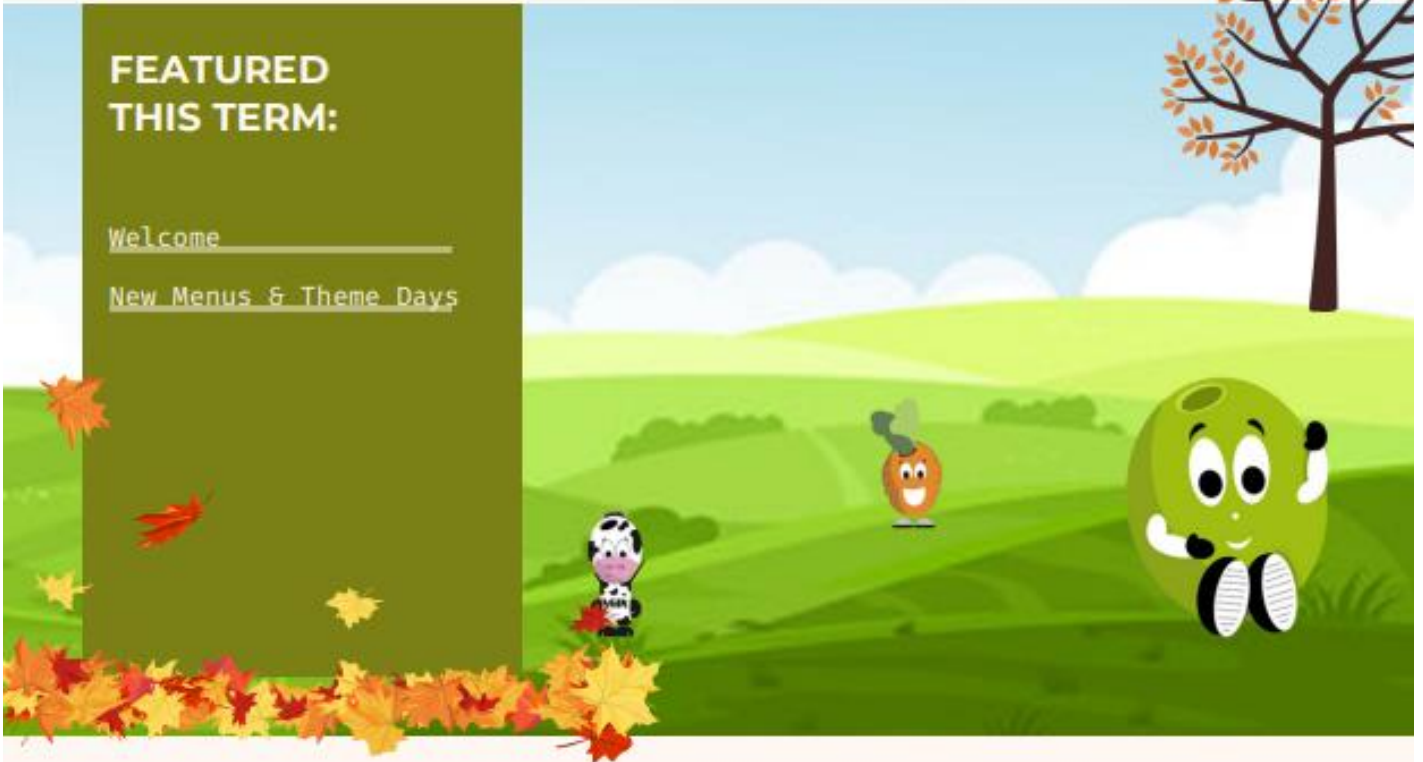
# WELCOME

PRIMARY PARENT NEWSLETTER

## FEATURED THIS TERM:

[Welcome](#)

[New Menus & Theme Days](#)



### ***Welcome from all of us at Olive Dining!***

Hello and welcome, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Olive Dining. We will be your new catering provider starting from September.

Here at Olive, we pride ourselves on the food we produce and the ingredients that we use. We ensure that we use locally sourced produce to support the local community and manage road miles to support the environment.

All our food is prepared in the school kitchen from scratch and the staff are trained in creating the menus that we provide. Our focus is on nutrition, creating innovative menus that students will enjoy. Your input and feedback on the service we provide is important to us, and we very much look forward to meeting you.

Stephanie Spratt, CEO



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# AUTUMN TERM

## PRIMARY PARENT NEWSLETTER

We hope everyone had a wonderful Summer holiday and that you are ready for the start of the new academic year - we certainly are!

You have brand new menus, exciting theme days and seasonal recipes which you will receive each month!

We have a fantastic choice of menus which are run in 3-weekly cycles. Each of our menus have been especially created with your school in mind and offer exciting and varied hot dishes, packed full of flavour and nutrition.



We love to hear feedback on the service we provide so please do get in touch by sending any questions or comments to:

[enquiries@olivedining.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@olivedining.co.uk) or call our head office on: 01959 564 700

We are also on Instagram and Twitter so do follow the online Olive Dining family where you can stay updated with all our latest news and activities!



SEPTEMBER 2023

# AUTUMN TERM

PRIMARY PARENT NEWSLETTER

## SAMPLE MENU

**[WEEKLY MENU]**  Week 1

|  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                     | Thursday  | Friday  |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|
|  <b>Main Dish of the Day</b> | Trout + Spin Pasta (CE, G)                      | Beef Burger (G, SO)                                | Beef Bolognese (G)                            | Chicken Amblyna   | Crab Battered Fish Pie (E, G)                   |
| <b>Vegetarian Dish of the Day</b>  | Baked Potato + Tomato Pasta (E, CE)             | Vegetable Burger (G)                               | Quorn + Tomato Vegetable Bolognese (E, CE, G) | Hot Vegetable Chili (CE)  | Vegetable Noodles (G)                           |
| <b>Vegetable Choice</b>  | Potassium + Broccoli Florets<br>Chef Salad      | Baked Potato + Carrots + Garden Peas<br>Chef Salad | Macaroni of Vegetables<br>Chef Salad          | Dressed Rice Green Beans + Carrots<br>Chef Salad                | Crabbed Potatoes Garden Peas<br>Chef Salad      |
| <b>Dessert of the Day</b>  | Choc. Cucumber (E, G)<br>Fresh Fruit Salad Pot. | Fresh Fruit Pot.                                   | Traglan (G)<br>Fresh Fruit Salad Pot.         | Chocolate Chip Cookies (E, G, MK, SO)<br>Fresh Fruit Salad Pot. | Cinnamon Buns (E, SO)<br>Fresh Fruit Salad Pot. |
| <b>Sauces</b>  | Delish Tomato with a Selection of Toppings      | Delish Tomato with a Selection of Toppings         | Delish Tomato with a Selection of Toppings    | Delish Tomato with a Selection of Toppings                      | Delish Tomato with a Selection of Toppings      |
| <b>Cold Selection</b>  | Home Baked Bread (E, SO)                        | Home Baked Bread (E, SO)                           | Home Baked Bread (E, SO)                      | Home Baked Bread (E, SO)  | Home Baked Bread (E, SO)                        |

Abbrev: CE = Curry E = Egg F = Fish G = Gluten MK = Milk MU = Mustard SE = Sesame SO = Soya VT = Vegetarian



Our menus run in 3-weekly cycles, offering a large variety of different dishes and flavours, which suit everyone's tastes.

We host special themed events and days once a month, which coincide with any key dates in the year.

They are a fun way to add extra excitement for our students.

**THEME DAY CALENDAR**

| AUTUMN TERM   | SPRING TERM  | SUMMER TERM   |
|---|--|---|
| SEPTEMBER<br><br>Rakhi Day       | JANUARY<br><br>Sci Day           | MAY<br><br>WORLD BEE DAY     |
| OCTOBER<br><br>ANTI-RACISM WEEK  | FEBRUARY<br><br>Chinese New Year | JUNE<br><br>Ice Cream Day    |
| NOVEMBER<br><br>CHILDREN IN NEED | MARCH<br><br>EASTER              | JULY<br><br>SUMMER OF SPORTS |
| DECEMBER<br><br>Festive Lunch    | APRIL<br><br>St George's Day     | AUGUST<br><br>Beach Day      |

