

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We are a week off the Easter holidays, and I'm feeling particularly chuffed with myself that I've been organised to book my family routine dental, optician and other such appointments all within the two week Easter break. I urge you all to get such routine appointments scheduled in during our holiday periods, so as to not disrupt the core school day.

We have a good two week chunk of time where we can plan in family activities and visits. I therefore, also ask that you are not tempted to start the holiday period early, or return late from the Easter break.

I know how much importance the Hamlet community put on excellent attendance. Being in school every day and having that consistent 'diet' of schooling without a doubt impacts positively on academic achievement as well as the social and emotional development of your children. (I am also proud that we have been 'topping the charts' in terms of levels of attendance amongst all of our Trust schools – let's keep that position!)

Thank you to our Y4 parents and carers who were able to come and join us for our Taster Lunch this week. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying a meal and a lunchtime natter with your child. Don't forget that there is an opportunity to provide some feedback if you wish. The deadline is next Friday:

<https://forms.gle/ZBimbZJno4GCMTEdA>

Due to excellent behaviour from our Hamleteers, we're pleased to launch a three day marble season next week. Read on for the details.

And finally, 'GOOD LUCK' to our 61 young musicians taking their ABRSM music examinations next week. You'll all smash it!

DOODLEVISION

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

First place (12 points):	4S & 6H	43%
Second place (11 points):	5M	37%
Third place (10 points):	3GR	33%

Please keep on Doodling everyone!



KEY DATES

Monday 27th March

ABRSM Music Examinations

Marble Season! (closes on Wednesday this week)

Tuesday 28th March

ABRSM Music Examinations

Thursday 30th March

Y5 Annual Reports Part 1 emailed to parents and carers

Friday 31st March

Y3 & Y4 Annual Reports Part 1 emailed to parents and carers

DHJS Easter Egg Competition

Deadline for feedback re. the Y4 Taster Lunch

Finish for the Easter hols. Normal school uniform, normal finish time, 3:25pm

TCSET SPRING MAGAZINE

Please click on the image to open the Spring Edition of the Charter Magazine. This term has seen lots of amazing events, activities and initiatives happening across the Trust, once again highlighting the talent, hard-work and spirit of the pupils and staff across all our schools. A special thanks must go to Nikki Thomson, Tom Salomonson and Victoria Begley for the DHJS contributions.



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
44	39	44	48

CURRICULUM SPECIAL: SWIM SAFETY AT DHJS

What a big splash!

The Physical Education National Curriculum requires all schools to provide swimming lessons in key stages one and two: *'This should include teaching pupils to: Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres. Use a range of strokes effectively – for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke. Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.'*

We are required to report the number of children who can swim 25m by the end of Year 6. I'm pleased to report that we're currently at approximately 85%. I'm sure with a bit of extra support encouragement and practice all children will achieve this goal.

All Year 5 regardless of their swim ability took part in the swim safety lessons. So, what does this mean? For starters it means getting in the pool with a t-shirt and shorts over your swimming costume and not being allowed to wear goggles!

Step one: Straddle entry. When you're unsure about the depth of the water you're getting into or you can't see the bottom it's always best to perform the straddle entry. You put your arms out wide in front of you, lean forward, step off (not jump) keeping your legs apart. The idea is your head doesn't go below the surface of the water so you can still see all around you or call for help if necessary.



This was such fun!

I don't feel so scared now

Step two: Floating and conserving our energy. We listed all the possible things we could use as a floating device in different scenarios; we had the luxury of swim floats.



Step three: Tread water. This means moving arms and legs in an egg beater movement or upright breaststroke legs; the head staying above the water so you can see all round. This isn't as easy as it looks especially when you have to pretend either your arms or your legs can't move.



Step four: H.E.L.P. When you're in the water you lose body heat very quickly so the next activity was all about the H.E.L.P. (Heat Escape Lessening Position) position and why you should huddle to keep warm.



Finally, what should you do if you see someone in trouble in the water? Year 5 learnt about calling for help, throwing something out to the person in distress but most importantly not getting in the water to try and save someone.



In addition, Year 5 learnt all about international water safety flags: red for danger, red and yellow for a lifeguarded area, black and white quartered for watercraft and purple for marine life.

A really important message: Never swim alone and always tell someone if you're going in the water.



EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

We invite all Hamleteers to enter this fun competition.
Bring your entry into school on
Friday 31st March
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 into class on Friday 31st March
Class viewing (timetabled throughout the morning)

Judged:

Judged after 9:00
2 house points for each entry
1st place 12 house points, 2nd place 10 house points, &
3rd place 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!

PTA UPDATE

A reminder for volunteers for 'Neon Nights' Disco, Friday 12th May 6:30-8:30pm. Each year group has been allocated a job so please check your class WhatsApp groups to put your name down. Lisa Jones is kindly rallying everyone and will be in touch with more details. We cannot run this event without help so please consider putting your name down. Don't hesitate to contact the PTA with any questions or sharing of fabulous ideas! More details to follow including ticketing soon...

dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com The PTA team

TTRS

Congratulations to 4G: You are TTRS winners of the week.

Rock on 4G!!!



PARENTAL SUPPORT SIGN-POSTING



GUIDING GIRLS SAFELY INTO THEIR TEENS

Support for mothers & daughters

Girls Journeying Together groups provide mutual support for girls through adolescence and proudly into young womanhood, guided by a facilitator.

FUN MONTHLY GROUP FOR GIRLS AGED 10-12

Friendship and creativity

Groups offer monthly support for preteen girls as they practice being true to themselves, learn about puberty, share their hopes and fears and help each other safely into their teens.



www.ritesforgirls.com



MENTORING GIRLS THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

Positive self esteem

We support girls to emerge from adolescence stronger than when they went in, working to prevent the high rates of poor mental health and low self esteem in teenage girls.

Girls Journeying Together groups

To find out more and book a free taster session contact Charlotte Sarre
charlotte@ritesforgirls.com
www.ritesforgirls.com

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SOMETHING NEW TO TRY...?!



We'd like to invite all girls from Y4 to Y13 to a **FREE** Taster Session at Old Alleynians, The Old Alleynian Sports Club, Dulwich Common, SE21 7HA

Please email us at girlsrugby@alleynian.org to confirm you will be attending

MARBLE SEASON IS BACK!

We all love a Marble Season! As a 'thank you' for a fantastic half-term of learning and behaviour, we have decided to reward the children with three days of marble fun next week: Monday through to Wednesday. As always, we have our simple set of rules to follow:

- Only bring in enough marbles that can fit into a small container that will sensibly fit in trays in the classroom
- Only bring in marbles that you don't mind losing! (keep the bestest/special ones for home)
- Rules for games are established and adhered to
- No swapping
- You can play to win



COMIC RELIEF TOTAL

Drum roll please...! Our total raised by the DHJS community for 2023 is an impressive **£1069.41**. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. This will contribute in making such a difference across a range of charities and organisations, locally, nationally, and beyond.



Arty Party

Calling all
5-11 year
olds!

Easter Workshops

Monday 27th March - Friday 14th April 2023

9.00am - 3.00pm Daily

This Easter we'll be heading to Mount Olympus to feast with the gods! We'll be riding Pegasus through the clouds with Zeus, sneaking around with our Trojan horses, and running away from the Minotaur through his maze! Join us this holiday as we make...

The Wonderful Wings of Icarus, Gorgeous Greek Pots, Lovely Lyres, Heroic Hermes' flying shoes, Excellent Gala's Earths, Powerful Poseidon's Tridents, Brilliant Pandora's Boxes, Terrific Greek God Top Trumps... Ooooh and all the usual Fun & Games!

Your child will make a wonderful array of creations using high quality artist materials. We'll be taking inspiration from contemporary artists & favourite children's stories. We'll be learning how to make 3D sculptures, observational drawings, painting with different mediums and techniques such as screen printing.

Arty Party will unleash your child's creative talents!

To Book Please Visit:

WWW.ARTYPARTY.CO.UK

Cost £46 per day

We accept childcare vouchers!

Children must be 5 years & above

Please provide a 'nut free' packed lunch & an overall!

Booking is for a minimum of 2 (preferably) consecutive days

For any more information please email or call us:

020 8675 7055 john@artyparty.co.uk

WHERE TO FIND US...

Wimbledon: The Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, SW19 4QD - 27th March - 14th April

Balham: Endlesham Hall, 48 Endlesham Road, SW12 8JL - 3rd - 14th April

Wandsworth: Romany Scout Hut, 22a Lyford Road, SW18 3LG - 3rd - 14th April

Clapham: St Paul's Church Hall, Rectory Grove, SW4 0DX - 3rd - 14th April

Blackheath: St Michael's Church Hall, 1 Pond Rd, SE3 9JL - 3rd - 14th April

NEW Dulwich! Dulwich Hamlet school, Dulwich Village, SE21 7AL - 3rd - 14th April

New ZOOM Class: The comfort of your own home! - 3rd - 6th April



SCAN ME