

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

A key part of our approach to Pupil Voice at the Hamlet is to entrust positions of responsibility to our student body. This is an important way for children to learn to be role models, support each other and a first step in leadership opportunities. This week in assembly we announced our first 3 positions.

Sports Mentors:

This role has expanded over the years and taken on greater importance now that we have a dedicated PE Team led by Nikki Thomson. The role of a Sports Mentor is to represent sports in the school in line with our culture and values. Congratulations to the Sports Mentors for 2020-2021, who received their badges in assembly today:

Hana, Matilda, Ava, Coco, Emmanuel, Kiran, James & Raphael

Music Mentors:

Another role which has grown and grown in recent years, overseen by Sharon Campbell, is that of the Music Mentor. These children really have their work cut out: they represent music in the school in line with our culture and values, support less experienced children in learning their instruments as well as the older children in preparing for exams. They are actively engaged in ensembles and are excellent role-models for music. Congratulations to the Music Mentors for 2020-2021:

Cello: Zoe	Violin: Annabelle, Ali	
Guitar: Connie, Arthur O'B	Bass guitar: Stevie	
Clarinet: Toby, Raphael, George	Oboe: Joshua	
Flute: Hana, Austen	Sax: Emmanuel	
Recorder: Freddie M	Trumpet: Matilda, Tobin	
Euphonium: Mihali	Tenor horn: Max	Trombone: Luke

House Captains:

Our usual first round of class elections was somewhat disrupted at the end of the summer term, but we managed to run an online election which provided us with the nominees. The votes were held in school this year after a virtual, whole-school hustings, in which our candidates delivered their thoughtful and often inspiring speeches over Google Meet to an engaged Hamlet audience. The votes

KEY DATES

Wednesday 30th September

3GR 'Meet the Teacher' telephone calls

Thursday 1st October

Y3 visit to Horton Kirby

Friday 2nd October

PTA uniform shop open 9:00-9:30am

PTA AGM via Zoom 10:00-11:00am, link to follow next week

have never been closer as the potential captains gave the electorate a really difficult choice. We also had a sibling rivalry in one of the houses, a first for many years, and we hope that the two make up quicker than the Millibands - their winner was separated by a mere handful of votes. So, congratulations to the House Captains for 2020-2021, who received their badges in assembly today:

RF: Joshua and Dela



GE: Stanley and Vy Vy



TW: Arthur O'B and Tilly



SA: Annabelle and George G



We hope they will take their roles and responsibilities seriously and conduct themselves in the best manner possible. Their job is to maintain the integrity of the House system, promoting the school culture and values in assembly and representing the school in an official capacity.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
These really will resume next week...!			

STAFF UPDATE

We have started the new term without two incredibly familiar faces: Maria Malecki and Alan Pook. Both Maria and Alan have made the decision to retire from DHJS, having given the school over 50 years of remarkable service between them.

Maria has been an important member of our Admin Team over this time, overseeing all things to do with Voluntary Contributions, music lesson payments, as well as securing grants to support families with payments for school activities.

Alan has been an integral member of our Music Department, which has grown beyond recognition during his time with us. Alan has taught all of our string players, directed our orchestra and prepared countless performance opportunities for our young musicians both at school and within the wider community.

Maria and Alan are going to be missed terribly by us all. We wish them all the best as they move on to a new chapter in their lives.

ECO COUNCIL

Our Eco Council met for the first time this academic year to discuss how we can continue to progress with our Plastic-Free Schools Award, working with Surfers Against Sewage. We are now in the stage of achieving Objective 4 – to communicate to manufacturers who are responsible for large amounts of plastic waste and who need to change their packaging to be more environmental. The children came up with many ideas about how we can communicate and challenge businesses to reduce their plastic waste, including but not limited to, using social media, talking to local businesses, creating petitions and more. There were so many ideas bouncing around we had to take a pause to work out what we needed to prioritise! We are so inspired by their energy, enthusiasm and forward-thinking approaches. Watch this space to hear about our progress over the next term, and keep your eyes peeled for communications from the Eco Council about how you can help!



SAVE THE DATE: PTA HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN RUN 31st OCTOBER



The PTA plan to organise a Halloween themed (come in costume) fun run on Saturday 31st October – the idea is to run in groups of 6 one lap around Dulwich Park to raise money for the school.

In order for us to plan accordingly we are asking you to register your interest in this event and to also ask for parent helpers on the day.

Please go to halloweenfunrun2020@gmail.com to register your interest / support on the day. Entries close Friday 2nd October.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Public Health England have produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents and carers which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test, and what the symptoms of coronavirus are. PHE hopes that this will answer some of the questions that parents have around testing, and prevent some children being taken out of school unnecessarily. We have included the letter on the following page for you.

We circulated an email yesterday regarding information about Key Worker School. Should we find ourselves in the unfortunate situation where we need to move to this scenario - we want to be prepared! In the letter, we have provided you with a link to a Google form if you think this may be relevant for your family situation. We kindly request that you complete this form by next Friday, 2nd October, so that we can plan ahead. Please note completing the form does not automatically guarantee your child a place in KWS. We will inform everyone that completes the form in due course.

Look out for our new COVID-19 web page which will go live early next week. This will be your 'one-stop shop' for communications, resources, and local support that you may be interested in. We will also be sending a communication to you regarding our 'Continuous Learning Plan'.

STEVE McQUEEN Y3: PHOTO LOCATION

You may recall this ambitious art work project, exploring the vehicle of the traditional school photograph. DHJS Y3 pupils (now Y5) got involved along with thousands of other Y3 children from across London.

The exhibition has been extended and will be open until January 31st 2021. There are over 3,000 class photographs in the exhibition and should you wish to go and visit, our school photograph is located within section 17.

Visitors now require a free booked ticket, it is recommended that you go to the Tate [VISITS](#) page prior to your arrival.

THAMES FESTIVAL KIDS' CHOIR

Hot off the press: we entered two songs into the Thames Festival Kids' Choir this week and the videos go live on this website at 2pm on Sunday! <https://thamesfestivaltrust.org/whatson/kids-choir-sing-for-water-1627/>



Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.
- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



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**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**



**If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

YOUR MENU THIS WEEK

WEEK COMMENCING

28/09/20

19/10/20

09/11/20

30/11/20

AVAILABLE

DAILY:

Handmade

bread

and fresh fruit

Jacket

potatoes and

fillings or

pasta bar

GOOD FOR
you

Love the food that loves you back

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH MEAT	Sweet potato mac 'n' cheese (v) 1, 3, 12, 14	Chilli con carne (lamb)	Roasted Turkey with gravy	Southern spiced turkey burger with spicy mayo 1, 3, 6, 14	Breaded salmon fishcakes 2, 3, 11, 12
MAIN DISH VEGETARIAN	Spinach, lentil & cheese sausage roll (v) 1, 3, 6, 11	Beetroot burger & sweet chilli sauce (v) 1, 3, 6, 7, 11	Chickpea & Lentil dahl (v)	Vegetable moussaka (v) 1	Butternut squash, carrot & chickpea mild green thai curry (v) 1
SIDES	Broccoli Carrots Potato wedges 3	Wholegrain Rice Steamed greens	Herb Diced Roast Potatoes Parsnips & Carrots Naan bread 1, 3, 6	Roasted Squash Broccoli Red cabbage slaw 6	Chips Peas Baked beans
PUDDINGS	Lemon & courgette Cake 3, 6	Seasonal fruit crumble & custard 50% 1, 3	orange cookie 1, 3, 6, 11	Yoghurt with honeydew & topping 50% 1	Banana loaf & custard 1, 3, 6, 11

Allergen Key: 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts, 6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg, 12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard *MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE*