

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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## HEAD of SCHOOL'S NOTE

Our 200<sup>th</sup> edition of the HH – wow, now that really must be a reason to celebrate!

We've had a real 'community and collaboration' theme running through much of our work over the past few weeks. It has been such a privilege for us to work alongside so many other local schools, colleagues, supporters and friends of the Hamlet for the benefit of not just our Hamleteers, but for many other young people too.

We hosted our third DHJS Cross Country Meet last week thanks to Mr Turnham and Miss Thompson. Read on for a full report in our sports section.

We held our eleventh Recorder Festival, also last week, with thanks to Mrs Brant, welcoming 6 other local schools to join us in sharing our music-making and celebrating the recorder.

This week we put on what I hope will be the first of many Pan Festivals. The sun shone down on us, and our young pannists from Kingsdale, Dog Kennel Hill, as well as our very own Quadrophonics and Double Second groups, performed in our Inter-School Pan Jam. In the evening, our PoPs, ex-DHJS ensemble and Endurance wowed us with stunning performances. Many thanks to Marlon Hibbert for coordinating.

Yesterday, we came together as a school and shared in a Creative Day where the children were grouped vertically for music, art and dance sessions inspired by Gustav Holst's The Planets. We enjoyed sharing dance performances in the playground at the end of the day.

And finally, you, our parents, have again taken out time to 'shout out loud' for Fair Funding for All, demonstrating outside school and joining a march to Brockwell Park today, organised by Sara Rayment (a DHJS parent & DVIS Governor).

We are very proud of our commitment in providing such opportunities for our community, and thank you all for your continued support in everything we do. I think you will agree that the richness and diversity we embrace, truly adds to making DHJS the special place it is.

Best wishes to you all for a super break next week. We look forward to seeing you all for the final half-term of the year following our INSET day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. It's going to be another busy one...

## KEY DATES

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

INSET day

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Return from half-term. Normal 8:55am start

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Y5 visit to The British Museum

9:00 SPAG Curriculum Session for parents and carers (repeat)  
DHJS Mock Election!

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Thames Festival cluster rehearsal for choir (at DHJS)  
Enrichment Programme begins

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Y6 Gala Dinner, pm and evening (details to follow after hols)

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Governors to visit for the morning

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

PTA Summer Fair 12-3pm

## ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

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

- 3S Connie, Alban, Sophia, Lilly-Rose, Felix, William, Ruth, Gus, Camille, Monty, Gilgal & Liv
- 3C John, Kitty, Lottie, Grace, Anna, Thomas, Josiah, Katya & Arthur
- 3H Jordan, Emeric, Rosa-Ama, Frank, Jude, Max, Lucy, Blake, Sophie, Anouska, Isaac, Charlie, Justyn & Marlee
- 4W Eleni, Jacob, Tom, Esha, Alfie S, Stan, Annika, Alex Kaci & Nicholas
- 4B Sophie, Bea, Rachel, William, Charlie, Tommy, Otis, Sylvia, Lilly, Enzo, Millicent & John
- 4MG Joseph, Oliver, Freya, Ethan, Rachel, Diana, Seb, Emma, Moriah & Lottie
- 5LT Travis, Sophie, Lily, Frey, Rocco, Harry D, Jake, Hettie, Cameron, Max & Flavia
- 5C George, Ezra, Herbie, Evie, Elizabeth, Ava, Eve, Julian, Freya, Richan, Anthony, Alex & Matthew
- 5DG Trey, Louis, Mike, Francesca, Lyla, Isaac, Eveny, Euan, Vanya, Anna, Dan & Teyjarn
- 5VT Jason, Dylan, Lily, Gabriel, Jack, Anya, Vidhi, Conor, Barry & Basie
- 6T Lorna, Daisy L, Aidan, Isabella, Kai, Jack S & Indie
- 6G Ondre, Lottie, Orna, Catriona, Neo, Leo, Sam, Louis, Amy, Tomas, EB, Christian, Isaac, Charlie B & Chae
- 6I Lauren, Austin, Amelia, Lizzie, Nimmi, Honor C, Luca, Michaela & Catherine

## MESSAGE FROM OUR DVIS FRIENDS

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### Dulwich Village C of E Infants' School - It's A Knockout

Some of you may know at DVIS we have a close link to a primary school in Entebbe, Uganda, called **Cherish Primary School**. In 2013 and 2015 we sent out two and then four teachers respectively to support teacher training at Cherish Primary School.

<http://www.cherishuganda.org/cherish-primary-school/>

This year on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** we will be holding an **'It's a Knockout' tournament**. We have a company bringing in approximately 7 inflatable games to the **Griffin Sports Ground** and we are looking for some more **teams to join us (approx 10 adults)** to take part in the day. Our staff already have two teams ready to compete. The day will kick off at about 10:30am and run for approximately four hours. We hope to offer light refreshments (drinks, ice lollies and cakes for example) but welcome families bringing along picnics and setting up for the day! Details of the games can be found at [www.itsaknockout.org/bronze](http://www.itsaknockout.org/bronze). If you would like to join us we would love to see you...please contact the Lake Building office on 02075259233 or by email on [office@dulwichvillage.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@dulwichvillage.southwark.sch.uk).

## PARENTPAY

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Please can we ask parents to take some time over half-term to check ParentPay and clear any outstanding items by our return in June. Please contact Susan Roberts ([sroberts23.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:sroberts23.210@lgflmail.org)) at your earliest convenience should you be experiencing any financial difficulties. Thank you in advance.

## DHJS SUCCESS AT THE FLICKS!

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We are proud to announce that last year's 'A Tale Unfolds El Dorado: Lost City of Gold' films made by Year 3, were selected from a national competition for the Literacy Film Festival at the BFI IMAX in June. 4MG re-filmed their cinematic masterpiece ready to be shown on the UK's BIGGEST screen! The video will be available to all via the BFI website following the festival on June 19<sup>th</sup>. 4MG might have been expecting glamour and glitz, but found instead high demands placed on their creativity, reading, acting, listening and, most of all, patience. Work done: we can almost smell the popcorn. ...

## PTA SUMMER FAIR

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Please put the date in your diary: **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 12-3pm** Turney playground. The theme this year is 'A Day At The Seaside'. If you do have any old buckets and spades, windbreakers, deckchairs or anything else seaside in theme for the creative group to use to decorate, please leave your donations in bags by the bench opposite the school office from after half-term. Any toys in good condition, ornaments, DVDs, or unwanted gifts will also be very welcome for the Bric-A-Brac stall. Use the holiday next week for a good clear-out! Many thanks in advance for your contributions.

## ELECTION FEVER!

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As you are no doubt aware, the general election is fast approaching. Whilst the children of the Hamlet may not be able to legally vote yet, they certainly have opinions on the big issues and we can't wait to hear them. In the first week after half term, year six teams will be campaigning for the four main parties (Labour, Conservative, Lib Dem & Green, with candidates in our constituency) in preparation for a mock election on June 8th. Voting will take place at the end of the school day with all children having the option to exercise their right to vote. The winner of the Hamlet elections will be announced on the Friday morning.

## FOOT WEAR!

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Can we please remind parents that trainers, even black ones (!) are not part of our simple school uniform. We do appreciate that shoes can become worn in the run-up to the summer break and therefore you are reluctant to buy new shoes until the start of September. However, we do seem to have an extraordinary amount of Y6 pupils in particular with 'worn out/damaged/lost shoes'!

## SPAG CURRICULUM SESSION

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Don't forget to sign-up for this informative session, led by our Assistant Head and Literacy Coordinator Rachel Evans. It will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 9:00-10:00am**. Please email the office on [office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk) to book a place. (This is a repeat of our evening session last term)

## HALF-TERMLY SPORTING ROUND-UP

### **Year 6 hockey v Alleyns**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March two Hamlet year 6 teams went to play a hockey match against Alleyns. The team was in very good and high spirits and so was the other team. It was very tough and for the first half we stopped Alleyns from scoring but our defence was weaker in the second half and let 2 goals in. One funny moment was when our keeper saved the ball but it got stuck underneath his shoe pad and he kept turning around looking for the ball not knowing where it was. The final score was 2-0 to Alleyns and it was well deserved.

*Aidan 6T*

### **Year 4 cricket v Alleyns**

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May DHJS year 4 had a cricket match against Alleyns school at their ground. Dulwich Hamlet bowled first and Nicholas got 4 wickets and I got 1. Alleyns batted well, their overall total was 237 runs. When DHJS batted Finn and Myles were spectacular, we got lots of runs from them and we even scored a 6. The whole team defended their wickets very successfully and we finished with a score of 254! Victory was ours – we were extremely excited and Alleyns attitude was very sporting. At the end of the match we shook hands.

*Oliver 4MG*

### **Year 3 cricket v Alleyns**

Dulwich Hamlet played cricket against Alleyns on 9<sup>th</sup> May. At first we batted and Alleyns bowled and fielded. Thomas and Arthur took the pitch and were quite careful to run. Then Theo and me came on and we did more runs. Soon after we became bowlers and fielders at first I was a wicket keeper then I was a bowler and almost hit the stumps. At last Felix got a kid on the wicket. After that we all came in to have the scores 258 Dulwich Hamlet 281 Alleyns.

*Sam 3H*

### **Year 3 cricket v Alleyns**

Me and a few other boys from year 3 went to a cricket match against Alleyns on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The match took place on Alleyns fields across the road from their school. One of the key moments was when Niall neatly got a 6 and when the Alleyns batsman got 4 runs. I think both teams attitude was positive because no-one complained to the umpire. I also think Alleyns' attitude was good because when they lost they didn't sulk. I had lots of fun and I'm sure everyone else did as well. They showed good sportsmanship.

*Charlie 3H*

### **Inter Schools Cross Country Meet**

Last Thursday afternoon the inter school Cross Country competition was held on the Griffin field. There were a lot of local schools that participated (including JAPs, Alleyns, Rosemead, Rosendale, Dulwich College, St Anthony's and many more) in the event. Over all, Dulwich Hamlet performed incredibly well. All of our runners, from each school year, ran brilliantly. After the medals were handed out, we were feeling down hearted, thinking that we couldn't win. When our name was called out, the crowd exploded with happiness to have retained the team cup.

*Fabien 5VT*

The Hamlet's cross country provision has grown from strength to strength in the past few years primarily due to the exceptional parents who continue to volunteer. We now have a huge number of regular runners every Thursday morning who work tirelessly to better their own times, something that has been made easier thanks to the new race clock that the PTA have purchased. The support from parents and the PTA has been highlighted in the last few weeks. On Thursday's fixture we arrived in our new running vests (donated by the PTA). A record number of parents volunteered to be marshals, organise snacks, organise registration and so much more. The event was a huge success with 10 schools and over 400 runners all having a tremendous day. It goes without saying that the entire cross country team wish to extend a huge thank you to all of the parents who helped out and to the PTA for their generosity and support.

### **England Diving Test Team**

You may recall we mentioned the England Diving team would be coming into school to look for potential diving talent. We had two visits and some children in each year have been selected to attend another session at Crystal Palace Sports Centre. The team have informed us that they are holding further trials and running diving session throughout the half term holiday, so if you're interested in diving do go along to the sports centre.

### **Gymnastics**

On Tuesday 23rd May, 4 children from years 5 and 6 represented the school at the Southwark gymnastics competition. They performed amazingly and the Team (Freya, Bradley, Carys and Fin) came first by an enormous 9 marks. They will now represent Southwark at the London Youth Games in July. Freya was the overall winner for the girls and Bradley took the title for the boys. A clean sweep!

We have participated in an incredible amount of matches and games since Easter, unfortunately we're missing a few match reports. Please send them in to Miss Thomson so we can all read about our triumphs, defeats, learning opportunities and fun.

As always, we wouldn't be able to participate and turn up at these events without the support of Lucy Akiril, Dan Mullings, Kevin & Daniel Abbotts, Sharon Campbell and all the parents who turn up regardless of the weather. A big thank you to you all.

## FINAL TOTAL...

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We raised an impressive **£1807.71** for Comic Relief. Thank you for buying noses, dressing up, bringing in coins, doing sponsored activities and generally making your laugh matter.

## PREVENT

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All of us will have been deeply affected by the horrendous act of terrorism seen in Manchester earlier this week. As a school, we are very mindful that as parents, you will have made decisions with regards to what information you feel is appropriate to discuss/share with your child at this time, if at all. We therefore thought it might be useful to signpost you to a few websites that have been recommended to us from Southwark, which you may find of help.

- The **Educate Against Hate** website is support by the Department for Education, and includes a wide range of resources and materials suitable for both primary and secondary schools in relation to extremism, radicalisation, and terrorism:  
**[www.educateagainsthate.com](http://www.educateagainsthate.com)**
- For parents and families, the **NSPCC** website now includes updated information and practical guidance about what to do if young people are worried about terrorism: **[www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/)**
- Finally, for young pupils in particular, the team at **BBC Newsround** have put together an excellent page of advice and reassurance for those worried or frightened after these events:  
**<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>**

## HALF-TERM SAFETY

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As we get ready for a week away from school, with hopefully some super weather for us all to enjoy, can we take the opportunity to encourage parents to remind children about basic road safety and stranger danger. We continually talk to the school in class and at whole school assemblies about keeping safe in a variety of different ways, hoping that our simple and straightforward messages get through. Only this week, a local lady called our office as she had witnessed one of our pupils running across the road, by the junction, skateboard in hand, just not looking where he was going. The driver was understandably quite shaken by this incident. We are also aware of some bullying type behaviours of older students from other schools in our local parks after school. If you are allowing your child the freedom to meet friends independently now that they are getting older and the weather is allowing us to be enjoying the outside, again, it is those kind of conversations you will want to have had to talk through self-safety strategies.

We want everyone to have a very happy and safe half-term break.