

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

We welcomed nine local schools yesterday afternoon who joined us on Griffin Field for our annual cross country event. We are incredibly proud of our entire DHJS team who demonstrated determination, resilience and a positive sporting attitude. We have some excellent runners and they were rewarded with individual medals; we also won the overall boys team trophy and came 3rd in the event overall. Well done Dulwich Hamlet runners!

A huge amount of thanks must go to Miss Victoria Thompson for organising this event which is not an easy task with so many involved. She was ably assisted by some Hamlet staff, PTA members, and a supportive crew of parents who turn up each week for our early morning cross country runs. Thank you to you all. We have finished our cross country season this year on a high and this afternoon was the perfect way to do just that. Read on to see some pictures capturing our runners in action...

## DHJS 'WEEKLY MILE'

Although cross country club has now finished until the autumn term, we're not giving up our running! From next Thursday, we're inviting all children to run a mile with their parents and staff. Exercise first thing in the morning has been scientifically proven to aid our mental well-being, concentration skills, and of course it's good for us to get some exercise. Please do come along every Thursday from 8:15am and run a mile with us. You don't even have to run; we won't mind if you run or walk or both. Give us 15 minutes of your time. Once you've completed the mile you're free to leave your child with us until the start of the school day.

This is part of the 'daily mile' project which you may have seen advertised. The children have started running 1/2 mile or a mile in their PE lessons each week and not only are they showing signs of improvement, they're enjoying the run too!

We look forward to seeing you there...



## KEY DATES

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April

5LT/5G! Bikeability Week

Cara Jennings (Doctor) presenting in assembly

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

4H class assembly – parents welcome. 9:10am, Turney Hall

## INTERNATIONAL AFTERNOON: 24<sup>th</sup> MAY

We're very much looking forward to this special afternoon in May and preparations for the class stalls are in full swing. Our stalls will reflect some history, geography, festivals, language and food from each of the countries. We really would like you to share any information you have to support our classes. In particular we are looking for donations of traditional food/dishes. A letter inviting you to purchase passports (tickets) will be sent out next week along with a reminder of which class is studying which country. (Uganda, Ghana, Greece, India, Japan, Nepal, Italy, Australia, Thailand, Argentina, Cuba, Brazil, Jamaica, USA, Sweden, Germany, China, Korea, Russia, Portugal, Ireland and Singapore). Please contact the school office, your child's class teacher or Nikki Thomson ([nthomson3.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:nthomson3.210@lgflmail.org)) if you can contribute in any way.

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
76	88	88	78

## SCHOOL DINNERS

We are pleased to welcome our new Assistant Chef, Everton, this week. He has joined the kitchen team and will be working closely with Fabrice to cook our lunch every day.

We have received a few communications from parents regarding lunches since our return from the Easter break. We have been able to dispel a few myths (!) about lunches that seem to have been going home, but have also listened to and addressed a few issues which we have resolved, working in partnership with our catering company Chartwells. Along with our Senior Midday Supervisor, Miss Cafeo who started her new role only last week, a member of our Core Leadership Team is always out and about at lunchtimes. They monitor provision, both in terms of what the children are eating in the dining hall, but also with regards to a variety of activities that we make available to the children for this important part of the school day.



*Our lunch today. Feedback from our Hamleteers was positive!*

## PTA NEWS

Huge thanks to all of you who donated and supported our 'Just Giving' campaign in lieu of Race Night.

We've exceeded our target and made almost £1,100 in online and offline donations which is fantastic! Your contributions enable us to fund upcoming projects such as the Secret Garden and replacement of play equipment. You're a generous bunch. Thank you!

To show our gratitude, and to share some of our upcoming projects, we will be inviting you to join us for a prosecco or two in the new Pickwick Courtyard very soon. Date tbc.

## DHJS INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT APRIL 2018

