

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Happy Friday, everyone. This week it is my turn to introduce myself. I'm Rachel Evans, Assistant Head in charge of Teaching and Learning. I've been at the Hamlet since 2002, with a three year break from 2012. I started as a Year 6 cover teacher and then taught in Years 4, 5 and 6 as a class teacher and Team Leader. I now teach a Year 6 maths group, which I absolutely love – even after 28 years of teaching, the buzz of watching a child grasp a concept or knowing that the class have really enjoyed their learning doesn't diminish.

My day-to-day work involves a lot of data crunching, which is incredibly satisfying and helps us as a Senior Leadership Team, and the class teachers, keep a handle on how all your children are attaining and ensure that everyone is doing as well as they possibly can. I also oversee the development of trainees and Newly Qualified Teachers and co-ordinate lots of staff training and appraisal.

My base is in the library and I have a great time making sure that it is looking as inviting as possible to entice the children in to read. If you haven't already seen it, check out our new Reading Castle on Open Classroom evening – a little something that Mr Purcell knocked up over the holidays! Do please encourage your children to come and check out a book – we have a great range and there really is something for everyone.

I'm sure that we'll all have a fantastic 2019-20 and it will be a pleasure teaching and working with different groups across the school as the year goes on.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

You are amazing!

Hot off the press: Total for this morning: £1185.00

Thank you.



KEY DATES

Thursday 3rd October

Adrian Barnett – Rainforest Ecologist – visiting
Deadline to hand in 'Truth' poems (see paragraph below)

NATIONAL POETRY DAY (THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER)

*Thursday 3rd October is the 25th anniversary of National Poetry Day,
The theme is 'truth', something we know it's important to say,
We'd love for you to get involved in some way,
Write us a poem about 'truth' and hand it in without delay,
For a poetry anthology library display!*

We are collating a poetry anthology and would love the children to bring in poems about 'truth'. Please look at the National Poetry Day website for inspiration – poems of any length accepted! Please hand in to Mrs Shreeve or your class teacher by Thursday 3rd October. Happy writing!

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/>



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
193	156	138	138

DHJS SPORTS MENTORS 2019/20

We are very proud to introduce our new Sports Mentors for the coming year. They have been selected because of their commitment and enthusiasm to sport over many years with us at DHJS:

Hi my name is Liv and I will be one of your sports mentors this year. My favourite sports are football, cricket, and gymnastics but I do enjoy all other sports as well. I am particularly good at gymnastics but I am good at other sports too. If you need any help please don't be afraid to ask, and you can find other sports mentors around the school.

Hello, my name is Thomas. I am in 6B and one of the sports mentors. I am really passionate about sport but particularly keen on cricket. If you have any questions or need any advice feel free to come and ask me.

Hello, my name is Niamh from 6GR. I am one of your new 2019 sports mentors. My favourite sport is football and that is the sport I will be mainly mentoring in. If you need help in anything related to football like dribbling, passing and shooting come to me and I will offer you a helping hand. If you also have any queries about sports such as cricket, netball and rounders, always feel able to approach me in the playground and talk to me as well.

COMMUNITY NEWS: CALLING ALL CYCLISTS

Herne Hill Velodrome is running a track cycling session for Dulwich Hamlet Junior School children. The sessions are from 4-5pm on Fridays and cost £4. Track bikes, helmets and gloves (if you don't have your own) are provided. It is a great introduction to track racing. All you need to be able to do is ride a normal bike confidently and be aged 8 or above. It's not run as an after school club so you need to make your own arrangements to get there and back. There is a very welcoming atmosphere and the children love it because they get to learn new skills, get fit and race each other.

Hello, my name is Charlie, I am in class 6GR and I am a sport mentor. I am grateful for being picked as one because I love all sports. I would say I'm an all-rounder. My favourite sports are: football, rugby, swimming, climbing, cricket, gymnastics and running. I am best at: rugby, football and cricket although I love all sporting activities.

Hello, my name is Lucy. I am a sport mentor. I am mainly for rugby but I also do lots of other sports. If you need any advice you can come to me.

Hi! My name is Nate and I am a sport mentor. My favourite three are: hockey, running and football but I can do lots of other sports.

Hi! I am Sophia and I enjoy all sports. However, I particularly love running.

Hi, my name is Ben and I am in 6B. I am thrilled to have the responsibility of being a sports mentor and I hope I can help you with improving and developing your sporting ability. I can give you advice with all sports but my main sports are football, cricket and cross country. Remember, sport is meant to be fun and enjoyable. It does not matter if you are not the best, it is about trying as hard as you can and never giving up.

MOBILE PHONES

A reminder that we do not allow our Hamleteers to keep mobile phones on their person during the school day. While we recognise that owning a mobile becomes a 'rite of passage' for some of our older children, and a move towards greater independence and trust, if your child really does need to bring a mobile to school, they must hand it in to the office every morning and collect it at the end of the day.

We also ask that you talk to your child about basic safety when walking to and from school with a mobile. We know that thieves operate in our locality and we have heard reports from neighbouring schools where this has been an issue. We also know that some children can become so pre-occupied with talking or looking at their phone, that they walk out onto roads without looking for traffic and to see if it is safe to cross.

Dulwich Hamlet Junior School PTA Dates 2019/2020



DATE	ITEM	NOTES
Sept 27, 9:00am	PTA AGM	Burbage building- at Hamlet
Oct 10, 7:30pm	Quiz night	Turney hall
Nov 8 3:25pm	Bonfire night cake sale	Village playground - year 3
Nov 23, 12:30-3	Christmas fair	All hands on deck at Hamlet
Dec 6, 3:30-5:30	Christmas tree decoration	PTA Committee and kids
Dec 13, 3:25pm	Christmas cake sale	Village playground - year 4
Dec 16&18	Year group school Christmas parties	PTA provide drinks/snacks
Dec 13	Hamlet PTA Christmas Party	The Crown and Greyhound, from 7:30 till late
Dec 17	Music Ensembles Christmas Concert	PTA provide kids drinks and pre-theatre bar
Feb 7, 3:25	Valentine's cake sale	Village playground - year 5
Mar 27, 3:25	Mothers Day Cake Sale	Village playground - year 6
May 15, 6-8pm	Hamlet Community Disco	North Charter- All of Hamlet welcome, - ticketed event
June 5, 3:25	Summer cake sale	Village playground - year 3
June 13 12:30-3:00	Summer fair	All hands on deck
July 13 TBC	Sports Day	Lollies and water distribution
July 1 from 5pm	Art exhibition and New Parents Evening	PTA run bar
July TBC	Year 6 production	Year 6 PTA committee
July TBC	Summer music concert-ensembles	PTA run bar
July 16, 7-9pm	Year 6 leavers disco	Year 6 committee with year 5 helpers