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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As we enter the final three weeks of the term, we have some busy times and exciting events planned for our Hamleteers, and indeed for all of our parents and carers too.

Y6 are fully immersed in rehearsals for the premier of their home-grown production: 'Video Quest'. This is a ticketed event, taking place in the wonderful Michael Croft Theatre at Alley'n's, 11th and 12th July. It would be great to have a full-house for our talented performers; we will be providing ticket details for our Y3, 4 and 5 families next week.

We are looking forward to showcasing the children's artwork from throughout the year at our annual Art Exhibition next week. Please do try to come to one of the two opportunities to see your children's creativity, before we curate the work ready for a third display in the frames at North Dulwich train station. Every child will have at least one piece of their work on display.

With our new parent and carer evening next week, we will be telling all the children of their new September classes on Tuesday. The children will be told in class and you will receive our usual email communication informing you of your child's new teacher. Before the end of term, the children will get the opportunity to spend a short time in their new classroom, with their new teacher. In advance of this information, I thought it would be helpful to inform you of our class teacher changes for September:

Sarah Crawford, Ellie Arkwright and Alice Jones are all going to be leaving us at the end of term to start new adventures in Connecticut, Ethiopia and Dubai respectively. They have all made significant contributions to the life of DHJS and will be missed by us all. We wish all of them well with their exciting moves to pastures new.

We are delighted to that Phuong Nguyen, Maddy Davies and Willow Oddie are joining our full-time teaching team. We know that you will join us in making them all feel incredibly welcome to the Hamlet.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 3rd July

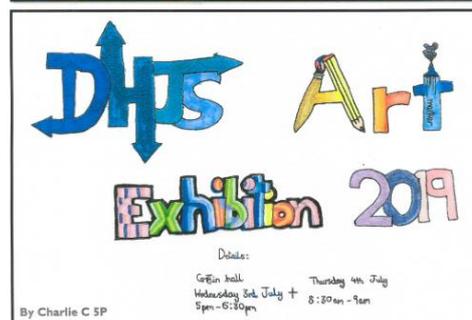
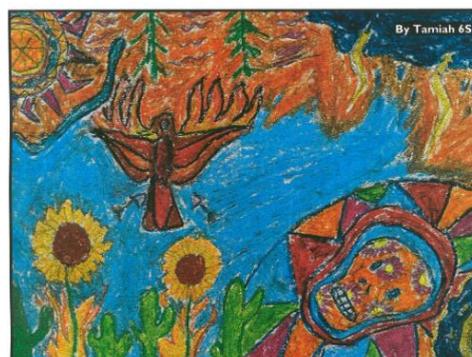
Art Exhibition, Griffin Hall, 5-6pm
New Parent and Carer Evening, 6:15pm, Turney Hall

Thursday 4th July

Art Exhibition, 8:30-8:50am, Griffin Hall
Y3 to watch Y2 DVIS production of The Wizard of Oz
Y4 'Exit Burbage' workshops

Friday 5th July

LAMDA exams for Y4 and Y5
New Y3 September intake to visit and tour (pm)



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
96	86	103	99

YEAR 3 TALENTS FAIR 2019

Well done to Year 3 who showed amazing entrepreneurial spirit at our Talent Fair this week. Inspired by the Parable of the Talents, each group was given £10 and asked to come up with an idea to make it grow. The children came up with some brilliant responses: from selling smoothies, lemonade and cupcakes to lucky dip and face painting. The children raised an impressive £470 which they have decided to donate to the World Wildlife Fund. Thank you to parents and carers and Bartley's Flowers for their help and support.



PTA NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the summer fair. We raised a whopping £5759.35. The PTA is made up of each and every one of you and we really do rely on all your volunteer time and attendance at the events to make it work. An especially big thank you to Sophie Clements for taking the lead on organising it. We had some new fun activities as well as the usual favourites. If you won in the raffle and haven't yet picked up your prize, they are in the office. Any prizes unclaimed will be rolled over for the Christmas raffle.

But - the fun is not over yet! We have Sports Day, July 15th, in the morning. The PTA provides the water and ice lollies - thank you to those who have already volunteered to help. We are running a pre-concert bar for the Music Concert, July 16th, at JAGs. Please step forward to help Prema set-up and run this bar which runs from 6:00-6:50pm – many volunteers still needed. So if your child is in the music concert and you can help, please get in touch dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com.

A PTA bar will also be run at the Y6 production on July 11th/12th. Thank you to Karen Savage for taking the lead on this. Let Karen know if you can help or email the PTA.

The Y6 disco is on July 18th. We will be having a farewell to our Y6's and some of their parents in the evening. We have a great committee organising this disco and thank you to some Y5 parents who have stepped in to help us and man our bar with us. It is great to have the involvement of Y5.

And finally and very soon, is the Art Exhibition on July 3rd along with the new parents evening. Thank you Marcella and Sophie for leading this in my absence. We are selling second hand uniform and running the bar.

So, a very busy next few weeks! Please get in touch if you can help. Many thanks from our PTA. Gillian

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As we enter the final few weeks of the summer term, we know for some it is easy to slip into the mind-set of a day away from school not mattering – but it really does...

It is true that the final week or so of term is perhaps less academic in content, but key school events and traditions do take place. For example, sports morning, Y6 leaver's assembly and disco, summer music concert, 'meet the new teacher' session etc... are all key events that tend to be the more memorable occasions, and 'rite of passage' experiences for the children. Teachers are still finalising assessments during this time, with reports coming home to you in that last week.

We urge you not to remove your child from school during this run-up to the end of the school year, and politely remind you that any time taken for family holiday/gatherings/days out during term time is automatically recorded as an unauthorised absence for your child.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Reviewing the status of the Voluntary Contributions for this academic year, we were very pleased to see so many parents having paid for the whole year, or, at least for one or two terms. So, a very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the School Fund.

As you know from the Voluntary Contribution letters, which are sent out each term, there are a great many expenses connected with offering our children a large number of varied experiences, such as visits, workshops and trips - coach hire is particularly expensive! Unlike many other school, we do not ask for individual trip payments throughout the course of the year, so apart from residential trips, and a very small handful of specific extra-curricular activities, all these are paid for out of the Voluntary Contributions School Fund.

We are only too aware, that these days, there are many demands on families' finances, and, because the contributions are voluntary, we can only ask for you to be as generous as you can to support our school in giving our children a wide variety of exciting and enriching experiences. Quite often, because of the busy lives we all lead, things which are not urgent can simply be overlooked, so if you are in that situation, do please spend a moment to make a contribution. Any amount, big or small will be very gratefully received, and put to excellent use in organising the next batch of exciting activities and events for your children to enjoy. Very many thanks in advance.