

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

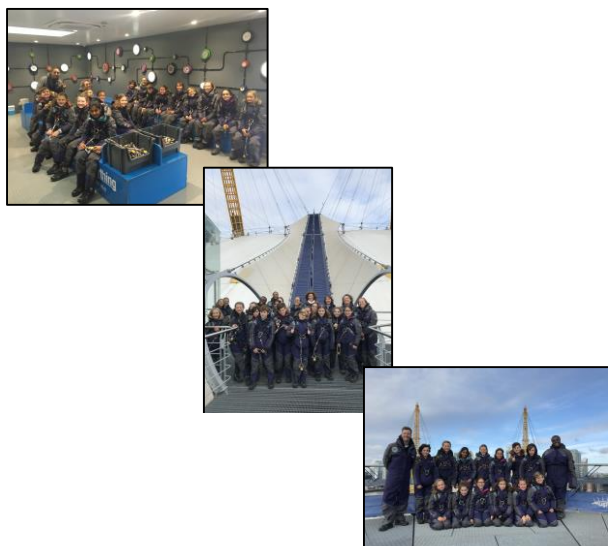
Thank you for coming and engaging with our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. We do hope that you found this a useful opportunity. The teachers appreciated your time, enabling them to build a fuller picture of your child at this early point in the term.

And another 'thank you' for joining us for some early morning refreshment and donating the most amazing cakes. We have raised £983.97 (so far) for Macmillan Cancer Support. We will let you know the grand total next week...

## BBC MUSIC DAY – HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Our Y6 Choir members had the experience of a lifetime early this morning. Through our long-standing relationship with Young Voices, we were invited to sing alongside Sharlene Hector on top of the O2 for the launch of BBC's Music Day. **You can see our performance on BBC London this evening at 6:30pm!**

The idea behind the BBC Music Day is to bring the nation together to celebrate the power of music to change lives; from community music initiatives, to working with big-name musicians through a host of performances and activities across TV, Radio and Online, BBC Music Day shines a light on our relationship with music. For further information and a list of events, please visit: [www.bbc.co.uk/events/egrz3d](http://www.bbc.co.uk/events/egrz3d)



## KEY DATES

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Y3 visit to Horton Kirby

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

5A visit to the Black Cultural Archives, Brixton  
Y3 parent & carer 'Taster Lunch'

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

6S class assembly – parents & carers welcome. 9:05am  
Turney Hall  
5P visit to the Black Cultural Archives, Brixton




### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

5B visit to the Black Cultural Archives, Brixton  
'Resilience' Café FULLY BOOKED, 8:45am, Burbage  
Y3 Curriculum Evening, 6:00pm Village Hall

## 'RESILIENCE' PARENT AND CARER CAFE

We are delighted that so many of you have secured a place to join us for this café with our Learning Mentor Lorraine Thomas next Thursday; we thought it would be a popular topic! Unfortunately, we have now reached capacity for this session and so we are holding a waiting list. If for any reason you are no longer able to attend, please let the office know so we can pass your place on. If you were intending on booking but hadn't yet got round to it, please do let us know, as if there are sufficient numbers, we will look to offer a further session at which you will have a priority place. Please note: there will not be space for anyone 'dropping-in' to this café next week.

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
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## UNIFORM AND LOST PROPERTY

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In an attempt to minimise the increasing contents of the lost property box in Village playground we now have four year group boxes for the storage of lunch boxes, hoodies and sweatshirts. We had an assembly on taking responsibility for our possessions on Monday this week and reminded the children that at the end of lunchtime we give them 5 minutes to collect all their belongings. Please reiterate the message about being responsible and help your child by naming all their uniform, PE kit, coats, hats & shoes!

## SCHOOL SPORTS KIT

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When we attend any sporting fixture we try and dress the teams in our school kit. We are proud of our kit and it makes the children feel proud too. We have a lot of fixtures! In order to give all of the teams the chance to wear the school kit, we need it returned after your child has worn it. If your child comes home wearing one of our kits, please wash it and return at your earliest convenience. Kits can be left in the school office or handed directly to Mr Mullings or Miss Thomson. Thank you.



Cakes for a good cause.  
Thank you for your kind donations!



## Y3 CURRICULUM EVENING

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Y3 parents and carers: please don't forget to come and join us at 6pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October in Village Hall. The Y3 team will talk you through the curriculum content, approaches to reading and writing, partnership expectations, as well as answer any questions/queries that may have cropped-up over the first few weeks.

## LAMDA SUCCESS

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After being patient for the whole of the summer holidays, we were at long last able to present our Y6 children who were entered for their LAMDA examinations back in July with their certificates in assembly today. 23 children passed with flying colours, with many well-deserved merits and distinctions.

While we are currently taking a break from LAMDA, we are looking forward to hopefully re-introducing some LAMDA courses in the Spring term.

## POLITE REMINDERS FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

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We recognise that just sometimes, children will forget to bring items into school - PE kits, instruments, packed lunches, coats etc... and as such you may drop these off with us at the office by morning break time (11am) or lunchtime (12:15pm). The children can then come over to check if their belongings have arrived and collect their forgotten items during their breaks. The Admin team do not take forgotten items over to the classrooms. This way, lessons are therefore not disrupted.

Can we kindly request that you do not rely on **after school clubs** for childcare; unfortunately, these clubs could be cancelled at short notice, or not be on every week for various reasons - sickness, parents' evenings, weather conditions etc... We have limited space in our **After School Care**, please note that children will not always get a space at short notice.

## PTA UPDATE

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We got off to a great start this year with 30 people attending our AGM on September 19th. Even if you couldn't make this meeting, there are plenty of opportunities for you to raise your hand and get involved.

If you have any special interest in our events and want to be a part of it, drop an email to:

[Dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:Dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com)

We have a year 6 committee; school disco committee; school fairs organised via class reps. Uniform sales will be expanding this year and have its own committee.

Cake sales will be managed by each year group in turn, starting with Year 3, Nov 2, bonfire cake sale- thank you to Lula and Martina for advancing our cake sale protocol! We expect crowd control now and need as many parents on board with helping make cake sales a big success. Donate made or bought goods and volunteer on the day.

If you haven't heard from us, we might not have your email, so reach out to us. We do not get contact details from the school due to data protection.

### **We nominated a new committee at the AGM:**

Gillian Shields – Chair of the PTA

Marcella Pergande – Vice Chair

New Lower School (Y3/4) committee member –  
Cathy Simpson

Secretary – Niamh Brown

Treasurer – Sarah Turner

As a registered charity we need to have our accounts independently examined, so thank you Vivak Kapoor for stepping forward for that.

### **Key upcoming events:**

Quiz Night – Oct 12- **SOLD OUT!** - thank you to Sonia Butler for taking the lead in organising this.

Christmas Fair – Nov 24- thank you to Sophie Clements for taking the lead (contact your class reps)

Christmas Party – Dec 13- Bel Air House – Thank you Tara Crowe for leading on this (info to follow)

Watch out for our dates flyer in book bags soon. Just confirming a few more dates first.

**Now more than ever the school needs us to raise funds to keep our exceptional curriculum going. The school has requested help with replacement of new playground equipment, creating a secret sensory garden in a disused part of playground, top up our shrinking music budget, help support the library to keep books up to date and our continued contributions to sport events and equipment. They also have some great ideas around tech use in the classroom. We would love to see us raising enough money that the school doesn't feel the pinch and in fact prospers more than ever!**

**Let's make this a fun and fruitful year for all our children!**

**Dulwich Hamlet PTA**

## Dulwich Hamlet Junior School PTA Dates 2018/2019



DATE	ITEM	NOTES
Sept 19, 7:30pm	PTA AGM	Turney hall
Oct 12, 7:30pm	Quiz night	Turney hall
Nov 2, 3:25pm	Bonfire night cake sale	Village playground - year 3
Nov 24, 12:30-3	Christmas fair	All hands on deck
Dec 7, 3:30-5:30	Christmas tree decoration	Committee and rep parents/kids
Dec 14, 3:25pm	Christmas cake sale	Village playground - year 4
Dec 17&19	Year group school Christmas parties	PTA provide drinks/snacks
Dec 13	Hamlet PTA Christmas Party	Bel Air House, time TBC
Dec 18	Music Ensembles Christmas Concert	PTA provide kids drinks
Feb 8, 3:25	Valentine's cake sale	Village playground - year 5
Apr 4, 3:25	Easter Cake sale	Village playground - year 6
May TBC	Family Disco	TBC
May 23, 3:25	Summer cake sale	Village playground - year 3
June 15 12:30-3:00	Summer fair	All hands on deck
July TBC	Sports Day	Lollies and water distribution
July 3,	Art exhibition and New Parents Evening	PTA run bar
July TBC	Year 6 production	Year 6 committee
July 18, 7-9pm	Year 6 leavers disco	Year 6 committee