

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

ISSUE 26 | 29th March 2018

Head of School: Mrs Claire Purcell | Email: office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk | Tel: 020 7525 9188/9

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Probably one of my highlights of the DHJS school calendar is our annual Easter Egg Competition. Thank you to all of the Hamleteers who took the time to enter, you are all winners. Your entries were inspired and made the judging 'egg-ceptionally' hard! Many thanks to our good friend Ross from St. Barnabas for coming in 'eggs-pecially' and Miss Bartle from the office for helping me to decide.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Easter break.



ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

The following children have received Achievement Certificates in our special Friday celebration assemblies this half-term. Congratulations to you all:

- 3C Tobias, Jeremiah, Arthur KC, Vy Vy, Mahdi, Arthur OB, William, Max TS, Edward, Zoe, Max B, Tobin, James, Beatrice, Annabelle, Coco, Henry & Otto
- 3K Milo, Tiffany, Hana, William, Lewis, Kurt, Teddy, Mani, Kiran, Noah, Natasha & Edith
- 3J Shayne, Freddie M, Mahrosh, Raphael, Aaron, Emily, Alfie LA, Nicholas, Sophia, Tobias, Micah, Reuben, Matthew & Cecile
- 4A Nathaniel, Chloe, Tallulah, Iris, Arthur, Lottie, Ines, Phoebe, Benjy, Charlie, Zac, Josiah, Grace, Milo, Adam, Adam, Ezekiel, Niall, Isabel & Katya
- 4G Gracie, Isaac, Juliet, Astrid, Harry, Theo, Sophie, Jude, Tessa, Oliver, Runa & Rosa-Ama
- 4H Ottilie, Ayla, Alice, Eve, Gilgal, Sulim, Matthew, Ruth, Edie, Matilda, Lilliana & Valentina
- 5LT Sylvia, Alma, Sully, Alexander, Alexia, Stan, Tabitha, Sebastian & Esha
- 5VT Tamiah, Seven, Daniel, Thomas, Lilly, Francesca, Bailey, Charlotte, Tommy, Jake & Eleni
- 5TS Jem, William, Rafferty, Alejandro, Noah J, Mckenna, Freya M, Emilia, Grace, Freya P, Rachel, Nicholas & Florence
- 6S Anna, Barry, Mary, Eva-Mae, Isaac, Hayden, Dylan, Eddie, Jack, Iris & Amy
- 6P Hettie, Flavia, Alexei, Harry D, Zoe, Sophie, Max, Jake, Rocco, Lily, Travis & Alice
- 6MG Gabriella, George, Felix, Gabriel, Elizabeth, Faith, Julian, Ezra, Sasha, Marta & Ava-Mae
- 6GR Poppy, Eveny, Scarlett, Trey, Giulia, Juanita, Luke, Nancy, Teyjarn, Gracie, Obed, Flora, Isaac, Anna, Luca, Devan, Ollie, Mike & Yoah

KEY DATES

Monday 16th April

Return from Easter hols. Normal 8:55am start
SVT Bikeability Week
National Primary School Offer Day

Tuesday 17th April

Y4 swimming to start

Thursday 19th April

Y3 'Ancient Greece Day'

PLEASE SEE FINAL PAGE FOR A FEW SUMMER TERM 'SAVE THE DATES...'

STAFF NEWS

We are really sad to say a 'goodbye' to Miss Threadgold today. Laura is leaving us to take up a new teaching post in Purley. She has led Y5 and taught many of our upper school Hamleteers over the past year and two terms and she is going to be missed by us all. We wish her all the best for her new adventures as Deputy Headteacher. SLT will be in the very capable hands of Mr Gray for the remainder of this academic year.



EVENING OF SONG

Thanks Miss Campbell for organising this wonderful concert, celebrating our vocal talents with our friends from Dog Kennel Hill and The Charter School North Dulwich.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
116	71	94	115

PTA NEWS

Cake Sale - Thank you!

We made £227.78 at the Easter cake sale last week!
Huge thanks to all who donated and helped.
All funds towards the new Pickwick Courtyard

The Races come to Dulwich Hamlet

All the glamour of Ascot Ladies' Day in our very own Turney Hall! Come have a flutter and some fun, and a chance to win some money and raise some money.

Prize for the best and most creative headwear on the night!
Tickets are £10 each, including supper. Buy tickets individually, or assemble a table of 8.

Friday 27th April 7:30 to 10pm. Adults only

To request your tickets please email:
dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com

UPDATED CONTACT FORMS

Congratulations to 4G for returning all of their updated contact forms – which we have been asking for since Christmas! This really is essential information that we need to ensure is accurate, for the benefit of your child. If you know you are one of the remaining few who haven't returned their forms - only a signature is required if there are no changes to be made – can you please respond to this final plea and tick this job off for your list for the start of the summer term. Thank you.

SPORT RELIEF 2018 'Whatever Moves You'

We definitely moved! What a super day last Friday. It was a great way to end a week of sporting activities all to raise funds for Sport Relief. The whole school (staff included) ran the Sport Relief mile; we danced and were treated to a fantastic performance by the dance club. We all did a 15 minute step class and worked up an appetite for lunch. After lunch we all enjoyed playing different sports and throwing sponges at teachers. (Thank you teachers for being such good sports.) At the end of the day we celebrated our sporting achievements and sang the official Sport Relief song. The schools' Sport Relief team visited us and described us as a model school. They were blown away by the energy and enthusiasm of the children. By 11.30am we had already raised £1124. Thank you so much. Please send in any outstanding sponsor money as soon as possible after the Easter holidays.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS – FINAL CALL

There are a few spaces left for the following clubs next term. Please email the office if you would like a place for your child, first come first served:

Monday - Girls Football (8am), Basket Ball

Tuesday - Handball (8am), Cricket, Y3&4 Rugby, Rounders

Wednesday - Gaelic Football (8am), Multi Sports & Fitness, Y5&6 Cricket

NATIONAL PRIMARY OFFER DAY

National Primary Offer Day is Monday 16th April. If you have a sibling either starting in reception or Y3 in September 2018, as long as you applied on time, you will receive an email after 5pm which will provide you with information on what to do next. You will also be able to view the outcome of your application that evening on the eAdmissions website.

If you have been offered a place at DHJS for Y3, you will also receive a letter from us by the end of the first week back after Easter, inviting you to come along with your documents to confirm the place.

SECONDARY TRANSFER SEPTEMBER 2018

Polite reminder: please inform the school office of the secondary school place you have accepted for your child, this will ensure that your child's pupil file is sent on to the correct school in due course.



Many thanks to Nikki Thomson for organising our special Sport Relief Day and for bringing us all together for such a worthy cause.



HALF-TERMLY SPORTING ROUND-UP

Dulwich Hamlet v St David's (football)

On the 5th February 2018 the Y6A's played St David's College at their field. We started on the front foot and scored an early goal. Felix's shot was saved by the St David's keeper and was tapped in at the back post by Rocco. 1-0 to the Hamlet. The lead was extended with a corner cleared and Frey's clearance landing at Jake's feet; he scored making it 2-0. They were pressuring us when they kicked off again and were rewarded with a goal when they missed two very good chances. Right before half time we seemingly put the game to bed with a header from Michael after a great cross by Max. At half time we were confident that we could win. Straight from kick off they had the most possession and it was clear they were eventually going to score. However, Michael's neat and tidy chip over the St David's keeper made it 4-0. Their number 13 was their best player and after missing 2 chances he scored twice in quick succession making the score 4-2. Felix was fouled on the edge of the box and Rocco's free kick was very good. It trickled under the wall and was saved brilliantly by the keeper. Right at the end Max finally finished the game with a curving shot from outside the box.

Felix 6MG

Dulwich Hamlet v JAPS (netball)

On the 5/2/18 a group of netballers played a match against the JAPS team. In the first half we lost 4-1 but in the second half Lucy (the netball coach) changed positions to see if we worked better using them, it seemed to work. We swooped in and won 4-3 even though we lost by a few in the second half, all the players did their best and everyone played to their best ability. Lucy, in the break, gave us advice on what we could improve on. We used this advice to improve our skills during the match. Overall, we enjoyed the experience and the other team gave a good match.

Gabby 6MG

On Monday 5th February team A of Y6 netballers went to play a match against JAPS at JAGS netball courts. We had first centre pass moving rapidly down the court but our opponents took the ball and ran to their goal, they scored. We got back into our positions again as they took their centre pass; they hadn't thrown it in the centre third so we had a free pass. The ball came back to our goal and Gabby shot it in. Unfortunately JAPS scored 2 more goals before half time. Once our short break ended we scored 4 more goals in the second half and they scored 5 more so we ended up losing 7-5 to JAPS. In the end it was a good match and we enjoyed playing.

Elizabeth 6MG

Dulwich Hamlet v other schools (football tournament)

Y4 from Dulwich Hamlet Junior School played in a football tournament at Alleyn's with 6 other schools on 6th February. The teams were separated into 2 groups with each group having 4 teams.

In our first match we lost 1-0. It was close because William hit the cross bar twice so the match might have gone in our favour. In our second match we won 5-0. I scored twice, Zac scored twice and William scored once. In the 3rd match we drew 1-1 with either side having an opportunity to win as it was a close match.

Sadly we didn't get through to the finals but we were all still very happy to have been taken and enjoyed a really fun afternoon of football at Alleyn's.

Benjy 4A

Dulwich Hamlet v other schools (football tournament)

On Thursday 8th February the Y6 girls football team won a tournament at Alleyn's. We played against several different schools including Alleyn's, Rosemead, Honeywell and JAPS. We played in the semi-finals and because we drew 1-1 we did a penalty shoot-out. Luckily we got into the finals and due to Sasha's amazing goal which made it 1-0 we won a gold medal.

The opposition played fabulously as they had great sportsmanship and they didn't mind if they lost. We had great communication and teamwork and we are chuffed that we won. We are very proud of ourselves to have won the competition for DHJS and we can't wait until the next game.

Mila 6MG

Dulwich Hamlet v Rosemead (netball)

On a cold winter's day the Y4 netball team travelled to Rosemead School (on the minibus). We played 2 matches; the first half of the first game was slow. We had lots of chances to get the ball but Rosemead had the edge.

In the second half of the first game our playing improved a lot. Rosemead put up a good fight and the end result was 5-3 to Rosemead.

We played much stronger in the second game. Our passing shooting and intercepting really improved. Rosemead played well but in the end the score was 3-0 to the triumphant Dulwich Hamlet.

Nancy 4A

Dulwich Hamlet v other schools (football tournament)

The Dulwich Hamlet Y3 boys took third place at the Football tournament at Alleyn's School on 19th February. We had a great start, winning our first match against Blackheath Prep 2-0 with Madhi scoring both goals. We then played Oakfield but sadly lost 4-1 as we kept getting out of formation. The next match we managed a 3-3

draw with Pointers School. We had been 3-2 up until the last second when we conceded a free kick. We then played Eltham, a very good side, and lost 5-3. Our last match was against St. Christopher's and we won 6-3. Freddie M scored a hat trick, Madhi scored a volley from outside the box and Toby managed to dink the goalkeeper with a top corner looping goal.

We were disappointed letting a 3-2 lead slip against Pointers but we were pleased with our two team wins and third place finish. We had a good team spirit and so did all the other teams we played.

Stan 3J

We've enjoyed a good season of netball and football matches despite the weather! Several matches were postponed or cancelled due to rain, snow, pitch or court conditions. We did take part in a cross country event and our girls 'got a feel' for the competition in running. We will of course be hosting our own cross country event in April.

Our Y3 netball team had their first match against Streatham & Clapham. They didn't win but they had a good learning experience and now know how high the standards are and where they have to be for their next match. Keep practising girls!

We don't have many swimming galas throughout the year but we had two last term. The first was a friendly match against JAPS. We entered a lot of Hamleteers for their first gala & we were all proud of their efforts. The second gala, South of the River Swim Gala, was far more competitive. Considering the amazingly high standard of swimming from the other schools we didn't do too badly and came away with 5 bronze medals.

Y4 will begin their swimming lessons after the Easter holiday. You may not be aware but swimming is part of the PE National Curriculum. For those children who can't swim it's a good opportunity to learn; for those who can already swim the lessons build on stamina and develop stroke technique.

Exercise has been proven to be beneficial for our health and to get us motivated, especially in the morning. All through Sport Relief week the children ran a mile each day. They were amazing and I think some of them surprised themselves at what they could achieve. The Daily Mile is something we are considering and discussing as a school.

On that note, if your child feels a little under the weather on PE day do please encourage them to take part. We apply a very simple principle: if you're well enough to be in school, you're well enough to do PE. Often children who 'can't do' PE are found running around the playgrounds at break and lunchtime! We always encourage children to take part in PE; there have been numerous occasions when a child has fully participated even though they initially felt unwell. We ask that the children 'give it a go' and 'see how they get on'. If a child appears to be that unwell we will ring you and ask you to come and collect your child. Broken bones count as a perfectly valid reason not to do PE!

There are many ways you can assist your child with PE, just like any other curriculum subject. Throwing and catching are key skills for netball rugby, cricket and rounders. These are often the skills that let some of our teams down. If your child is a swimmer, practising lengths and improving times will help them feel more confident in a gala.

We're looking forward to the summer term of sport. We have swimming galas, cricket and rounders matches and of course at the end we'll have our sports morning. Fingers crossed the sun will be shining.

As always, my huge thanks go to Dan Mullings, Lucy Akiril, Spike, Tom Salomonson, Claudia Cafeo, Sharon Campbell, Victoria Thompson, Beth Harris, the parents who volunteer and support, and the Progressive Sport coaches for all their continued hard work in running clubs, coaching teams and helping our children enjoy and get the most out of sport.

Nikki Thomson



A FEW SUMMER TERM 'SAVE THE DATES...'

Details regarding specific events will be communicated to you nearer the time.

Friday 27th April: PTA Race Night, 7:30pm Turney Hall

Wednesday 9th May: Y4 Parent & Carer Café (Maths focus) 8:45-9:30am, Burbage

Monday 14th May: Y6 SATs Week

Monday 21st May: Y3 Parent & Carer Café (Maths focus) 8:45-9:30am, Burbage

Thursday 24th May: 'International Afternoon' – joint event with DVIS, 3:30-5pm

HALF-TERM Monday 28th May-Friday 1st June

Monday 4th June: **INSET Day**

Thursday 7th June: Open Classroom, 3:30-4:15pm

Saturday 16th June: PTA Summer Fair, 12-3pm

Wednesday 4th July: DHJS Art Exhibition 5:00-6:30pm, Griffin Hall

Wednesday 4th July: New Parents Evening 6:15-7:30pm, Turney Hall

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th July: Y6 Production, 7:00pm, Michael Croft Theatre at Alley's

Friday 13th July: Y4/5 fun swimming gala, 1:30-3:00pm, JAGs

Monday 16th July: Sports Morning, Griffin Field

Tuesday 17th July: Summer music concert, 7:00pm, Turney Hall

Thursday 19th July: Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 1:45pm, Turney Hall

Thursday 19th July: Y6 Leavers' Disco, 7:00pm Turney Hall

Friday 20th July: Break-up for summer, final registration and pick-up, 1:25pm

EASTER EGG COMPETITION WINNERS 2018

Y3 1st 'Shape of You: Egg Shearan' - Tobias 3C

2nd 'Eggster Bunny' - Matthew 3J

3rd 'Monegg' - Natasha 3K

Y4 1st 'Meggan Markle Windsor' - Xavier 4G

2nd 'Theresa Egg' - Tom H 4A

3rd 'Eggfoot' - Grace 4H

Y5 1st 'Winter Egg-lympics - Immy 5TS

2nd 'Suffraeggs' - Bela 5LT

3rd 'Cleopatra Queen of All
Egyptians' - Pablo 5TS

Y6 1st 'Always Bee Yourself' - Flora 6GR

2nd 'A Local Hero: The Eggsplorer' -
Jake 6P

3rd 'Master Egg' - Evelyn 6MG

