

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I've had such an enjoyable musical week!

It was an absolute privilege to accompany our 67 choristers who joined the massed Young Voices Choir of 7670 children at the O2 on Monday evening. They literally sang their hearts out and had the time of their lives. Choir is now open for new members to join. We rehearse on Friday lunchtimes at 12:15pm in Turney Hall. No audition, just an enjoyment of singing and a commitment to weekly sessions required. We're looking forward to our future performances, our 'Evening of Song' in March being our next public 'airing'!



DHJS arrive at the O2...



Stars of the show...

I then accompanied a group of Y5 musicians who performed in the Clore Ballroom at the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday afternoon. They joined the secondary school combined orchestra to play Henry Purcell's Rondeau. I was so impressed with their musicianship and confidence playing within a much larger and experienced ensemble. They certainly held their own.

I want to thank all of the staff who kindly gave up their time to accompany the children to these events, but specifically Miss Campbell. She organises such opportunities with military precision, and works with all of our young musicians to ensure they are well-rehearsed, organised and prepared for their performances. How they remember all of those lyrics, I have no idea...!

SPORT RELIEF: PARENTS V STAFF

If you haven't yet signed up to play on the parent team against the staff on Thursday 22nd March, please contact Dan Mullings in the school office or Nikki Thomson nthomson3.210@lgflmail.org.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 7th February

5LT class assembly – parents welcome. 9:10am Turney Hall Parents Evening

Thursday 8th February

Dulwich College Science Roadshow for 4H Parents Evening

Friday 9th February

Bassistry Arts working with Y5/6
PTA Valentine's Cake Sale

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY LAMDA & STEEL PANS RUNNING ON WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY. ALL OTHER CLUBS CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENINGS. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 3:25PM.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

We will be writing to you all next week about this important fund that you kindly give to the school. You have contributed towards the Learning Dome for Y5, a performance of Macbeth from the Young Shakespeare Company for Y6, providing coaches for Y4 to go to Battle, and Y3 for Butser later this term, among many more activities. All of these events support us in bringing the curriculum alive for our Hamleteers so that in-keeping with our vision, it suitably 'glitters'! We have kept the VC at the same level for many years now and prices have certainly risen during this time, alongside cuts to school budgets that I am sure you are well aware of. Our Governors have therefore decided that it is time to raise the VC and ask you for £25 per term, (increase from £20 per term) from this term. We do hope that you find this increase reasonable.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
116	96	136	125

DULWICH VILLAGE JUNCTION UPDATE

We've previously reported regarding the road surfacing that will take place during half-term in the Village. This week it has come to our attention that there are still a few issues. Cyclists, pedestrians and drivers have not yet fully understood the new light system which is causing some confusion. Please be aware that traffic (cars or cyclists) filtering into Turney Road and traffic filtering up towards Calton Avenue may need to stop for a pedestrian light. The lights may have been green for vehicles at Dulwich Village (westbound) but red at the internal stop lines once they turn right into Calton Avenue, for those walking across on the opposite side. Please be vigilant and take care when using the crossings in whatever capacity that might be until everyone becomes used to this new light system.

PICK-UP ROUTINES

Please ensure your child (and other members of the family) know who is going home with who and when. Many of our older children have been given permission by their parents to walk home alone or with friends; sometimes children have 'play dates'; we have lots of after school clubs running most nights as well as after school care. In order to avoid unnecessary worry and phone calls, please make sure everyone knows the arrangement for that day before you leave home in the morning.

Also, please be mindful at 3:25pm that sporting activities/clubs take place Monday through to Thursday usually in both playgrounds. We politely ask that you leave the school site promptly in order for the activities to begin, and indeed, to avoid potential injuries.

Thank you.

JANUARY WALKING WEEK CHALLENGE

From the 8th-12th January we took part in Southwark Schools Walking Challenge. We were asked to record how many minutes we walked to school every day. Our minutes were calculated into miles and then compared to other schools in the borough. We didn't win on this occasion, but we were very close! We would always encourage pupils to walk, scoot or ride their bike to school. Throughout Sport Relief week we'll be counting our steps and we'll enter the next Southwark challenge in May so if you don't already, come on get walking! (Well done to 3K they are the current Hamlet champions for walking; they walked for a total of 2374 minutes - brilliant!)

MOTHER'S DAY PORTRAITS

What's a nicer way to celebrate Mothers' Day than with a portrait drawn or painted by your child? The half-term week is an ideal time to really create a portrait of a special person. All entries need to be in the school office by Tuesday 20th February. See last week's HH for full details.