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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Thank you for coming and joining us this week at our second Open Classroom of the year, it was great to see so many of you deep in conversation, pouring over your children's work. I could see how much the children were enjoying talking you through and explaining their learning journeys.

I have been pouring over all of your children's annual reports this week and have enjoyed reading the insightful comments the class teachers have written; they know your children incredibly well. We will be receiving the Y6 SATs results in the next week, so will be ready to collate this information and distribute all annual reports to you via the book bags on Tuesday 11th July.

As you can see from the long list of key dates, we have some busy and exciting events ahead. Y6 are fully immersed in rehearsals for the premier of their home-grown production: 'Cracked'. This is a ticketed event, please contact the school office for further details, it would be great to have a full-house for our talented performers.

With our new parent and carer evening next week, we will be informing every one of their September classes on Tuesday. The children will be told in class and you will receive our usual email communication. 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 all of this information, I thought it would be helpful to inform you of staff changes for September. As always, we have a few leavers, and a few new members of staff too.

I am delighted that Mark Raven will be coming back to us in his role as Assistant Headteacher, following his secondment this year. We have several class teacher changes: both Tom Turnham and Kate Gorely are moving across to the Belham, where they are going to be taking on the exciting challenge of developing Key Stage 2 as the first Y3 children come through the school. We will be so sorry to see them leave our DHJS team, but delighted for Belham as they have two fabulous teachers to support their continued growth. Sarah Hutchinson, one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants, will also join Tom and Kate with this new journey. Nancy Wayman is going to be teaching part-time in September, one day with us, and two at the Belham where she will grow their Music Department, utilising Nancy's specialist knowledge and expertise, and enabling musical links between the two schools. Sylvia Brough is going to be moving back to Ireland with her family. Sylvia has been with the Hamlet for many years, first as a teaching assistant, then took the brave move to embark on her teacher training with us. We have been so lucky to have her both as a class teacher and art coordinator, inspiring us all.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 4th July

Fusion perform at the National Music Festival - Birmingham Symphony Hall
Art Exhibition 5:00-6:30 Griffin Hall
New Parents Evening 6:15pm Turney Hall

Wednesday 5th July

Y7 Induction Day for pupils transferring to Southwark secondary schools

Thursday 6th July

New Y3 entrants to visit DHJS 1:45pm
Y3 Film Premier 6-7pm Turney Hall

Friday 7th July

Y5 Egypt Day

Monday 10th July

Y3 & Y5 viewing of SRE resources 3:30-4pm

Tuesday 11th July

Annual reports to come home via book bags

Wednesday 12th July

4MG class assembly to parents & carers 9:10am Turney Hall
Y6 at Michael Croft Theatre Alleyn's all day

Thursday 13th July

Y6 at Michael Croft Theatre Alleyn's all day
Y3 to watch DVIS Y2 production a.m.
Y4/5 & Y2 from Belham to watch dress rehearsal of Y6 production
First evening performance of Y6 production 'Cracked', 7pm Alleyn's

Friday 14th July

Y4/5 swimming gala at JAGs pm
Y3 & Y2 DVIS to watch performance of 'Cracked'
Second evening performance of Y6 production, 7pm Alleyn's

Finally, Emma Chan will be leaving us for a short while in October when she starts her maternity leave. Many congratulations are due to Emma and Tom.

We are delighted that we have been able to recruit some excellent teachers and look forward to them joining the DHJS team in September: Ellie Arkwright, Hannah Gorbutt Rice, Charlotte Thornton-Smith and Alice Jones. We know you will join us in making them feel so welcome. Mel King who has successfully completed her initial teacher training year with us will also join our teaching team. Dave Ash, who is currently one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants will change role and start his teaching career with us via the Schools Direct Programme. Lots of change, but all positive for children and staff alike.

READING MENTORS

We are delighted to announce a new leadership opportunity for our Hamleteers! Our very first cohort of Reading Mentors have been selected, trained, presented with their badges and have ran their first session with their mentees! This is what Finlay 5C and Rocco 5LT had to say: *'We loved our first day as a Reading Mentor because it was really interesting to see what kind of genre of book they liked to read. In the future we will enjoy seeing them progress and move on to more difficult books such as thicker books and chapter books. It's going to be such a nice experience and it will be amazing to think that we have helped them move on in their learning.'*

Our Reading Mentors have been partnered with a Y3 child with the aim of inspiring our younger pupils to read, sharing a love of reading across a range of authors and genres, reading books together, and making good use of the library.

Congratulations to:

Flavia, Jake & Rocco 5LT

Anya, Conor & Abraham 5VT

Poppy, Anna & Vanya 5DG

Mila, Marta & Fin 5C

KINGSDALE MUSIC FESTIVAL

What an evening our String Orchestra had last night as one of the only three local primary schools invited to perform at the Kingsdale Music Festival in their 'pod'. The Kingsdale students inspired us all with their extraordinary musical talent and sheer variety of ensembles; the standard was pretty much professional. Our Orchestra held their own and did us proud, performing two movements from the Harry Potter film score. A huge 'thank you' must go to Mr Pook for working so hard to prepare our young musicians. These are our before and during shots!

