

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

One of this year's school development priorities is looking at 'Behaviour beyond the Classroom.' This was the focus of our Peer Review and back in October, we had not just one but three headteachers spend the day with us, watching the various behaviours at key times of the day, as well as talking to groups of staff, parents and pupils. They were generally impressed with what they saw, but we came out with some clear areas to improve:

1. Adults need to be more consistent in how they manage behaviour
2. School and parents need to work more effectively together
3. Pupils need to show respect to **all** adults (not just teachers)
4. Pupils need to show more respect to each other and the school environment

In the past we have been guilty of thinking about behaviour as 'managing when things go wrong.' That is not enough. Now we are developing an ambitious and positive culture of behaviour in our school. We want Hamleteers to be imbued with core values which stay with them, not just through the school day, not just through their time at junior school even, but for the rest of their lives. We want everyone - children, parents, visitors - to be left in no doubt about how we do things at The Hamlet. We want the children to be truly proud of being a Hamleteer.

This process follows three stages, each as important as each other: Design, Build and Sustain. We are very much in the Design stage this term and aim to have built the core of our vision for behaviour by the end of this year. We are also rebuilding our Anti-bullying policy and are completely committed to making our community a kind and caring place with restorative justice at its heart. With all of this, it is really important to get the views of our parent community.

Vote for Values:

One important way you can contribute is by taking part in our 'Vote for Values'. The staff and children have generated a short list through a series of in-class debates. We want YOU to help us select the core values that make a Hamleteer.

Please fill in the voting slip which was sent out in book bags today with your top 3 values from the shortlist, fold it once and either pop it in our ballot box under the shelter outside the office or ask your child to do so for you. Voting Starts Monday 3rd December and closes Wednesday 5th December, so you don't have long...

Other Ways to Contribute:

Please do look at our current Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy on the website. If you have any specific comments or ideas, please email Mr Salomonson at tsalomonson1.210@lgflmail.org

KEY DATES

Sunday 2nd December

Dulwich Village 'Christmas Stocking' Event. Y6 Music Mentors performing 4:00-4:20pm opposite school

Thursday 6th December

Flu immunisations for Y3, 4 and 5 children
Y6 Music Mentors performing at the Southwark Council offices, Tooley Street. 12:45-1:15pm.

Friday 7th December

Y3 to watch performance at Charter School North Dulwich
PTA Christmas tree decorating in Village and Turney halls

Saturday/Sunday 8th & 9th December

Christmas trees on sale by Village entrance



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am delighted that we will be running a Parent Governor Election. Many thanks to the nominees who have submitted their pen portraits. Ballot papers will be issued (one per parent) next week via book bags, and you will be able to make one vote each. Details will also be placed on the website and the school noticeboard.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Please come and buy your Christmas trees from us! The trees will be on sale at the front of school starting from next weekend. There will be a range of sizes and prices, and there is free local delivery too. The school receives a generous donation from the sale of the trees.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
66	38	67	30

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE (Continued...)

'Thank you' just doesn't do it! The Christmas Fair last Saturday was without-a-doubt our best one to date with a superb turn-out. The atmosphere and sense of community created was so apparent and commented on by many people – many of whom were new to DHJS. There really was something for everyone. Thank you to all of you that came and supported the Fair, but a very special thank you to the team who had put a huge amount of effort into making it such a success.



'HELLO' FROM YOUR PTA

Thank you to everyone for making our Christmas Fair such a great success. From all the volunteers, to all the donations, we managed to pull off a very festive fair, while raising some much needed funds. I know everyone at the school and our children are overjoyed by the support. After expenses, we raised £6600 from the fairs stalls and activities, and we raised another £2150 in straight donations. Included in our earnings from the fair is £330 from external stall holders renting tables from us. So in total this festive season, we have raised £8750, which we can put towards our funds for the playground, outdoor spaces and music department. Well done! And big thank you from me and Sophie for making this event manageable and a pleasure to do. We really felt the community spirit.

But our community bonding is not over yet! Please join us for our Christmas Party on December 13th at Bel Air House. You must purchase tickets in advance via Eventbrite. Eventbrite invitations were sent out again on Wednesday night. At the time of writing this only 20 tickets remain. So don't be disappointed.

The PTA have also given some of our funds towards a Christmas Party with treats and a Panto at school for all the children.

CAKE SALE! Our Christmas cake sale will be taking place December 14th after school, run by our year 4 classes. Don't be out done by our year 3's! Get baking all.

For year 6, we will be setting up a shared drive for us to post our photos for the year book. Please make sure that the photos you give us have consent by the parents of the children in them. We will email year 6 about this.

Watch this space... We will be announcing a meeting in January for us to plan next year's events. We look forward to seeing many of you there to volunteer for School Disco Committee, Year 6 committee, Sports Day and Summer fair committee.

Thank you all, Your PTA

CHRISTMAS CHARITY

You may recall just before the October half term break we said that instead of making up shoeboxes for the local foodbank this year, we'd be making food bags. A letter has been sent out today with more information regarding the type of bag and suggested contents. You have been incredibly generous in the past and the Norwood Foodbank has been very grateful for your donations. I'm sure it's also made the recipient's Christmas just a little bit happier. Please bring the bags into school between Wednesday 12th & the morning of Friday 14th December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WELL DONE Y4 MILERS!

Over half of Y4 plus parents came along to run the mile. Next week it's Y5s turn. Come on Y5, let's see if you can get even more people running the mile! Everyone is welcome to come along regardless of year group - we look forward to seeing you there. The field is becoming very muddy in places we therefore suggest that any child running wears trainers and brings a change of trousers and socks.





DULWICH

Village

CHRISTMAS
STOCKING

FREE EVENT

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER

11am – 5pm

- * Carol Singing
- Children's Disco
- Mystery Stocking Trail
- Children's Theatre
- Festive Food & Drink
- Return of the Christmas Trees

FUN ACTIVITIES
TREATS AND
SPECIAL OFFERS

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