

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We were delighted with the response we received from our first 'Let's Talk About Periods' workshop for parents/carers and children this week, led by our Trust PSHE team, featuring our very own Mrs Begley! So many grown-ups talked about wishing there had been something like this when they were younger. It was factual, age appropriate, and quite entertaining in places! But most importantly, it normalised periods.

For those of you that were unable to make the session, check-out our *Parent and Carer Café* website page next week (under the *Parents* tab) and you'll be able to view the presentation slides. We will also add the recent slides from our Y6 SATs Parent and Carer Café too.

We are always trying to think of new ways to engage our parent/carer community with our work at school. We know that people like to receive information in different formats and we want to be responsive to that.

As such, we are pleased to be able to launch our first *DHJS 4 Minute Informer!* These videos will be designed to be 'bite-sized', providing you with key information in an easy to access format. Our first is on the theme of 'Supporting Your Child in Maths', curated by Mr Salomonson, who is a bit of a Maths expert, and a Maths Mastery Specialist too. Check it out! <https://youtu.be/PObTMieQvMw>

We are also starting our run of *Curriculum Specials* for you again. Please see further on in the HH. This week it is the turn of Science. Many thanks to Miss Harris, our Science Curriculum Lead, for taking us through how our school Value of *Enjoyment* links with our Science learning at DHJS.

And finally, a reminder to book yourself on our 'Online Harms' Parent and Carer Café taking place next week. With Safer internet Day on Tuesday, it is perfect timing!

DOODLEVISION

The top three classes with the highest % in 'the green zone' this week are:

First place (12 points):	4S	75%
Second place (11 points):	6H	48%
Third place (10 points):	6O & 3GR	47%

Please keep on Doodling everyone!



KEY DATES

Children's Mental Health Week 'Let's Connect'

Monday 6th February

5M final swimming session

Tuesday 7th February

Safer Internet Day

5N class assembly, 9:10am, Turney, parents & carers welcome

Wednesday 8th February

4G class assembly, 9:10am, Turney, parents & carers welcome

5N final swimming session

Thursday 9th February

'Online Harms' Parent and Carer Café, 9am, Burbage (contact the office to reserve your place)

Y5 Horniman Museum visit

Open Classroom, 3:25-4:15pm

PTA Valentines Cake Sale, 3:25pm Village playground

Friday 10th February

Open Classroom 8:25-8:45am

Y6 meet Y2 DVIS pm at DVIS – prep for book project

PTA VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

Our Valentine's Bake Sale is taking place on Wednesday 8th February from 3:25pm in Village playground, hosted by the Y4 parents and carers. All bought and baked goods are welcomed, and can be dropped off in the office.

All proceeds will go towards our IT Suite Fund.

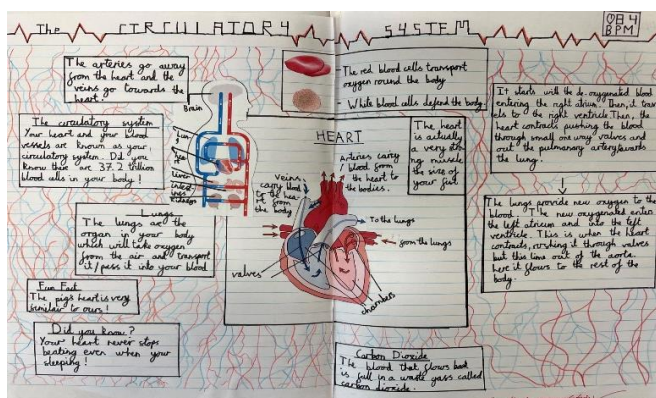
WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
69	85	125	75

Our vision at Dulwich Hamlet Junior School is to ensure we provide a 'glittering' curriculum. Over their time at our school, the children will attend many different trips, visits and workshops. However, these are chosen with care and consideration to ensure that the experiences are well-connected to their in-class learning, highlighting key learning points, building connections to the wider world and involving children in applying their knowledge contextually.



For example, this half term, Y5 have had a visit from the Wonderdome, a mobile planetarium that puts on an interactive planetarium show, taking the children on a journey through space. It looks closely at the moon and the sun, embedding and extending key learning about the lunar cycle and our nearest star.



Above all, these experiences help children embrace our school value 'enjoyment'. Children have fun, participating in memorable and exciting experiences linked to their subjects, highlighting to them the importance in engaging in their learning to make the most of it.

Engaging our wider school and parent community with our children's science learning helps children to recognise how the subject is applicable to life outside of school and possible future careers. We invite parents/carers in to share talks on their careers and how it links to science, ranging from beekeeping, engineering, video production and more. We are always looking for volunteers to help enrich our curriculum; most jobs involve STEM subjects, so please don't hesitate to get in contact with the school if you are able to offer your time to continue enhancing our science provision for our children.

Science at DHJS fosters and develops our pupils' curiosity about natural phenomena and enables our children to make sense of the ever-changing world in which they live

- Children **build** connections to prior science knowledge
- Children **plan** well-resourced, exciting, practical investigations
- Children **explore** their ideas by asking questions and discussing answers
- Children **engage** in their learning through purposeful, rich and hands-on tasks
- Children **discover** links with the wider world through enriching activities



A principle for outstanding science learning at DHJS is that **'Children discover links with the wider world through enriching activities'**. Across all year groups children participate in Science beyond their classroom to embed, challenge and broaden their ideas about the unit of work they are learning about.



In Year 6, the children visit the Centre of the Cell, a science education centre within biomedical laboratories. The children engage in a workshop on the circulatory system and, on returning to the classroom, the children produce their own detailed diagrams and explanations to practise their new understanding of our heart.



SCHOOL POLICIES

There are a wealth of school-based and our Trust policies and reports available for you to view on our website. If you would like a paper copy of any of our policies or reports, please contact the school office who will be able to provide you with this: office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk

Our Governors have recently reviewed our RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policy. We consulted with all stakeholders back in 2020 when this policy was first written, in response to the DfE's statutory guidance for *Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education*.

Very little has changed to the policy, apart from the ordering of some topics. Y4, 5 and 6 parents will know from their RSE letter at the beginning of this term, that we moved the 'Changing Me' unit of work to spring 1, instead of it being taught in summer 2, along with the rationale for doing so.

Now we are at the review stage, we welcome any comments from our parents and carers with regards to this policy (attached to your HH email). If you wish to do so, please use this link for a google form. We will keep it open until Friday 17th February: <https://forms.gle/N2Muc1xPMxGgarsB8>

OPEN CLASSROOM

We hope you will join is for our second Open Classroom of the year next week. This is an opportunity for you and your child to engage in a reflective conversation about their learning. We know that the children enjoy sharing their work with you, especially celebrating their favourite pieces. Do have a good look through your children's books, they have been working incredibly hard.

Please arrive at the beginning of the session to maximise the time with your child. We will need to finish the session promptly at 4:15pm on the Thursday, and we will obviously need to start registration at 8:45am on the Friday morning.

We look forward to seeing you!

TTRS

Congratulations to 3BF: You are TTRS winners of the week.

Rock on 3BF!!!



MOTHER'S DAY PORTRAIT COMPETITION

The Dulwich Trader, Tomlinsons & ED's Mother's Day Portrait Competition:

Each year the Hamlet is proud to enter this local community art competition. In the past we've had such beautiful entries and winners. Please find below some information on competition allocation, display location and critical dates:

Competition Allocation

Based on location, Dulwich Hamlet has been entered in to the two competition groups hosted at Tomlinsons:

Competition No. 5: Year 3

Competition No. 6: Year 4 to Year 6

The winners and a number of runners up from these two competitions will be displayed at Tomlinsons (89 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BJ) from 3rd March until 20th March.

Labelling the Portraits

Please make sure that each entry has the following information clearly written on the back. This will help the judging process and also make sure pictures get back to the artists:

Child's Name

School

Year

Class

Competition No. (see above)

Format

Portraits can be of a mother or a special person in a child's life. There are no restrictions on medium other than portraits should be **no smaller than A3** (2 x A4 stuck together would work if larger paper not available) and should be bold, bright and beautiful as the winners and runners up will be displayed in a shop window.

Collection Date

All entries will be collected from the schools on the afternoon of **Tuesday 28th February**, judged on Wednesday 1st March and displayed from Friday 3rd March.

Return Date

Those entries that are not displayed will be returned to the schools on the week commencing Monday 6th March so that pupils may give to their portraits as gifts. Winners and displayed portraits will be returned to schools on the week commencing 20th March.



- **London Youth Choirs** are looking for singers in Year 3 and upwards to join their London choirs. For more information about audition dates and venues, click [here](#).
- **ORA Singers Young Composers'** programme is a **free** mentoring scheme designed to develop the skills of young composers from UK state secondary schools. The programme will see 10 Young Composers and 40 Apprentices receive free mentoring and coaching from professional composers. For more information and to apply, click [here](#). Deadline: 6th February 2023.
- **The Purcell School for Young Musicians** is hosting an Open Morning on Sunday 26 February 2023, 10am. It is an opportunity for prospective students considering a specialist music education to explore the facilities and meet staff and students. Bursary schemes are available. For more information and to register for the open morning, click [here](#).
- Calling all young people aged 8-18 who love singing, music, composing and creative writing to get their original songs ready to enter The Young Songwriter 2023 competition. Entry period is 1st February to 31st March 2023. More information [here](#).
- **Kinetika Bloco** offer sessions for young people who dance or play instruments including drums and steel pans every Friday during term time, 5.30-7.30pm at Spirit Level, Southbank Centre. To apply, click [here](#).
- **Kinetika Bloco** are inviting young people to their Summer Schools where they will learn new music skills or develop existing ones and join with many other young people to play music, steel pan, drum, or dance, and make costumes. For more info, click [here](#).
- **National Youth Jazz Collective** are hosting 5 workshops between February and July 2023 for young musicians aged 8-18 who would like to be inspired, empowered, and creative. The participation cost for 5 days is £150 and financial support is available. For more information, click [here](#)
- **National Youth Jazz Collective** are looking for jazz musicians aged 14-18 from a wide range of genres and styles, playing a host of different instruments, to audition for NYJC's Summer School between 13-19 August 2023. For more information and to apply, click [here](#). Deadline: 5th March 2023.
- **National Youth Jazz Collective** are looking for singers aged 14-19 to audition for NYJC's Vocal Project between 9-11 August 2023. For more information and to apply, click [here](#). Deadline: 5th March 2023.
- **Sound and Music** are accepting applications for their residential Summer School for young composers and musicians aged 14-18 between 30th July - 5th August 2023 at The Purcell School. For more information and to apply, click [here](#). Deadline: 27th March 2023.
- **Awards for Young Musicians** offer up to £100,000 in grants each year to exceptional young musicians aged 5-17 whose families are on a lower income. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).
- **Soul Choirs** have launched a new non-audition community choir that meets at The Guy's Chapel in London Bridge on Tuesdays 6.30pm-8pm. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Arty Party®

Calling all
5-11 year
olds!

February ½ term Workshops

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023
9.00am – 3.00pm Daily

This half term we'll be wandering out into the woods, looking all around us at the fabulous world of trees! Taking inspiration from Folklore, Artists and Science, we'll be climbing up to the tree tops, and taking notes of all the specimens we find! Join us this holiday as we make...

Fabulous Gustav Klimt Family Trees, Beautiful Botanical drawings, Brilliant Baobab trees, Gorgeous Bryan Nash Gill prints, Terrific Tree-Trunk Houses ... Ooooh and all the usual Fun & Games!

In a week your child will make a wonderful array of creations using high quality artist materials. We'll be taking inspiration from contemporary artists & favourite children's stories.

Learning how to make 3D sculptures, observational drawings, painting with different mediums and techniques such as screen printing.
Arty Party will unleash your child's creative talents!

To Book Please Visit:

WWW.ARTYPARTY.CO.UK

Cost £45 per day

Children must be 5 years & above
Please provide a 'nut free' packed lunch & an overall!
Booking is for a minimum of 2 (preferably) consecutive days
We accept childcare vouchers!

For any more information please email or call us:
020 8675 7055 John@artyparty.co.uk

WHERE TO FIND US...

Wimbledon: The Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, SW19 4QD – 13th - 17th Feb
Balham: Endlesham Hall, 48 Endlesham Road, SW12 8JL – 13th - 17th Feb
Wandsworth: Romany Scout Hut, 22a Lyford Road, SW18 3LG - 13th - 17th Feb
Clapham: St Paul's Church Hall, Rectory Grove, SW4 0DX – 13th - 17th Feb
Blackheath: St Michael's Church Hall, 1 Pond Rd, SE3 9JL – 13th - 17th Feb
NEW Dulwich! Dulwich Hamlet school, Dulwich Village, SE21 7AL - 13th - 17th Feb



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