

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

The HH is a bit of an epic edition today, please stick with me...!

It's amazing what a group of grown ups can do with a block of plasticine...! For those of you who are wondering what I am going on about, I am referring to the PTA Quiz Night last Friday. It was brilliant fun. The turn-out was superb, thank you for coming and supporting the event. A massive 'thank you' must go to Cat for once again prepping and organising all of the questions and scoring. Thank you to Ambra's Kitchen for organising the food.

We talk to the children all the time about the importance of safety - how we keep them safe at school, reminding them of all their learning to ensure they are fully equipped to be safe beyond the school gates too. Recently, Y6 benefitted from a workshop facilitated by TfL. This presentation focused on independent and safe travel, as part of their transition into secondary school.

Today, all of our Hamleteers have been set a Google Classroom assignment for the weekend. We are asking them to read through our DHJS Pupil Technology Acceptable User Agreement. They have a couple of questions to fill-in and then 'hand-in' by acknowledging they have read and agreed the document. I do hope you will support us by encouraging your child to get this task complete. If you would like to view the full document, you can find it on our [website](#).

It is also important that as grown-ups, we remind ourselves about our vulnerabilities and how we can keep safe too. Unfortunately, there has been a recent increase in robberies around Dulwich. With thanks to Kimberly Mears (our parent *Safer Routes to School* representative and Secretary of our local group), we are attaching a document to your HH email, providing thorough guidance and advice from the police in relation to the recent incidents.

DOODLEVISION/TTRS

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

Joint First place (12 points): **6H & 5M**

Second place (11 points): **4S**

Please keep on Doodling everyone!

TTRS class of the week.... 3BF!



KEY DATES

Tuesday 7th March

Y5 African Culture Day

Y3 visit to Dulwich woods

Wednesday 8th March

4S class assembly, parent & carers welcome, 9:10am, Turney

Friday 10th March

6W visit to the Jamyang London Buddhist Centre

PLEASE NOTE: 4S/4G swimming swap due to class assembly for this week ONLY.

4S swimming: Monday, meet at JAGs 8:50am

4G swimming: Wednesday, meet at JAGs 8:50am

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Y6 parents, please don't forget to keep us informed of the secondary offer you accept, whether that be from the state or independent sector. You can do this by completing our google form: <https://forms.gle/ouGcwJZQBvUKsu1AA>
It's a really quick job! Thanks in advance.

Families can find further information on waiting lists, appeals and a list of frequently asked questions on Southwark Council's website at

www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/offer-of-a-secondary-school-place.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
122	66	90	123

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We are now fully back at capacity following our call for additional volunteers to help run activities in the playground. The timetable for these activities, our zoned lunchtime offer, is printed on the next page of the HH for your information. We regularly remind the children of the activities that are available to them, usually via assembly notices. You may also wish to remind your child, so that they are aware of everything that's on offer and on what day.

Loose Parts!

One of our most popular areas is the loose parts/den-building zone. This is an important part of our playground because it provides materials for children and complete freedom over how they play with those items, encouraging creativity teamwork and critical thinking.

We've already got quite a few 'large scale' items such as tarpaulins, bamboo canes, wooden planks, tyres, pipes and connectors, crates, rope, wooden sticks etc. but we can always take more! We would LOVE some cable spools for example.

We don't have any 'small scale' loose parts like stones, cones, pots and pans, wooden spoons, string, ribbon, feathers, pipe cleaners etc.

Basically, if you see something and think – children could make an imaginative game with that, then we might take it off your hands! Please contact Mr Salomonson (tsalomonson1.210@lgflmail.org) if you think you have anything of interest.



Knitting Club

From time to time our talented Y6s set up clubs and it was lovely to see our first knitting club begin this week. The Y6s have asked for donations of wool, crochet hooks and knitting needles. Thanks in advance.

PTA UPDATE

Thank you to those that attended our PTA meeting this week, it's always lovely to chat and share ideas. A copy of the minutes will be made available shortly.

Our next fundraising event is the **Mother's Day Cake sale on Friday 17th March Hosted by year 3.**

Also save the date for **Hamlet Family Disco on Friday 12th May.**

DULWICH HAMLET CRICKET TEAM

The local Primary School Dads' Sunday cricket league has grown again this season and each team now has 5 fixtures to look forward to: Heber, Ivydale, Goodrich, St John's & St Clemence and Bessemer Grange will be our opponents. There are some indoor nets happening already and we begin outdoor nets after the Easter break. If you have played any cricket at all (no matter how rusty you may be) and are looking to get back into the sport or connect with other parents then please do join. Either speak to Steve Gillies, the club captain, or email Mr Salomonson (tsalomonson1.210@lgflmail.org) who can forward any messages.



MOTHER'S DAY PORTRAIT COMPETITION

We have a winner! Well done Alyssa, Y5, the portrait of your mother was chosen by the judge to be a winner! Alyssa's work can be viewed in Tomlinsons shop window.

Well done and thank you to all the children who entered the competition, your artwork will be returned to you shortly. There was over 500 entries from 15 different schools. 400 entries will be on display in shop windows in and around the village from today.





Thanks to the combined forces of DHJS and DVIS parents and carers, the popular annual camping weekend is once again able to take place. Everyone is most welcome! You can book via the QR code, or by clicking on this link:

https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/DULWICHCAMPING2023?country.x=GB&locale.x=en_GB

DHJS Lunchtime Clubs and Activities



Monday

Village - Y6

Library

Den Building

Knitting Club

Bleep Test

Tuesday

Village - Y4

Library

Den Building

Explore and Play

Spanish Club

Wednesday

Village - Y3

Library til 1pm

Gardening Club

Mega Dens!

Thursday

Village - Y5

Library

Den Building

Mindful Colouring

Friday

Village - Girls Day

Den Building

Board Games

OGen Club

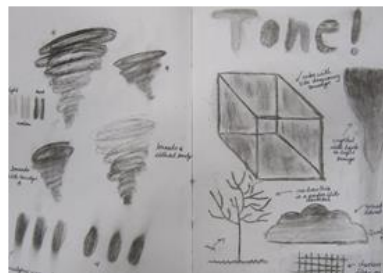
Boogie Club



Open Everyday:
Quiet Zone
Secret Garden
Apparatus
Turney



Art has always been a fantastic strength here at Dulwich Hamlet. Our annual art exhibition and the displays at North Dulwich station showcase the amazing work that is produced across the school. However, we are constantly challenging ourselves to be even better and this year Art is a whole school development priority. This means that all the teachers are receiving professional input to develop their understanding of the techniques that are needed to teach the children to become ever more skilful in their artistic endeavours. We have also looked at all the units of art that the children are taught to ensure that they experience as diverse a range of artists and media as is possible.



The children themselves love art – it so important that we give them the time and space to develop their creativity and imagination through a visual medium. This is what they have to say about art at DHJS:

'I like drawing because that's the time you get to be very creative.' (DM – Y4)

'Everything in art is just fun!' (FB Y4)

'I loved making the Keith Haring figures because they were so creative.' (FR Y5)

'I love art because when you paint there's an array of colours and it's really calming.' (MdCG Y5)

We are particularly focusing on 3D art and printing, as these are areas that the children love and that hugely develop their skills. We aim to give all children the skills to communicate what they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form and pattern, using different materials and processes. We want our children to gain inspiration from the local area, from a wide range of times and from their own and other cultures, developing their critical thinking skills and respecting and appreciating diversity.



COMIC RELIEF 2023

DHJS does Comic Relief on Friday 17th March.

This year, as in the past, we will be raising much needed funds for Comic Relief. The work that Comic Relief does supports families across the UK and overseas; this year more than ever they need our support. The whole idea of Comic Relief is to 'do something funny for money', the Hamlet will not disappoint! Our staff are limbering up, dusting off their dance shoes and refreshing their leg warmers as they prepare for 'DHJS does Strictly'. Staff teams across the school will be entertaining us all for one afternoon only. Unfortunately the audience can only be limited to our children but we will tweet throughout so you can see how multi-talented the teams are.

From next week look out for jars or money boxes around the school with pictures of each team. We want you to donate some UK currency coins, any will do, and pop them into the jar or money box of the team you'd like to win or think will win. You can vote with your coins for more than one team if you wish.

On Friday 17th we'd like all children to come into school wearing a Comic Relief t-shirt (the new one or an older one), or something red, or something sparkly or dance related. We'd also like you to make a donation on the day, any amount will do, every penny is needed and appreciated. The Comic Relief red noses are also welcome on the day. This year they are made from recycled material and are totally recyclable. Red noses can be purchased from Sainsbury's or online from the Comic Relief shop. T-shirts are available on line too or from TK Maxx.

If you would like to donate online you'll find we have a JustGiving page on ParentPay.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10816>

Thank you in advance for your donations.



SPRING FLOWERS/BULBS

More winners!

You may have noticed our 'host of golden daffodils' filling the front flowerbeds making us all think of spring and warmer weather.

In class we have also grown hyacinths in jars so we could see the roots and shoots as the flowers began to grow and bloom.

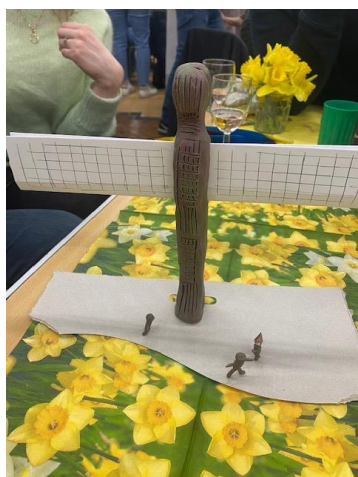
Today, Ruth Cousins, a judge from the London Children's Flower Society, came to look at our efforts.

We got a GOLD award for our daffs. We had 20 hyacinths and have been awarded 12 GOLD, 3 SILVER and 5 BRONZE.



PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Oh what a night!! Quiz night 2023 was great fun as always. Tough competition and some truly inspired art works were created. With your generosity we have raised another £2000 towards replacement of the Mac computers for the IT suite.



Arty Party

Calling all
5-11 year
olds!

Easter Workshops

Monday 27th March - Friday 14th April 2023

9.00am - 3.00pm Daily

This Easter we'll be heading to Mount Olympus to feast with the gods! We'll be riding Pegasus through the clouds with Zeus, sneaking around with our Trojan horses, and running away from the Minotaur through his maze! Join us this holiday as we make...

The Wonderful Wings of Icarus, Gorgeous Greek Pots, Lovely Lyres, Heroic Hermes' flying shoes, Excellent Gala's Earths, Powerful Poseidon's Tridents, Brilliant Pandora's Boxes, Terrific Greek God Top Trumps... Ooooh and all the usual Fun & Games!

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. We'll be 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 £46 per day

We accept childcare vouchers!

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

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 - 27th March - 14th April

Balham: Endlesham Hall, 48 Endlesham Road, SW12 8JL - 3rd - 14th April

Wandsworth: Romany Scout Hut, 22a Lyford Road, SW18 3LG - 3rd - 14th April

Clapham: St Paul's Church Hall, Rectory Grove, SW4 0DX - 3rd - 14th April

Blackheath: St Michael's Church Hall, 1 Pond Rd, SE3 9JL - 3rd - 14th April

NEW Dulwich! Dulwich Hamlet school, Dulwich Village, SE21 7AL - 3rd - 14th April

New ZOOM Class: The comfort of your own home! - 3rd - 6th April



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EASTER HOLIDAY CYCLING COURSES



“ The training instructors were amazing. Even continued in the rain. Amazing service and advice. Thank you!

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Southwark parent

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over the Easter holidays.

Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are available and booking up fast! Training is in small groups with two fully qualified instructors.

All courses take place on Burgess Park (where limited bikes are available to borrow) and Dulwich Park (where bikes are not supplied).

BOOK NOW

Places are limited so for more info or to book, visit

www.cycleconfident.com/southwark

or call **020 303 16730**



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