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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

What a busy week and end to a term. We've had some lovely highlights to see us off into the Easter break...

The Evening of Song last night was an opportunity for our choir members to perform and share just a fraction of their repertoire.

I really enjoyed the debut performance of our Boys Choir, and it was lovely to welcome our friends from Bessemer Grange Primary School who performed a couple of songs, and joined us for a grand finale. I was quite impressed by the audience participation too!

Y4 and Y5 celebrated their homework project for this term with an incredible display of creative pieces about Africa (Y5) and Invaders and Settlers (Y4) on show in Griffin Hall. The time, effort and pride taken by the children was so clear to see.

And only this morning we have been overwhelmed with 'eggcellent' entries for our very special Easter Egg Competition. This is something that is an embedded DHJS tradition, with the originality and resourcefulness from the children never ceasing to amaze me.

Thank you for getting involved, coming in, and supporting us to support your children with all of these opportunities this week and indeed from across the whole term.

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

The following children have received Achievement Certificates in our special Friday celebration assemblies this half-term. Congratulations to you all:

- 3C Rose, Anna, Leo, Georgia, Ibrahim, Iggy, Shakiel, Alex, Alice, Dax, Ansh, Freddie, Rosie, Rudi, Amelia, Kai & Aoife
- 3J Clara, Emilio, Cian, Harper, Sidney, Alex, Mona, Ella H, Amelia, Dexter, Abby, Ella M, Asger, Bea, Arlo, Ayoub, Logan, Alexandra, Ace & Ella T
- 3TS Vanessa, Michael, Stella, Kiefer, Gilda, Harley, Maggie, Kara, Jasper, Manny, Sarah, Simran & Annie
- 4S Rory, Raphael, George W, Layla, Aaron, Cecile, Alfred, Tilly, Arlo, Romi, Aamir, Amber & Gabriel
- 4G Kiran, Austen, Eric, Sophia, Tiger, Ned, William, Noah, Tiffany & Lewis
- 4H Beatrice, Annabelle, Vy Vy, Stanley, Otto, Tobin, Emmanuel, Byron & Max B
- 5A Grace, Eden, Lottie, Benjy, Thomas, Marlee, Josiah, William, Sophia, Isaac, Justyn, Rafer & Astrid
- 5B David, Milo, Noah, Agnes, Lorna, Liliana, Tallulah, Tessa, Runa, Frank, Juliet & James
- 5P Alban, Arthur, Charlie C, Edie, Grace, Iris, Lara, Lois, Olivia, Zac, Charlie P, Jude, Lilly-Rose & Grace L
- 6S Enzo, John, Lottie, Bailey, Kaci, Charlotte, Seven, Lilly, Daniel, Amelia & Bea
- 6MG Alma, Kesh, Sophia, Seb, Charlie, Stan, Theo, Alexia, Millicent, Alexander, Tom & Tabitha
- 6GR Jem, Ethan, Lila, Emilia, Diana, Lilly, Freya, Immy, Jodi, Nicholas, Florence, Noah & Bea

KEY DATES

Monday 22nd April

Easter Monday - holiday

Tuesday 23rd April

Back to school for the start of the summer term
Y4 swimming to start

Thursday 25th April

DHJS Cross Country Event, pm, Griffin field

PLEASE SEE FINAL PAGE FOR OUR SUMMER TERM KEY DATES – also available on the website:

http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/uploads/6/2/8/6/62866179/key_dates_summer_term_2019.pdf

NATIONAL PRIMARY OFFER DAY

National Primary Offer Day is Tuesday 16th April. If you have a sibling either starting in reception or Y3 in September 2019, as long as you applied on time, you will receive an email after 5pm on this day which will provide you with information on what to do next. You will also be able to view the outcome of your application that evening on the eAdmissions website.

If you have been offered a place at DHJS for Y3, you will also receive a letter from us shortly after the offer day, inviting you to come along with your documents to confirm the place.

SECONDARY TRANSFER SEPTEMBER 2019

Polite reminder: please inform the school office of the secondary school place you have accepted for your child. This will ensure that your child's pupil file is sent on to the correct school in due course and we can begin the process of transition with our secondary colleagues.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
67	29	35	62

HALF-TERMLY UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

On 3rd April, school governors met for our third Local Governing Body (LGB) meeting of the 18/19 academic year. We were delighted to welcome two new parent governors to the LGB: Catriona de Jongh and Tom Esslemont. The Head of School presented her termly report to governors and included a presentation about the recent staff survey which demonstrates a very positive picture and high levels of staff satisfaction. Other items discussed by governors included the school's finances, our valuable collaboration with other local schools, opportunities for parental engagement, and safeguarding. As part of Catriona's and Tom's induction to their new role, I was lucky enough to join them on a tour of the school recently which included dropping in on a wide range of lessons (art, DT, French and ICT to name a few) as well as joining Friday afternoon assembly - it was a great way for governors to see the glittering curriculum in action.

If you have any questions about the work of governors, please contact Claire Purcell or myself via the school office.

Karen Robinson

EASTER EGG COMPETITION WINNERS 2019

Y3 1st 'R-EGG-AE' – Georgia 3TS

2nd 'Egg Bunny' – Sophia 3J

3rd 'Ninja Egg' – Kai 3C

Y4 1st 'Peggy the Pig' – Max TS 4H

2nd 'Welcome Home Eggma' – Matilda 4G

3rd 'Eggscavation Site' – George G 4S

Y5 1st 'Egg-plosion in the Egg-hibition' – Tessa 5B

2nd 'Eggsotic' – Alice 5P

3rd 'Eggstreme Sports' – Gracie 5P

Y6 1st 'Ham'egg'tears Love Reading!' – Lila 6GR

2nd 'Egg-White and the 7 Yolks' – Immy 6GR

3rd 'Trumty Dumpty' – Esha 6MG



NEWS FROM THE PTA

Happy Easter everyone. It may have seemed like a quiet term for the PTA, but behind the scenes we are busy organising our events for the summer term. Please see dates for all upcoming events on the PTA board at the school gate and on the website.

Job well done Y6! We raised £382 in the cake sale last week. Well done children for remaining patient as we doled out the cakes as fast as possible. Having so much cake donated really helps reduce the panic.

We will be helping at the Cross-Country Event on April 25. The Hamlet is hosting children from far and wide with 600 participants. The PTA will be providing the drinks and snacks. As you know we have requested that some parents act as marshals on the day between 12:30-3:30. Get in touch if you can help: dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com

Family disco! May 17, 6-8 pm. Tickets will go on sale when we return from Easter break. You should receive an email invitation on Eventbrite. Tickets are limited. North Dulwich Charter is the venue. There will be lots of treats, running around and dancing. We have hired the Little Disco Company to spin the tunes and entertain the children.

We have been busily working on Y6 leavers Year Books. If you have a child in Y6 and you do not give us permission to have them in the book, please let us know asap via the school office or direct at: dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com

Summer fair June 15. Our first planning meeting will be on May 10 at 9am at Rocca. I will send out requests for stalls in advance of this meeting so that you will know what you are planning for and can ask any questions at the meeting.

Summer Music Concert July 16. Children in the ensembles and choir will be putting on another stellar performance at JAGS for us. Prema has kindly offered to lead this with me. If you can help, please email us at dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com.

Have a great break. Your PTA. Gillian Shields (Chair)

HALF-TERMLY SPORTING ROUND-UP

Dulwich Hamlet girls swim team (South of the River Gala)

It was with a certain amount of excitement and trepidation that girls scattered over Ys 4, 5 and 6 represented Dulwich Hamlet at the South of the River swimming gala. When we arrived most of the schools had arrived already, JAPs, Alleyn's, Oakfield, St Dunstan's and plenty of other schools. It was held at JAGS pool on the 6th February. We knew that we weren't going to win but we all tried our very best. The other schools seemed quite confident but there was so much to look at! JAPS won but they have the advantage of using their own pool. Us Y4s had a good time and I believe the other years did too. *Ella 4G*

Dulwich Hamlet girl's netball team (Y4 Hi-5 netball tournament)

Yesterday me, Natasha, Romi, Matilda, Coco and Amber ran up the hill to Alleyn's for our warm up. When we got there we played Honeywell and lost 4-2. Next we played Eaton House which we lost 1-0. But we almost drew against Oakfield except they scored in the last minute. Then our luck turned around and we drew 1-1 with Streatham & Clapham. Finally, we won against Alleyn's 3-1 and won against Blackheath 1-0. (Blackheath girls were very tall!) The overall winners were Honeywell but we all got certificates. *Hana 4G*

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Girls Y6 netball)

On the 19th March we played Alleyn's in a netball match. We all had a good time playing even though we lost. Our team was me, Frankie, Amy, Lottie, Immy, Jovita and Emma. Amy and Frankie were the shooters on the A team and had a few tries; they both got 3 goals altogether. We left after school to play a 3.45 -4.30 game on Alleyn's netball courts. At the end of the match we said our three cheers and picked the player of the match, which was Frankie on our team. The Alleyn's team was nice and happy to play us and we were too. We all had such a nice time playing netball with them and hope to play them again soon.

Sophia 6MG

Dulwich Hamlet v Alleyn's (Y6 boys football)

On Monday 18th February, the Y6 boys A team played a football match against Alleyn's. The weather conditions were perfect, not too cold, not too warm yet the pitch was rather sloping. We were playing at Alleyn's venue. Dulwich Hamlet took early possession doing some intricate passes. Finally, a chance fell to Sam. He rifled a deflected shot into the back of the net and put the Hamlet 1-0 up. The lead couldn't last long however. Alleyn's hit back with 2 quick-fire goals due to a couple of lapses in concentration. Although frustrated, we kept a positive spirit and were rewarded for it. Sam swung an inviting corner in and Alexander headed the ball across the face of the goal. I leapt for the ball and managed to direct a header into the top corner to equalise. The referee blew the whistle for half time – 2 tired teams chugged off. It was 2-2 at half time. After the interval, the

players jogged back on the pitch. Alleyn's took kick-off and almost immediately restored their lead. Towards the end, Alleyn's trickled through our exhausted defence and tapped in a 4th. While the match ended 4-2 to Alleyn's, I thought the Hamlet's spirits were positive from start to end. *Jem 6GR*

Dulwich Hamlet football (Y5/6 girls' tournament)

On the 6th March 2019 some of the Y5 and 6 girls walked to Alleyn's to play 7 teams in a football match. Throughout the matches we all swapped positions which I think had a good impact on the rest of the match. We all had lots of different opportunities to see what everyone's best positions were so we could do better in the rest of the matches. Poppy and Tessa worked amazingly which resulted in Poppy scoring a sensational 5 goals during the matches. Unfortunately, we lost against 3 schools but we didn't let our attitude change and that made it a whole lot more fun because there was no arguing. In all the very tough matches we played we let Nancy go in goal as she is our best goalie. I think all the other teams were good and that is because their skilling is good, they had great attacking but mainly their attitude was good. *Ruth 5A*

None of the fixtures would be possible without the continued support of our sports coaches. In particular, we need to thank Dan Mullings, Lucy Akril, Victoria Begley, Beth Harris and Claudia Cafeo as well as all the staff who run a sports club and escort our children to and from matches. The support of all our parents and carers at fixtures and the morning mile is also important and appreciated. Thank you to all those who come along regardless of the weather. If you're ever available to help escort the teams to and from local places do let us know.

Our 'morning mile' numbers continue to increase which is great! We haven't been able to use the field due to the weather and conditions around the edge of the pitches. We are mindful that trying to run on or through a boggy patch isn't great first thing in the morning. Fingers crossed we'll have some lovely spring weather and we'll be back on the field straight after the holiday. The mile will start again on Tuesday 23rd April. The grounds team have asked us to stay on the outside of any marked pitches.

We are frequently approached by local sports clubs and organisations with information regarding the activities that they have on offer for our community. Please keep an eye on the school noticeboard at the entrance where we often display posters, and indeed in reception where we hold a small selection of flyers that you are very welcome to take. There are lots of wonderful sporting opportunities around the local area whether it's for a holiday club or weekly training. If you're interested do take a look!

SUMMER TERM KEY DATES

Y3 -  Y4 -  Y5 -  Y6 -  Whole Sch - 

Key Dates	Events	Further Details
23.04.19	Summer term starts	Normal School time
25.04.19	DHJS Cross Country Event	Griffin Field 12.30-15.30
29.04.19	Y5 School Journey to Land & Wave	29 th April – 3 rd May
01.05.19	4G Class Assembly – parents and carers welcome	Turney Hall 9.05-9.30
02.05.19	Parent and Carer Café: Stress Management for Children – 7 Good Habits of Great Parents	Burbage 9.00-9.45
13.05.19	SATs Week	Monday-Thursday
17.05.19	PTA Family Disco	North Charter – All Hamlet Welcome
20.05.19	Y5 to Kew Gardens	All day
21.05.19	Y6 Woodland Adventure trip	21 st May - 23 rd May
03.06.19	Y6 Carnival Making Day	All day
	HALF-TERM	27 th May - 31 st May
03.06.19	5P trip to Horniman Museum	9.30-13.00
04.06.19	Y6 Carnival Project and Parade through Village and school	All day (Parade 14.00)
06.06.19	Parent and Carer Café: Online Safety Workshop	9.00-10.00
06.06.19	5A trip to Horniman Museum	9.30-13.00
07.06.19	6S & 6GR Trip to the Buddhist Temple	Morning
07.06.19	Enrichment Programme beings	13.30-15.00
07.06.19	PTA Summer Cake Sale	15.25-16.15
10.06.19	5B trip to Horniman Museum	9.00-12.30
11.06.19	Y6 Gala Dinner and Theatre (Matilda)	15.30-23.00
15.06.19	PTA Summer Fair	12.30-15.00
17.06.19	Y4 visit to the Mandir Temple Neasdon	All day
21.06.19	6MG Trip to Buddhist Temple	10.00-11.00
22.06.19	Choir performance: 'Music at the Tower'	All day (Tower of London)
25.06.19	Y3 Portals to the Past Greek Day	All day
03.07.19	Art Exhibition	Griffin Hall 17.00-18.30
03.07.19	New Parents Evening	Turney Hall 18.15-19.30
04.07.19	Art Exhibition	Griffin Hall 08.30-09.00
05.07.19	New Y3 to visit and tour	13.45-14.45
05.07.19	Y4 LAMDA Exams	All day
05.07.19	Y5 LAMDA Exams	All day
08.07.19	Last Week of Morning & After School Clubs	-
10.07.19	New Y3 Class 'X' Parent and Carer Café	Burbage 09.00-10.00
11.07.19	New Y3 Class 'Y' Parent and Carer Café	Burbage 09.00-10.00
11.07.19	Y6 Production at the Michael Croft Theatre Alleyns	19.00-21.00
12.07.19	Y4 & Y5 Fun Swim Gala	JAGs 13.30-15.30
12.07.19	Y6 Production at the Michael Croft Theatre Alleyns	19.00-21.00
15.07.19	Sports Morning	Griffin Field 09.00-12.00
16.07.19	Summer Music Concert	JAGs 19.00-20.30
17.07.19	New Y3 Class 'Z' Parent and Carer Café	09.00-10.00
17.07.19	Leavers' Assembly	Turney Hall 13.45-14.45
18.07.19	Y6 Leavers' Disco	Turney Hall – 19.00-21.00
19.07.19	Last day of term	13.25 last registration