

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

A very Happy New Year to you all!

Our Hamleteers have certainly 'hit the road running'. It was lovely to see Y3 immersed in all things Stone Age yesterday as they time-travelled back for an exciting sensory experience. Y5 have made a great start to their Africa topic, considering stereotypes with a view to gaining a better understanding of the 'real' Africa.

The staff re-visited our school Vision during our INSET day, specifically the *'Everyone Matters and Outstanding Learning'* elements, as well as considering our approach to Online Safety. Read on for a short Curriculum Update.

We have welcomed Claudia Cafeo to our team as a Teaching Assistant this term, as well as Megan Whitton, who joins us as a School Direct Trainee with Y3 until the February half-term. I am delighted that Dan Mullings will also be taking on some P.E. teaching for us.

Next week we will be saying 'goodbye' to our Assistant Headteacher Mark Raven for two terms, while he returns to Singapore. We will look forward to welcoming him back at the start of the new academic year in September.

THANK YOU – YOU'RE AMAZING!

We were delighted to be able to send over 100 shoeboxes full of festive goodies to the Brixton and Norwood Foodbank just before the Christmas break. Your kindness and generosity would have certainly brought some smiles to many families over what can be a particularly difficult time.



Another 'thank you' for buying your Christmas trees from us this year. In doing so, we have raised a further £400 for the school.

KEY DATES

Monday 8th January

After school clubs to re-start

Tuesday 9th January

Learning Dome for Y5

Wednesday 10th January

9:00-9:45 'Music Café' for parents & carers on the theme of the forthcoming ABRSM music examinations: Teaching Room, in Burbage, Turney playground- by invitation.

Friday 12th January

9:15am Final prospective parent tour
Deadline for ABRSM music exam payments

PUPIL PREMIUM

Upon joining us at DHJS, you will have received an application form for Pupil Premium Funding which is relevant to those children who have a statutory entitlement to Free School Meals. As Southwark are offering free meals to all primary school children, it is more important than ever for schools to know the numbers of pupils for whom they can claim this funding. These funds enable schools to take on additional staff and invest in additional equipment, resources and activities. It also allows us to offer reduced and subsidised fees for clubs, music and residential trips. If you haven't already, or if your circumstances have changed, please let us know and we will support you in completing the application process. Contact Chris Purcell in the office: cpurcell4.210@lgflmail.org

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
Roll-over!			

FREE OPPORTUNITY: GET IN QUICK!!!

Basketball tickets: We have been offered tickets to watch the 'Best of British Basketball' at the O2 Arena on Sunday 20th May 2018. The school has been offered 100 tickets at a cost of £3.50 each. If you would like to order some tickets please contact the school office or Nikki Thomson (nthomson3.210@lgflmail.org). We will need your child's name, class, number of tickets required & payment in full. This is a first come first served opportunity. Further information can be found on the Event website at www.bbl.org.uk/2018playoff/

CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who have amended as appropriate, signed and returned your contact details sheet that we sent home via the book bags in early December. As previously stated, it is paramount that we hold the correct up-to-date information on behalf of your child. If you haven't already done so, please return this sheet at your earliest convenience. We will be sending out reminders within the next week, but would prefer not to! If you would like another copy of your contact sheet, please contact the office who will be able to provide this for you. Thank you.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Online Safety

You may be interested to know that yesterday, the Children's Commissioner published *Life in 'likes'*, a report into social media use among 8 to 12 year olds. The report found that most social media platforms have a minimum age limit of 13, but research shows a growing number of children under 13 are using social media, with 3 in 4 children aged 10-12 having their own accounts.

The report calls for schools to play a bigger role in preparing children for social media's emotional demands and minimise social media risk. As we are all very aware, the digital world is an exciting place for children to explore but changing all the time. So the challenge for us as a school is how do we work collaboratively with you as parents and carers to safeguard our pupils online?

Tuesday 6th February 2018 is **Safer Internet Day**. As a school, we will be considering what constitutes positive and negative behaviour online, how online behaviours can impact on the feelings of others and also develop our Hamleteers' online conflict management. We will be providing some specific learning for the children in class, as well as delivering some special assemblies. We have committed to delivering an 'Online Safety' themed assembly every half-term.

We will look forward to sharing with you further information, our learning and resources and tips that you may find of use.



'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you.'

TfL STARS NEWS

You may remember that we are a GOLD school for TfL STARS. Towards the end of last term, two House Captains went along to a TfL event to meet up with other schools: *'On the 20th November the Ruby Fire House Captains went to a very special meeting & award ceremony at the Camden Centre, Kings Cross. The reason for going was to take part in a TfL competition encouraging children & parents to use safer & more active forms of transport on their way to school. We are proud to say that we were also presented with a GOLD award for all our hard work. During the meeting we came up with several ideas for how we could make our school even more eco-friendly. One of these ideas was that in the summer we could have a car free day. This would mean that for an agreed day in nice weather we would like to encourage you not to take the car to school. Instead you could either walk, scoot, cycle or take any form of public transport. All of these would help improve the quality of the air that we breathe. To make an even bigger impact on the well-being of our climate we also hope to work with all of the other schools in Dulwich.'*

Alexei (Ruby Fire House Captain)

