

THE HAMLET HERALD



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Further to my piece regarding punctuality last week, I wanted to clarify our procedures and policy, particularly as a further 20 incidents of lateness have been recorded this week alone.

We fully appreciate that mornings are busy and that each of our families will have different morning routines and demands that we need to organise and navigate. Ensuring we have P.E. kit, musical instrument, book bag, water bottle, any homework to hand in, reading book and record, communicating the going home arrangements for that day etc... can all add to the daily early morning stresses we experience. However, as per our [Attendance and Punctuality Policy](#), our school day begins at 8:55am, and we do expect that our Hamleteers are here, 'in the line at 5 to 9' ready to start their day. In order to do that, they need to be here in advance of 8:55. Both gates open at 8:45 and so you have that 10-minute window before the bell is rung.

While our punctuality procedures state that we mark the registers by 9:05, the register is taken the minute the children enter the classroom, settling down to their early morning work. As such, any child arriving after the playgrounds are clear, will be asked to sign-in at the office to ensure they are entered as 'present' on the system. Any child arriving between 9:05 and 9:30, will receive a late mark. Post 9:30, children receive a mark to show them to be on site, but will show as an 'unauthorised absence' – at the discretion of the Leadership Team.

What this means is that children could arrive by 9:05am every day, and not receive a late mark, however this is not what we want to happen. It is vitally important that the children arrive on time, fully prepared for the start of their day, where they can enter the classroom with their peers with a 'readiness for learning' mind-set, accessing the early morning learning.

Our current top three classes for punctuality all in joint place are... **5G, 5N and 6SP** each recording only 4 late marks per class since the beginning of September. That's pretty good!

I have spoken to the children in assembly today about our expectations, the importance of good punctuality, and what they can do to support you at home with the morning routine in order to get to school on time.

If you are having specific issues with punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact me to see how we can support you.

KEY DATES

Monday 11th November

Remembrance assembly and two-minute silence
Y5 to visit the Gurdwara (Sikh Temple) on Lordship Lane, pm

Tuesday 12th November

Y3 pedestrian training
5P visit to the Black Cultural Archives – Brixton
4G and ½ 4S to visit the James Caird at Dulwich College

Wednesday 13th November

6GR class assembly, parents & carers invited, 9:05am, Turney
5N visit to the Black Cultural Archives

Thursday 14th November

4O and ½ 4S to visit the James Caird Dulwich College

Friday 15th November

4G visit to the Sky Skills Studio

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS' EVENINGS

These are taking place on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th November after school. Please don't forget to return your slip indicating your preferred time slots by next Monday, 11th November. Letters were handed out as hard copies in book bags this week. We will then schedule all of the appointments, ensuring we coordinate sibling times, and return this information to you by Monday 18th November. We do encourage you to make every effort to attend these important meetings. You can find a copy of the letter on the website under the Dates and News tab → Communications, or by clicking [here](#).

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
79	66	59	70

'CHATTER MATTERS' – PARENT CAFÉ

You will have received a letter this week inviting you to our next Parent and Carer café, to be facilitated by our Learning Coach, Lorraine Thomas. The focus of this informative and interactive session will be 'How to listen so your child will talk – and talk so they will listen', providing you with a wealth of practical tips and tools to bring away.

Please RSVP via the school office to book your place.

office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk.



MATHS WEEK ENGLAND 2019 - TTRS

We are delighted to see more children engaging with TTRS this week. Next week is Maths Week 2019 so as part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a competition next week called Rock Out 2019 and it's all done online via play.trockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th.

The spirit of the competition is supposed to be fun so please encourage and support your child to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Happy Rocking!



THE 3 X WEEKLY MILE!

Those of you who run the morning mile regularly will have noticed a slight change in the condition of the field. The rain has made the field very boggy in places. For as long as we can use the field over the next few weeks, we are suggesting that every child brings a spare pair of socks to change into. Some children may want to consider their trousers too and bring school ones to change into.

ANTI-BULLYING PARENT WORKSHOP

Don't forget to book your place on our forthcoming Anti-Bullying workshop facilitated by Kidscape on Thursday 21st November, 6pm Turney Hall. We hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity, which will form part of our DHJS Anti-Bullying week activities.

Please RSVP via the school office

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STEAM – QUESTION OF THE MONTH

We were blown away by the different responses to last month's STEAM Question 'Why do we dream?'. The children spoke about their many creative theories, what the research says and presented their ideas in a variety of ways. Eric (5P) was our winner for this entry, who explained about the different stages of sleep, the different areas of our brain and the power dreams hold to influence our creative tendencies. Thank you to all the children who submitted entries – keep up the scientific thinking!

Please see below out STEAM Question of the Month for November. Timely, considering the season! We look forward to reading the interesting ideas that are presented from our Hamleteers.

STEAM

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Why do trees lose their leaves in Autumn?



Deadline: **Monday 2nd December**

Hand your submissions in to Miss Harris or put them in the folder in Griffin.