

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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### NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Sunday was the autumnal equinox and this week has brought autumn weather with abundance. However, that hasn't stopped the rich daily learning opportunities, nor the fun of lunchtimes not even the educational visits, with Year 3 off to full and fast River Darent this morning.

Similarly, Dulwich Hamlet flows onwards at full pace, ably guided by strategic leadership of our governing body who met for the first time this week. Please watch this space as we introduce the team and look to appoint a new parent governor in the coming months.

The governing body is made up of an exceptional group of volunteers who both support and challenge school leadership. At Monday's meeting they scrutinised the development priorities for the school year.

Amongst the key actions for the year is continuing to develop our foundation curricula, with a particular focus on History, Geography, DT, Art and PE ensuring they are representative of our communities, encouraging of critical thinking and creative, based on a sound bedrock of core knowledge.

The teaching team will also be exploring how teachers can make professional development a more collaborative process.

Our pastoral team are building the nurturing relationships which pupils need to thrive in classroom through a variety of new initiatives.

We are also hoping to foster parental engagement and use this, amongst other things, to develop a new vision and mission statement for the school, renew our branding and bring our website up to date.

### KEY DATES

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Black History Month Begins  
4W to Dulwich Picture Gallery

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Prospective Parent and Carer tour 9-10:15am

### CAN YOU HELP?

We're looking for parents who can help deliver our vision for incredible education by:

- **talking in an assembly**
- **reading 1:1**
- **running a club**

For more information and to register your interest please [click here](#)



### WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Ruby Fire	Sapphire Air	Topaz Water	Garnet Earth
85	93	122	118

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

At Dulwich Hamlet we have worked hard to build a curriculum which is both representative of the diverse London community and outward looking to meet cultures from around the globe.

We want to make every child feel seen in their curricula and so feel proud to be part of the community. There is always more work to be done and we don't ever expect to be finished with this journey.

Currently, our Equity Diversity and Inclusion target is to make sure the narratives we tell in history and English amongst other subjects are empowering and positive. It is therefore exciting that the national theme for BHM 2024 is 'Reclaiming Narratives'.



In addition to our work on diversifying the curriculum, we celebrate BHM with additional curriculum foci on key black historical and current day figures, stories, themes and trips to the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton.

From the BHM 2024 [Website](#):

Reclaiming Narratives is more than just a theme—it's an invitation. An invitation to every member of the Black community to take part in shaping how our stories are told. It's about ensuring that our voices are heard, our experiences acknowledged, and our contributions celebrated. This theme encourages us to shine a spotlight on the untold stories, the unsung heroes, and the everyday individuals who have made an indelible impact on our communities.

We would love community members, friends and family to share their unique stories and if you are interested in joining us for an assembly, [use this link here](#).

## PTA AGM

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to attend yesterday's AGM.

We had a productive discussion about the vital role of the PTA in supporting and enhancing the experience of our Hamleteers. Key topics included class allocations for the Christmas Fair stall (details to be circulated shortly by your class rep); other event planning; financial report from the last school year; school funding requirements and the re-election of these positions:

- **Chair:** Georgie Pelsler
- **Treasurer:** Chabala Munsonda Surry
- **Secretary:** Vina Oyibo

Minutes of the meeting will be circulated shortly to committee members.

We still have a number of positions to fill so please get in touch if you are able to help at all:

### Positions available:

**PTA co-chair** to work alongside Georgie Pelsler and the rest of the lovely Trustees and committee members. Ideally this will be a parent who will have a child in either Year 4 or 5 (but happy to consider Year 3 parents too!). The commitment is around 6 hours a week depending on upcoming events, and it's a very interesting and rewarding role.

**Event organisers for the Diwali celebration** to work with a small team to arrange food and other activities for an event on Thursday 17 October.

If you would like to know more please contact us via [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com)

### Diwali Celebration

Thursday 17th October 3:30 - 4:30pm, Turney Playground

### Halloween Fun Run

Sunday 3rd November 1-3pm, Dulwich Park

### Bonfire Bake Off

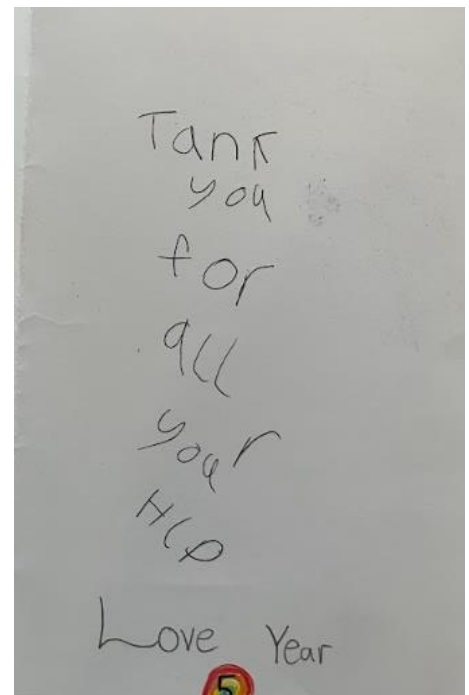
Friday 15th November, 3:30 - 4:30pm, Village Playground (Year 3 to run stall please)

### Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November - 12:30 - 3pm (stall allocations to be announced at AGM)

National Teaching Assistants' Day is an awareness day today (on **Friday 27th September**). Schools across the UK celebrate their own TAs and nominate their favourites for our Teaching Assistant of the Year award.

<https://www.nationalteachingassistantsday.co.uk/>



Dear Teaching Assistants,

From the team at Dulwich Hamlet we would just like to say a massive thank you to all of you incredible people. We're not just saying it when we proclaim "We've got the best TAs in the country" – we genuinely believe that to be the case. You are problem solvers, emotional support workers, learning mentors, mental health first aiders, physical health first aiders, artists, listeners, teachers, play leaders, smile bringers and a whole host more. We could not be the school we are without your daily efforts and we would not want to be either.

The School Team

Parents and Carers please join us in thanking this incredible team – we can pass messages on if you don't see them. And maybe next year, we will nominate a TA for the official National Teaching Assistant of the year award.



## VIRTUAL WARD PANEL SURVEY

Dulwich Village Safe Neighbourhood Team is conducting a crime prevention survey and your response is much appreciated.

Here is the link to access the survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/October2024/>

This link is uniquely tied to this survey and not future ones.

This survey will be available until 11th October 2024 at 12:00pm

If you do not wish to receive further emails from us, please email us, and you will be removed from our mailing list.

Thanks for your participation!

**Pcso Cristian Avram**  
**Dulwich Village Safer Neighbourhoods**  
Central South BCU (*Lambeth & Southwark*)  
Metropolitan Police Service

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**Venue**  
The Lewington Community centre  
9 Eugenia road  
Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

**TUESDAYS STARTING 17TH SEPTEMBER 2024 10AM - 11:30AM**

**crèche will be provided**

For more information:  
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## MY CHILD & ME

**A 10 WEEK INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP**

for parents and carers providing understanding, supporting and prevention of behaviour & mental health issues in children through cultural lenses

**crèche will be provided**

**Date:**  
Thursday 19th September - Thursday 21st November 2024  
10am -12pm

**Venue**  
The Lewington Community centre  
9 Eugenia road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

**For details and to register:**  
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