

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

As we move further into the term, it has been great to speak with more of you, whether that be a quick chat in the playground, at the PTA AGM or at one of our Y3 Parent and Carer Cafes. At the Hamlet, we value parental engagement highly, and to that end, we produce an overview/calendar each year to map out all of the opportunities where you can get involved with school life.

We organise these opportunities into three distinct areas of activity, which are then divided up between the six half-terms of the school year:

Those that are related to your child's learning: Open Classroom, parent meetings and annual reports.

Activities related to parental learning/information: parent and carer cafes (there are many more to follow!)

Social/Community/Celebration events: PTA events, concerts & performances including Christmas, sports morning, art exhibition, taster lunches etc...

Inevitably, some terms are busier than others.

You can see our Parental Engagement Calendar at the end of the HH today, and it is always available on the website too. For the specific dates related to these activities, please refer to our Key Dates document, also available on the website, and disseminated via the HH at the beginning/end of each half-term.

DOODLEVISION

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

First place (12 points): **3EF** **67%**
Second place (11 points): **3KS** **65%**
Third place (10 points): **3RS** **63%**



Please keep on Doodling everyone!

TTRS winner this week is...60!

KEY DATES

Monday 16th October

5B visit to Black Cultural Archives, Brixton Marble Season (see details on next page!)

Tuesday 17th October

5N visit to Black Cultural Archives, Brixton Marble season

Wednesday 18th October

6W Class Assembly, 9:10-9:25am, Turney Hall, parents & carers welcome

5A visit to Black Cultural Archives, Brixton

Thursday 19th October

Y4 visit to Horniman Museum

Friday 20th October

Hamlet's Got Talent!

Finish for a well-deserved half-term break!

SECONDARY TRANSFER REMINDER

A reminder for our Y6 families to find those usernames and passwords for the e-admissions process. Don't forget that 31st October 2023 is your absolute deadline for submitting your online application. For further information, please go to:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/applying-for-a-secondary-school-place>

and please make use of our '[Moving on Up... DHJS Quick Guide to the Secondary Transfer Admission Process for September 2024 Entry](#)'.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
79	152	142	167

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

We were so excited about World Mental Health Day that we kicked off our celebrations a day early! Monday's whole-school assembly introduced the important theme of 2023's celebration: mental health is a universal human right. We spent some time unpicking the vocabulary and getting to grips with what this statement means for us, for our school community, and for people around the world. To reinforce our understanding of the key message, we spent time in classes on beautiful mindful colouring, reminding ourselves that whoever you are, and whatever you're experiencing, your mental health matters. We also set our special World Mental Health Day homework on Tuesday, focused around important and sometimes tricky conversations about what's on our minds. Take a look at the fantastic, colourful work below and remember - your mental health matters too!

MARBLE SEASON IS BACK!

We all love a Marble Season! As a 'thank you' for a fantastic half-term of learning, we have decided to reward the children with two days of marble fun next week: Monday and Tuesday. As always, we have our simple set of rules to follow:

- Only bring in enough marbles that can fit into a small container that will sensibly fit in trays in the classroom
- Only bring in marbles that you don't mind losing! (keep the bestest/special ones for home)
- Rules for games are established and adhered to
- No swapping
- You can play to win

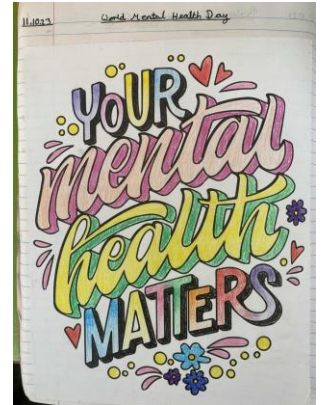
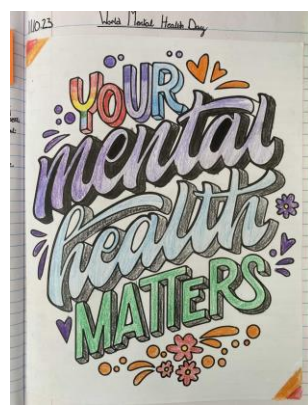


HAMLET'S GOT TALENT!

This annual favourite will take place in Turney Hall next Friday. Unfortunately we cannot invite parents and carers to this event, as we just don't have the space to accommodate you all. We will be tweeting throughout...

Any performers for next week have received their congratulations card from the House Captains, and today, they have been issued with a list of reminders.

We're looking forward to seeing them all perform next week.



COATS!!!

Autumn has arrived!

The change in the weather this week has got most of us looking for the raincoat and possibly a hoodie. We had rain earlier in the week and we were very surprised at the number of children without a coat! A weather warning must have flashed up on every single device, been on Alexa (and equivalent), all over the news and social media. We had children outside who ended up in tears because they were cold and wet. Getting wet in the rain is fun at first but not for long. Hoodies are not waterproof! We're asking for every child to have a waterproof coat with them at all times. We go out for break, lunch and PE. The only reason for not going out is if the surface is dangerous.

As always, **please name the coat.**

POPPIES

We are now selling poppies for the Royal British Legion, available from the desk in reception, where you will find the collection box. You will also see a QR code if you wish you donate that way. Thank you.



PTA UPDATE

A few things to note coming up...

We announced our co-chairs Lucinda Richardson and Kate Boydell are stepping down in December as chairs and trustees (though remaining as general committee members for the rest of the year). The Dulwich Hamlet PTA is a registered charity and simply can't run without a quorum of trustees including at least one Chair.

We urge anyone with an interest to contact us as a matter of urgency; the best time to step in is when current co-chairs remain on the committee to support you. All enquiries welcome via email, happy to talk through any questions over phone or in person.

DIWALI FESTIVAL Friday 17th November 3:30-4:30pm

A wonderful celebration known as *The Festival of Light*, to be held at Dulwich Hamlet after school. This will feature special guests 'Dhol Drummers', food, lights, and art and craft activities. All are most welcome!

We would love any donations of battery operated fairy lights and/or tea lights. A box will be left at reception from Monday. If anyone would like them returned please add your name to the box and we will return them to reception to be collected after the event.

We would appreciate any donations of sweet and savoury Indian dishes - please be aware of not bringing anything containing nuts. Donations to be brought to office on the day.

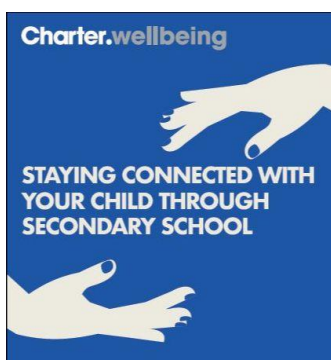
The event is free but we ask if anyone is able to donate to the school it is much appreciated (this is optional).

If anyone would like to get involved please get in touch with Manjinder (5B) via the PTA.



EMMA GLEADHILL WEBINARS

Emma Gleadhill is back with another series of webinars for the parents and carers of The Charter Schools Education Trust.

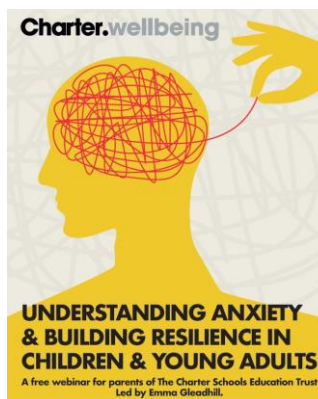


[REGISTER HERE](#)

17th October 7pm-8pm

The job of the adolescent is to push at the boundaries, discover the world, and become independent.

Emma will be taking a look at staying connected with your growing child as they make the transition into puberty and adolescence.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

28th November 7pm to 8pm

To a large extent, anxiety is a normal part of everyday life. We are prone to anxiety because caution keeps us safe. But it can make us, and our children, play small, and prevent us from the enjoyment and thriving we would wish for ourselves and especially for future generations as they grow.

PTA UPDATE (Continued...)

HALLOWEEN FUN RUN Sunday 5th November from 2:30pm.

Look out for messages via your class WhatsApp groups to help make this event a great success!

CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 25th November 12:30-3pm

Class stalls currently being allocated for the fair. Please look out for all communications regarding volunteering, donations and ways you can help via the class reps.

As always, please contact the PTA team if you have any wonderful ideas or thoughts towards fundraising, we are happy to chat through ways to make it happen!

The PTA team

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ONLINE SAFETY: USEFUL SIGNPOSTING FOR PARENTS & CARERS

If you're looking for some quick and easy tips to manage your data and privacy online, Parent Zone, the experts in media literacy, will be live streaming a short 6 minute video on 17th October at 4:30pm. The video can be watched via the YouTube link below and can be watched back any time. <https://youtu.be/PcjGGT42hX0>

You can find even more resources to help your family build habits to feel more in control online here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal/southwark>

Dulwich Hamlet highly recommends Parent Zone as a resource to support families with all things digital.



RISE TOGETHER (Space art competition)

Well done to all those who entered the competition; we know some of you made it to Piccadilly Circus on Monday to see the artwork displayed. We also know you had the opportunity of meeting Nicole Stott, Tim Peake and Brian Cox – how cool!



CHRISTMAS CARD ART PROJECT

If your child submitted a Christmas card design (or other card design), you should now have received this back, along with a set of instructions on how to place an order. Please note: You must order by 24th October 2023 in order for the school to raise funds from this initiative. After this date, any orders will be considered 'late' and you will incur any additional costs.



DHUS Parental Engagement Cycle 2023-24

Ongoing:
Weekly Hamlet Herald
Regularly updated website & twitter feed
Termly The Charter Schools Educational Trust Magazine
4 Minute *Informer* videos

Ongoing:
Half-termly 'Our Learning Grids'
Half-termly spelling lists

Ongoing:
Class Assemblies (every class, once per year: Y6 Autumn, Y4/5 Spring, Y3 Summer)
PTA Good as New Uniform Shop

