

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

I started the week delivering an assembly all about pantomime, and specifically, panto 'etiquette'. This morning, the children came together to watch Cinderella: 'Oh yes they did!' Many thanks to the PTA for funding this special event.



Following the panto, we had a quick break, a shorter session back in class, then both children and staff came together in year groups to enjoy a festive lunch. It was really yummy! A very special thank you to Chef BJ and her team at Olive Dining for putting on a superb spread.



## DOODLEVISION

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

<b>First place</b> (12 points):	<b>6O</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Second place</b> (11 points):	<b>3EF &amp; 3KS</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Third place</b> (10 points):	<b>4M</b>	<b>42%</b>



Look out for a communication next week regarding some holiday learning – to keep us 'ticking over' during the break!

**TTRS winner this week is...4G!**

## KEY DATES

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

P.E. day for whole school (final P.E. day of term)  
Music Concert at JAGS, 7pm – by ticket only for grown-ups of performers

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Special Christmas assembly with Liz Barnett from St. Barnabas  
Y3 and Y6 Christmas parties, pm

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Y4 and Y5 Christmas parties, pm

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Final day of term, finish 1:25pm, please pick-up promptly

## P.E. DAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER & NEXT TERM

All classes will have an hour of PE at some point during the day. Please come into school wearing PE kit; we are planning to have the lessons outside. This is the final PE day for all year groups this term. PE, swimming and dance resume w/c Monday 8th January. PE days remain the same. Y5 will continue to swim until 8th February. Y4 will have dance on a Friday morning until 9th February and should come to school wearing PE kit on a Friday.

## YEAR GROUP PARTIES

Please see year group party days above. Children may come into school in their chosen party outfit; please remember they will be out at break and lunchtime so warmth and footwear need to be taken into consideration.

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

<b>Topaz Water</b>	<b>Ruby Fire</b>	<b>Garnet Earth</b>	<b>Sapphire Air</b>
Roll-over to next week			

## THANK YOU!

We were able to load literally bags and bags of your generous donations into the Brixton and Norwood Food Bank van this week. Your kindness and generosity have ensured that they will be able to provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who have been referred to them in crisis.

You also donated a huge number of pre-loved coats that were sent on to The Spring Community Group, kindly organised by one of our parents.



## STAFF NEWS

We have enjoyed having Mr Scott working with us as a teaching assistant this term. Even though she formally left at the end of the summer term, we have also been delighted to have Miss Kenny return to help us out across the school. Both Mr Scott and Miss Kenny are now off on their travels after Christmas, but we hope to see them both back, ready to fill us in with their adventures, at the start of summer term.

## PARENT PAY

While we head towards the end of the autumn term, we kindly ask that parents and carers review their Parent Pay accounts. If everyone could check to see if they have paid the autumn term Voluntary Contribution (or the annual option) we would be most grateful. This is the fund that pays for all of the school trips, coaches, workshops etc.. and we are already starting to pay ahead for the exciting spring/summer term activities.

Y6 parents, if you could double check where you are at with your school journey instalment payments, that would be fantastic.

Thank you all.

## FILMING/TAKING PHOTOS AT SCHOOL EVENTS

We know that many of you enjoy taking personal clips/photos of school events, especially at this time of year. We always explain at the start of any activity our school 'expectations' regarding this.

We thought it would be helpful to provide some further information for you for clarity:

Parents and carers **are not required** to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 when taking photos for their own private use of their children at an organised event.

Parents and carers **are not permitted**, however, to take photographs or to make a film recording of anything other than their personal use. Recording and/or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of all the other parents and carers whose children may be included in the images. To pass on copies without this could be a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018.

While unlikely, as we always have limited space at larger school events, it is important that people with no connection to the school do not have any opportunity to film covertly. Hamlet staff will always be prepared to challenge anyone they do not recognise who is using a camera/phone at events.

It is for a school to decide whether to allow recordings or photographs to be taken by parents or carers during an event. As such, we have put together a short 'Use Your Device/Camera Courteously' Code to guide parents who may wish to use photography and/or video at a school event. Please read on to see this. We will display this at all future events, as well as remind parents and carers verbally at the start of an event.

If you want to be absolutely sure that your child is not included in any of these private photos/videos, please let the school know in advance so that your child can be placed strategically, as much as practically possible, out of any camera view.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL AND UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

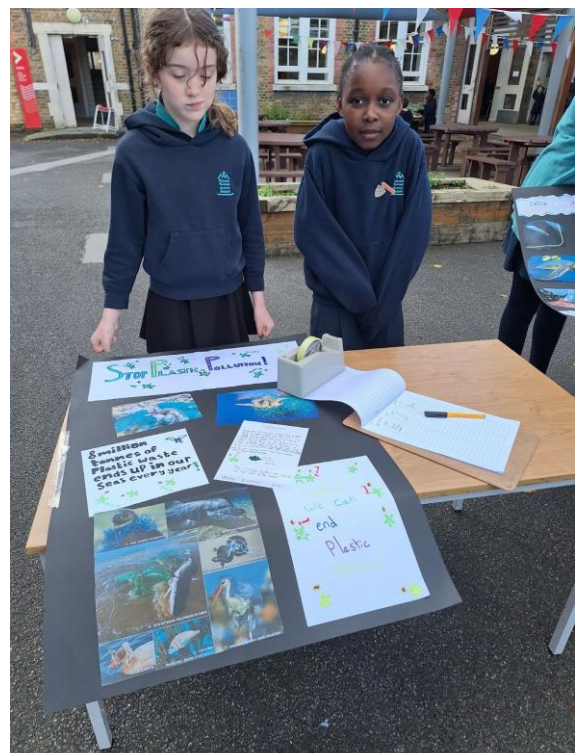


The school council have been extremely busy this term campaigning for a better future. Following UK parliament week, the school council were excited to exercise their democratic voice by writing to our local MP, Helen Hayes.

Between them, the school council brainstormed issues which excited them. All four had an environmental focus, reflecting the children's passion for our planet's health: the sewage problem, by-catch, air pollution and plastic pollution. We then split into four teams and ran a petition to see which issue would capture the most pupil signatures. By-catch, buoyed by David Attenborough's Planet Earth III, was the narrow victor.

The school council then set about writing to our elected representative in the House of Commons. Some of the letters are published here.

Mr Salomonson would like to thank the School Council for their tireless efforts and we look forward to a response from the MP.



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Helen Hayes MP  
House of Commons  
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RE:By-catch endangering our sea environment

Dear Helen Hayes,

We are pupils from the school council at Dulwich Hamlet junior school.I am writing to you to express my passionate love of marine life.The fishing industry are damaging our sea life by the two mile net which is causing distraction from our glorious ocean. By-catch is a devastating problem. We did a petition for UK Parliament week.

By-catch is soon going to cause extinction. Kate Swindells, Cetacean Strandings Research Assistant,reports "The single most common caused by by-catch is murdering the sea life".Fish forward "three hundred thousand seabirds including seventeen albatrosses species are killed each year.Also sea fishing causes pollution. Would you want your country to make Marine life disappear?

We need a solution.The school council came up with a phew ideas:A national sea park [free zone no fishing] warning signs on food packages and signs about by-catch.If you have any more thoughts please tell the government

As a MP,we expect you to care about our environment and people. Try your hardest to speak up for by-catch. Rishi Sunak should stop this from damaging and slaughtering our ocean paradise. We beg you to stop this from happening to our sea.

Thank you so much for reading our views and I hope you will save our dying waters.

Yours sincerely

Elektra and Ikram  
School Council Year 3 and Year 5

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Helen Hayes MP  
House of commons  
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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

RE: Sea-life being murdered

Dear Helen Hayes MP,

We are writing because we are devastated at the idea of the sea life dying at this very moment. At Dulwich Hamlet Junior school we care about by-catch being stopped so the school council are writing this letter as part of U.K. parliament week.

We have a huge problem in this country. Marine life is dying this very minute. Scientists from msc say "over 40% of ~~by~~ by-catch is incidental"

Are you a fan of dolphins, sharks, sea birds or turtles? If yes you should help stop by-catch because according to the University of Michigan these are the most caught species. By-catch doesn't only affect marine life but also damages corals.

Some solutions to this major problem are making national sea parks, writing whether or not by-catch was used to get a product and fish fishing with a rod and line. These things would all make a huge difference to the UK's marine eco systems which are necessary for our survival.

As our MP we implore you to help us stop this disastrous problem. It has been causing disastrous pain. As our MP we demand you help us stop by-catch to save our planet.

Now you've heard of this disastrous problem, it is your choice to help.

Yours sincerely

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## DHJS 'Use Your Device/Camera Courteously' Code

*A guide for parents & carers who wish to use photography and/or video at a school event*

Generally, photographs and videos for school and family use are a source of innocent pleasure and pride which can enhance self esteem for children and their families. By following some simple guidelines, we can proceed safely and with regard to the law:



Parents and carers can attend school events at the invitation of the Headteacher and Dulwich Hamlet staff.



The Headteacher has the responsibility to decide if photography and videoing of school performances/events is permitted.



The Headteacher and Dulwich Hamlet staff are responsible for deciding the conditions necessary to prevent disruption of the event, and to keep children and staff both safe and free from distraction.



Parents and carers can use photographs and videos taken at a school event, as permitted by the Headteacher, for their own personal use only. Such photos and videos cannot be sold, and must not be put on the internet, or any social media platform, due to existing Data Protection legislation, which under such circumstance is likely to be contravened.



Recording or/photographing other than for private use would require the consent of all the other parents and carers whose children may be included in the images.



Parents and carers must follow guidance from Dulwich Hamlet staff as to when photography and videoing is permitted and where to stand in order to minimise disruption to the activity.



Parents and carers must never photograph or video children changing for performances or events.



If you are accompanied or represented by people that Dulwich Hamlet staff do not recognise, we will always challenge and check out who they are if they are using a device/camera to take photos or film.

### **BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY:**

Enjoy watching your child/ren creating memories that you will hopefully share for many years to come!





The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important. In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

**This survey is for all children aged 0-18 years** (parents, carers/other adults can complete on behalf of children who are under 6 or for children who need extra assistance).

This is a great opportunity for our young people to get involved in politics and have their voice heard, so please do encourage your child to take part by completing the survey below!

**The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.**

[The Big Ambition Survey](#)



## Dulwich Hamlet Junior School

### SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2023-2024

#### **Autumn term 2023**

*(STAFF INSET DAYS: Thursday 31 August and Friday 1 September)*

Term starts: Monday 4th September 2023 - Friday 20 October 2023

**Half Term: Monday 23 October 2023 - Friday 3 November 2023**

Term starts: Monday 6 November 2023 – Thursday 21 December 2023

#### **Spring term 2024**

*(STAFF INSET DAYS: Thursday 4 January and Friday 5 January)*

Term starts: Monday 8 January 2024 - Friday 9 February 2024

**Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 - Friday 16 February 2024**

Term starts: Monday 19 February 2024 - Thursday 28 March 2024

#### **Summer term 2024**

Term starts: Monday 15 April 2024 - Friday 24 May 2024

**Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 - Friday 31 May 2024**

Term starts: Monday 3 June 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024

*(STAFF INSET DAY: Monday 1 July)*

#### **Public Holidays**

- **Christmas Day Holiday to be taken on:** Monday 25 December 2023
- **Boxing Day Holiday to be taken on:** Tuesday 26 December 2023
- **New Year's Holiday to be taken on:** Monday 1 January 2024
- **Good Friday:** Friday 29 March 2024
- **Easter Monday:** Monday 1 April 2024
- **May Day Bank Holiday:** Monday 6 May 2024
- **Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 27 May 2024
- **Summer Bank Holiday:** Monday 26 August 2024