

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We started the week by giving 'three cheers' to Alice! Alice has been crossing us all over the road safely at the main Village junction for a staggering 45 years! Come rain or shine, she is always there, and we can't thank her enough for the important job she does on behalf of our community.



Oh what a night!! We concluded last week with our annual PTA Quiz night. As always, tough competition and some truly inspired art works were created. A huge thanks must go to Cat de Jongh (Co-Chair of Governors) for organising all of the rounds, to 'Quiz Master' Stephen Frost, who maintained 'order' while entertaining us all and Ambra, for her delicious food!

Much fun was had by all.

## DOODLEVISION

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

- First place (12 points): **3EF**
- Second place (11 points): **4GR**
- Third place (10 points): **5A**

Please keep on Doodling everyone!

**TTRS winner this week is... 3EF. 'Double bubble'.**

**Bravo 3EF!**



## KEY DATES

### World Book Day activities throughout the week

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Y5 Horniman Museum virtual workshops

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Y4 Portals to the Past Anglo Saxons & Vikings workshops

Parent & Carer Café: SEND Focus, 9:00-9:45am Burbage

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

5A class assembly, 9:10am, Turney Hall, grown-ups welcome

Y6 Music Mentors attend TCSET music collaboration event

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

DHJS 'dress-up' for World Book Day! (see letter for details)

Marcel Pusey (Bassistry Arts) working with Y6 - music tech

PTA Mother's Day cake sale, 3:25pm Village

## PARENT PAY

As we move further into term, we have a good idea of where our budget is heading, and if there may be even a tiny bit in a pot left that we can use to enhance/improve the school resources and offer. (We're on the 'right side' at the moment, but only just). As part of this work, we review income streams, including checking in with Parent Pay payments.

Parent Pay is used to collect income for before and after school care, clubs, music lessons and your voluntary contributions. We've spotted a fair amount that is outstanding. Please can we ask that you take some time to clear payments in your accounts, which in turn, will assist us in managing the books. Thank you.

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
123	185	132	147

## SEND PARENT AND CARER CAFÉ

The focus for our next Café (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 9am) will be how we support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) at Dulwich Hamlet, targeted at our families with children on our SEND Register

This session, led by the SENDCo, Lilian Koder, will take parents through how SEND provision is organised in the school and the systems we have in place. Our SEND Link Governor, Felicia Johnstone will also be there to talk a bit about the school's approach to SEND and her role. It will also be an opportunity to meet and chat to other parents and carers of children with additional needs.

As always, please book your place via the office, so that we have an indication of numbers.



## SECONDARY TRANSFER OFFERS 2024

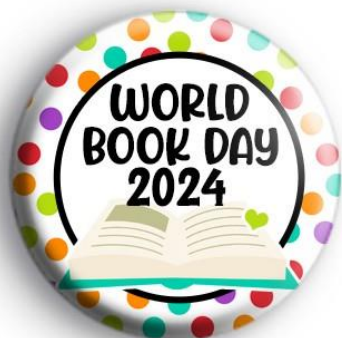
This afternoon/early evening, our Y6 parents and carers that submitted an on-time application, should receive a confirmation from eAdmissions with your offer of a secondary school place for your child, together with information on what to do next.

We hope that as a family, you receive the news that you are hoping for, but, as with primary admissions, there will be a period of time as places are accepted/declined and waiting lists move. Can we politely request that you do not 'sit' on an offered place. This is always an anxious time for children and parents alike, and every year we have some of our Hamleteers waiting for places to become available. Please do decline a place for a school at your earliest convenience if you are not intending to accept it.

We ask that you keep us informed of the offer you accept, whether that be from the state or independent sector, by completing our google form:

<https://forms.gle/7S8tb7yhGSBbPLtb7>

It's a really quick job! Thanks in advance.



## COMIC RELIEF

DHJS will be doing '*something funny for money*'! Comic Relief is back on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March and we will be fundraising whilst doing something entertaining. We're already preparing things behind the scenes ready to make us all laugh. Full details of how we will spend the day will follow; our fundraising has already begun. You can donate to Comic Relief via our JustGiving page using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/mrd33x3n>

- **£10** could pay for a much-needed respite session for an isolated young carer in the UK
- **£50** could provide toiletry packs for 10 people sleeping rough in the UK, offering dignity and the basics needed to stay clean
- **£150** could help provide families with winter warm kits, containing energy top up cards, blankets, food supplies and slow cookers

Any amount donated will go towards supporting communities locally, across the UK and around the World. Thank you.



## DULWICH VILLAGE SURVEY

**Re.: Metropolitan Police - Dulwich Village 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/D6C5CZ/>

This survey is already 'live', and is available through to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 12:00pm.

## PTA UPDATE

### Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who was involved with the quiz night, including those who bought tickets and took part, to our Quiz Master Stephen Frost and Cat de Jongh for hosting, to the parents who kindly helped behind the scenes and on the night, and to Ambra for the truly delicious food! There were some spectacular movie-based plasticine creations and we've included photos of some of our favourites. We hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as we did, and your amazing efforts raised **over £1,000** for the school! More soon on some of things the PTA will be funding this year to enhance the learning experience of our children.

### Mother's Day Cake Sale

We will be running a cake sale after school on Friday 8th March to celebrate Mother's Day. Any donations of cake are much appreciated and can be dropped off at the school office on Friday morning.

### PTA Office Spring Clean

After a busy year of events, the PTA office and store rooms are looking rather shocking and in need of a good spring clean. If you are able to help for a couple of hours before pick-up on a Friday over the next couple of weeks please contact us. Any help however small would be very much appreciated!

### Save the dates

Hamlet Disco - Friday 17th May 6 - 8pm (tickets will go on sale after the Easter holidays)

Summer Fair - Saturday 15th June 12.30 - 3pm

**Interested in joining the PTA?** We are always around for a chat over a coffee if you would like to know more about being involved in the PTA. Please contact us via [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com)

Best wishes,

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PTA Co-Chairs



