

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We have launched Black History Month across the school this week with a series of special assemblies learning about key figures, as well as sharing stories and themes linked to our school values. I enjoyed speaking about the life of Aretha Franklin with the children, and of course, shared and talked about the anthem that is 'Respect'. I asked the children to consider what *respect* means to them, and, to try and find some other song lyrics which carry powerful messages. We're going to try and put together a Hamlet assembly playlist – all suggestions are very welcome! (I read from the 'Little People Big Dreams' series, which I highly recommend).

Our Dulwich Hamlet governors came together this week for our second meet of this academic year, in order to spend a session reviewing our effectiveness as a group. We reflected back over last year, reviewed our skillset, distributed responsibilities and tasks, and looked ahead at the priorities for this year. Our Local Governing Body (LGB) are a fantastic team who volunteer their time in order to support the school. I cannot thank them enough for all they do. I'll keep you updated of the work of the LGB as we progress through the year, but in the meantime, if you would like to see who the Hamlet governors are, we have a page dedicated to them all on our [website](#).

Next week, we start our run of class assemblies, and look forward to 6TS sharing their learning from the beginning of term. Whenever you come into school for an assembly, parent café, or other event during the core day, we do ask that you sign-in at the reception, so we know exactly who we have on the school site. You can sign-in from 8:45am for the class assemblies where you will be given a sticker. You won't be allowed in Turney Hall without one, and you won't want to miss the start...!

DOODLEVISION

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

First place (12 points):	3EF	73%
Second place (11 points):	3RS	67%
Third place (10 points):	5A	55%



Please keep on Doodling everyone!

TTRS winner this week is...5B!

KEY DATES

Monday 9th October

Special assembly to launch World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 11th October

3RS, Parent and Carer Café, Burbage, 8:45-9:30am

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

6O & 6W visit to Horton Kirby

Friday 13th October

6TS visit to Horton Kirby

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Next week, Dulwich Hamlet will be celebrating World Mental Health Day, which is Tuesday 10th October. We will launch this on Monday with a special assembly, facilitated by our Wellbeing/PSHE Lead, Mrs Begley.

Every year, we take this opportunity to remind our pupils of the importance of their mental health. This year, we'd like to get the grown-ups in our school community involved too! We all know how important it is to talk about how we feel, but it can be difficult to know how to start. That's why we are setting the 'Get Talking' homework from Young Minds. This will be uploaded onto Google Classroom on Tuesday 10th October - also available in hard copy if needed. Don't worry - there's no tricky maths or spelling involved and you don't need to submit anything! Just look out for the assignment and enjoy the opportunity to sit down for a 'proper chat' (and maybe a cup of tea and a biscuit!) with your child.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
130	142	139	126

TERM DATES 2024-25

We know that some of you like to be looking ahead, and as such, hot off the press, we have included our Trust-wide approved term dates for 2024-25 at the end of the HH today. You can also find these on the website, and we will ensure that we have hard copies available from the front office.

Please note that we still have two INSET days to confirm. We will re-issue the term dates as soon as we have decided when to take these days.

In view of these term dates, we would like to take this opportunity, as you may be thinking ahead and looking to plan future breaks, to remind our families that any holidays taken within term time will not be authorised for absence.

NEW PARENT TOURS & Y3 ADMISSIONS 2024

We start the first of our four prospective parent tours just before the October half-term. Even if you are a 'seasoned' Hamlet parent, you are more than welcome to join a tour if you have a child currently in Y2. Please let fellow Y2 parents and carers know of these opportunities, we do ask that you book a place in advance via the school office.

Friday 13th October 2023 9-10am * **FULL** *
Friday 10th November 2023 9-10am
Friday 24th November 2023 9-10am
Friday 12th January 2024 9-10am

Admissions for Southwark residents should be submitted online via the Southwark website:

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

The admissions window is now open and the closing date is Sunday 15th January 2023. Lambeth/Lewisham residents should follow the same process but via the Lambeth/Lewisham websites.

NEWS FROM TCSET

The latest edition of The Charter Magazine is now ready to view! This is a brilliant communication which aims to give you a snap-shot of life from across all of our Trust schools, as well as how we collaborative as a group of 3 secondary and 5 primary schools.

In this volume, we are proud to showcase four pieces from Dulwich Hamlet. Click [here](#) or on the image below to view.



MACMILLAN UPDATE

We're now almost at an incredible £1500 raised!
Thank you, thank you, thank you...



SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL

A new 'Community Patrol' group is now forming in Dulwich to address school run robberies.

The proposed scheme is an extension of an existing one called "Love Your Doorstep" which has been running in Enfield since 2011. The initiative aims to reduce the number of school run robberies which occur in our community by providing a very light-touch, friendly and non-confrontational presence along our streets from the time that secondary schools let out until dinner time (during term). Dulwich has been selected due to the high density of secondary schools in the area and the rise in robberies in recent months/years. The scheme has the full support of the Met Police.

The original Enfield scheme reduced school run robberies by 50%.

The organisers are holding a meeting at Charter North Dulwich from 7-8pm on Thursday, 12 October. The meeting is open to all.

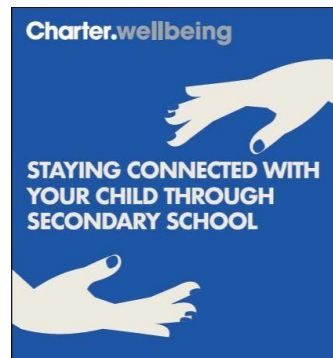
Those who would like to attend are required to pre-register their attendance using the following link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3DYT_16Xfj6SzeRWYbUOOzETmzrlbzfDPtar8y2l7IPi2Xg/viewform

At the meeting, the founder of 'Love Your Doorstep', Emma Rigby, our local Safer Neighbourhoods team leader from the Met, Sergeant Zissler, and the Met's head of volunteering will explain the 'Community Patrol' plan. This is an opportunity for parents and neighbours to ask questions and sign up to volunteer with the patrols.



EMMA GLEADHILL WEBINARS

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

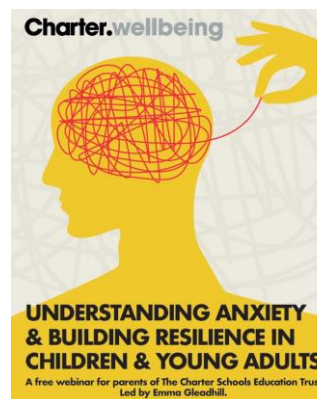


[REGISTER HERE](#)

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.

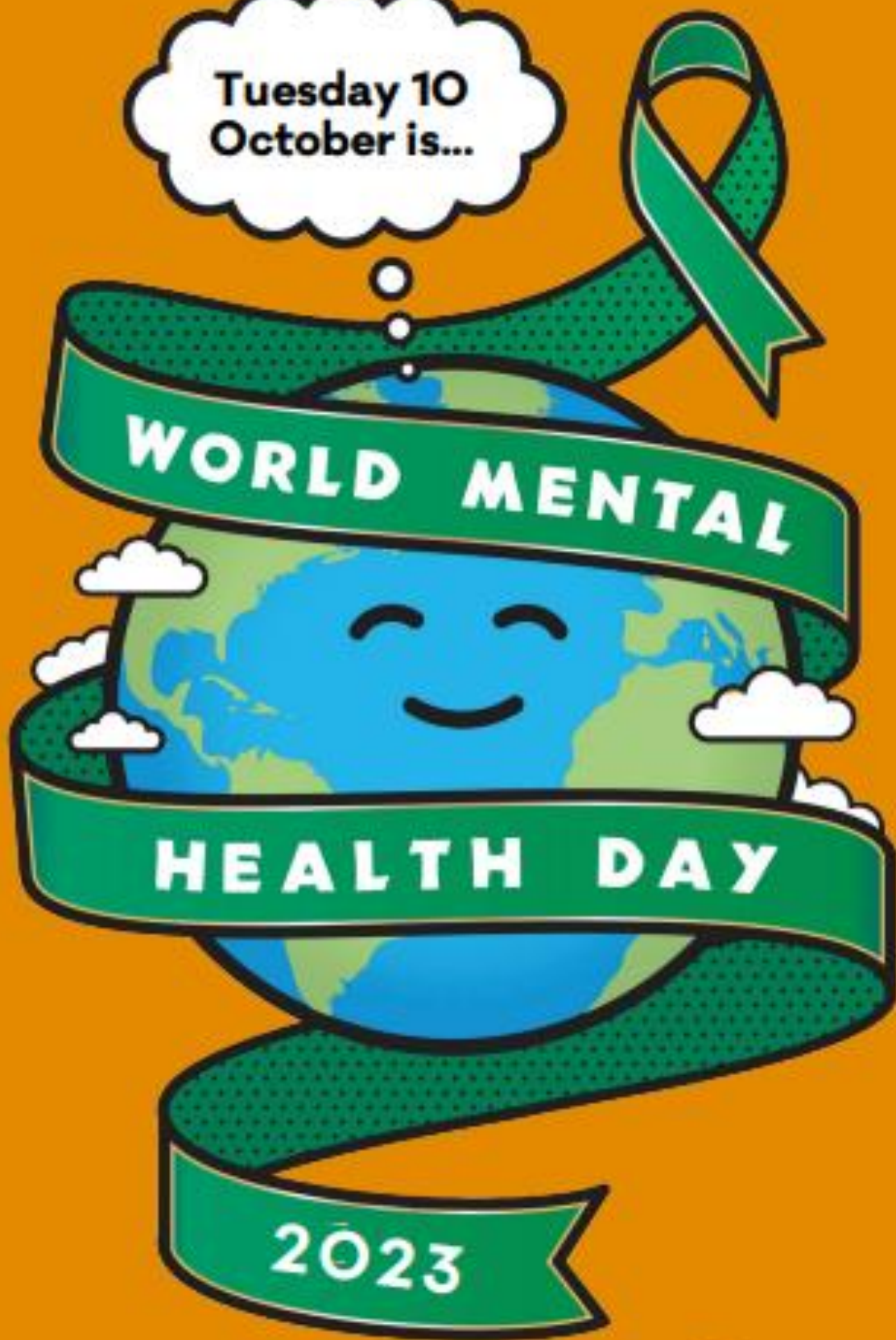


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28th November 7pm to 8pm

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.

Tuesday 10
October is...



[mentalhealth.org.uk](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)



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SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2024-2025

Autumn term 2024

(STAFF INSET DAYS: Thursday 29 August and Friday 30 August)

Term starts: Monday 2 September 2024 - Friday 18 October 2024

Half Term: Monday 21 October 2024 - Friday 1 November 2024

Term starts: Monday 4 November 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024

Spring term 2025

Term starts: Monday 6 January 2025 - Friday 14 February 2025

Half Term: Monday 17 February 2025 - Friday 21 February 2025

Term starts: Monday 24 February 2025 - Friday 4 April 2025

(STAFF INSET DAY tbc)

Summer term 2025

Term starts: Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26 May 2025 - Friday 30 May 2025

Term starts: Monday 2 June 2025 – Wednesday 23 July 2025

(STAFF INSET DAYS: Monday 30 June + 1 tbc)

Public Holidays

- **Christmas Day Holiday to be taken on:** Wednesday 25 December 2024
- **Boxing Day Holiday to be taken on:** Thursday 26 December 2024
- **New Year's Holiday to be taken on:** Wednesday 1 January 2025
- **Good Friday:** Friday 18 April 2025
- **Easter Monday:** Monday 21 April 2025
- **May Day Bank Holiday:** Monday 5 May 2025
- **Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 26 May 2025
- **Summer Bank Holiday:** Monday 25 August 2025