

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

As we end the term, the theme of the week for me has been community. It is a privilege and joy to work in a community where everyone shares a sense of pride in the school and a strong focus on continuous improvement.

We often highlight the work of the children and staff, and rightly so, as they continue to shine brightly each day. However, this week, I have been particularly struck by the generosity and spirit of our parent community.

Our long-standing volunteers, such as Dan, James, and Jonny, consistently deliver much-loved clubs and activities, regardless of the weather. Volunteers and parents have also read with children, run whole school assemblies and lunchtime clubs, and we thank those who have recently gone through the arduous process of obtaining DBS checks.

The PTA has excelled as community coordinators and fundraisers. Many team members, including our Chair, Georgie Pelser, and Treasurer, Chabala Surry, are nearing the end of their terms of office. I know you will join me in thanking them for their dedication and time, and offer your help for upcoming events like the Summer Fair.

Thank you to those who support us through the school fund, sharing information, reiterating our values or supporting home learning (Y6 parents deserve particular praise for supporting near 100% homework completion). Thank you for donating to our charity causes, nominating us for Gift Aid, getting your children to school on time, and supporting us to achieve 96% attendance. Your cooperation on behaviour has

been invaluable (the toilets have never had it so good), and your friendly presence on the playground at drop-off and pick-up is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break. Enjoy the time with your families and come back refreshed and ready for the new term!

KEY DATES

Wednesday 16th April

Primary Admissions Day

Tuesday 22nd April

Return to school 8.45-8.55am

Y4 PE Day as usual

Y3/4 Rugby ASC Begins 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 23rd April

Running Club Begins 8am

Thursday 24th April

Choir Begins 8am

Y4 Swimming

Friday 25th April

Y5 Dance Lessons Begin

Fun Run for Alzheimer's, Dulwich Park, 1.30pm

Y5/6 Cricket Matches v Alleyn's, 2pm

HOUSE POINTS

Ruby Fire	Sapphire Air	Topaz Water	Garnet Earth
210	241	212	200

UNIFORM CHANGES

As referenced on these pages, we have some exciting developments to share in the coming term. Working with The Charter Schools Educational Trust central team, we have been busying ourselves behind the scenes with a comprehensive re-branding programme.

A new school mission, new badge, new website, and even a new Hamlet Herald will be unveiled in advance of September. We are really excited about these changes but there is one change which we need to warn you about in advance: our new badge will herald a new uniform and new uniform provider.

We are incredibly excited to begin work with our new uniform partners, *Earth Uniform*, a company with an emphasis on ethical practices and sustainability. The new uniform will be extremely durable, providing good 'second life' potential. Please do ask if you have any questions but hopefully we can address many of them here:

Will I have to buy new uniform?

No! The current uniform will continue to be in circulation for some years to come and will be available from our PTA second hand shop.

Will the uniform change colours?

The standard uniform will not change – a jade polo shirt, a navy-blue hoodie alongside navy shorts, trousers or a skirt.

What about PE?

That *is* changing. From white to navy. Earth Uniform will provide branded navy t-shirts in a breathable sports fabric, though a plain navy t-shirt will also suffice.

Do I have to buy branded?

No! As now, we are happy for families to buy jade t-shirts or polo shirts without a badge and navy hoodies or jumpers – as long as they are plain and completely unbranded.

When can we buy?

Details will be shared in the Summer term so if you are planning on forking out for new, please hold on!

SPONSORED FUN RUN

On Friday 25th April the whole school, will be heading down to Dulwich Park for a sponsored fun run in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

The whole event is inspired and organised by our very own Mr Witley who will be running the London Marathon the following weekend. We are hoping the event will bring the community together, generate some excitement about London's annual race and raise some serious dosh for a fantastic cause.

We are giving children the option of raising some funds from friends, families and neighbours in advance of the event so you can find the optional sponsorship form on Google Classroom and in bags.

Everyone is invited to the event even if you aren't able to raise any cash. We plan to start near the sculptures close to the Court Lane entrance and run clockwise around the park. If you would like to be a parent volunteer for the event, then please get in contact with Mr Witley via his email: bwitley1.210@lgflmail.org

Those unable to run the whole way around Dulwich Park are welcome to walk!

Planned times (rough estimates):

Y3: 1:45 – 2:05

Y4: 2:05 – 2:25

Y5: 2:25 – 2:45

Y6: 2:45 – 3:05

Thank you for your support and good luck Mr Witley!



**Alzheimer's
Society**

SPORTS REPORTS

We have been inundated with sports reports this week- thanks so much to everyone who has written one. I will try and include as many as I can on these pages in the coming weeks as possible so if yours isn't here this week, please check our next edition. 5 house points for every report submitted.

Alleyn's Tournament Y5 and Y6 Girls

On Friday 21st March, seven girls from Year 6 (Thea, Eva, Georgia, Clara and me) and Year 5 (Serena and Albina) took part in a football tournament at Alleyns. Three other teams were taking part, and we played them all.

Our team was great! Even though we didn't have any substitutes, we all played hard throughout the three games. The defence, made up of Albina and Serena with Georgia and Clara taking turns as goalkeeper, deflected a lot of attempts on goal and were fearless in their approach! Those of us in attack (Thea, Eva, me and Clara/Georgia) played really well together to pass, dribble and drive the ball to score lots of goals.

Overall, we won two out of the three games, giving us silver medals! Our whole team and the opposing teams showed a really positive attitude to one another, and we all shook hands at the end!

Imogen Wrenn, Y6



Year 5 and 6 Badminton Match

On Wednesday 5th March. Some Year 5 and 6 children were invited to play Badminton at Alleyn's. It was super fun and it was a relaxed atmosphere so it was not hugely competitive. We all played four games in doubles and the score was up to 11. The referees were friendly and not (overly) biased. Overall, this sporting event was really fun and I think that we all enjoyed it very much. It has really inspired me to play more Badminton and I have since played much more.

Georgia, Y6

Year 5 Basketball

My name is Aiyana and I am in 5A. On Thursday, 20th March, I took part in the Year 5 Basketball match against Alleyn's school. It was amazing! 😊! We played 2 matches and we won one lost one, but that isn't what mattered. I think what mattered was that we all played with a friendly attitude and that the Dulwich Hamlet team worked together very well. We were able to make in game adjustments and got better as we played more. I can't wait for the next game!

Aiyana, Y5

The South of the River swimming gala

Now, one thing to keep in mind about this event is that it is one of the toughest events here at DHJS. Our school is up against JAGS, Alleyn's, Sydenham, Streatham and Clapham and many more so I think we all did a fantastic job. These schools probably train at least 50 times a week which is 50 times more than what we do. Having said this, I believe that this is probably the hardest yet most fun swimming event at Dulwich Hamlet. All in all, this experience was amazing and I am really looking forward to attending more of these brilliant events.

Georgia, Y6



Year 3 went to Butser Ancient Farm



Year 4 enjoyed portals to the past as they learned about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.



Before marching down to Hastings to take on William, Duke of Normandy!



Message from Mr Simms:

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Mother's Day competition. The winner of Comp. 6 was Clem in Y5.

The winner's gift vouchers are waiting for them in the store displaying their winning picture. There are sweets on offer for any child who goes down to Tomlinson's to find their artwork.

Clubs and BaASC

Payments* are due on 22nd April
for the summer term.

*Spaces not paid for will be offered to those on the waitlist



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Dulwich Village

Your Ward Priorities

- * Reducing violent crime and theft
- * Reducing vehicle crime (theft from motor vehicles)
- * Violence Against Women & Girls

Your Local Team

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07769436144
- * PC Noel Baadjes-
07769453450
- * PC Matt McGahan-
07826966769
- * PCSO Cristian Avram-
07769458290
- * PCSO Sandrah Bukenya –
07525659314

Next Ward Panel

- * 06/05/2025, 1900 hours
Crown & Greyhound

Meet the team

Upcoming events:

Cuppa with Coppa
Megan's Cafe
15 April at 12PM

What we've been doing in March:

During March, officers from Dulwich Village SNT have been assisting with some 'Breach of Peace' deployments. This allows parties involved in investigations to collect belongings and ensure that no further incidents take place.



The team have been conducting targeted patrols across the ward in key areas where reported crime is higher, primarily in the North-Eastern section of the ward where we have seen increased reports of motor vehicle crime. Throughout March we have seen a significant decrease in reports of theft from motor vehicle.



Police Officers from the ward have also been involved with a number of arrest enquiries throughout March, both within Dulwich Village Ward and further afield, focusing on prolific offenders and enquiries on behalf of partner agencies.

Summer is approaching! As we move into the warmer months, officers will increase their patrols of open spaces and parks to ensure that any Anti-Social Behaviour is addressed in a timely manner. If you wish to report any ASB within the ward, please report via the MPS Website or via 101. Any concerns about reported ASB can be sent to our email address and the team will respond when on duty.

Targeted Walk & Talks!

Following a very well attended Walk & Talk event earlier this year, the team are looking to hold more events throughout the Spring/Summer. If your road would like to arrange a Walk & Talk and nominate a resident to represent the street during this engagement event please let us know.

Bike Marking

The team will be holding a free Bike Marking event at Herne Hill Velodrome on 21/06/2025. Please come along with your bikes to have them registered with Bike Register for free!

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