

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

It is hard to believe we have only been back one week! There is so much going on both with the children and behind the scenes that weeks seem to take months whilst time simultaneously whizzes by at a million miles per hour.

During these moments, the importance of teamwork comes to the fore. I spoke to the children at the start of the week about my love of teams and we looked at famous teams, both sporting and from other fields. We also thought about what it meant to be part of a team.

Sylvia in Year 5 defined a team as "A group of people working towards a shared goal" and I couldn't have phrased it better myself.

So, we decided, the school is a big team but what is our goal? "To improve the lives of our Hamleteers, now and in the future" would be a good summary of suggestions from the floor.

I wanted to emphasise the role of the school staff in this, comparing us to the team coaches. We always have the goal in mind and we encourage and praise regularly. But it is also the job of a coach to point out when things aren't quite right, or could be better, but always with the children at the heart of what we do. Even if you don't want to hear the message, at least remember we are always on your side.

We want to be more inclusive of our parent community and value you as an important part of this team too. We already get so much from our parent community but our engagement project is beginning to think about how we can work even more actively together, how we can become more aligned and effective as a team. It

is early days but we are very excited about the potential of this project.

The next step will be a survey shared with all parents and carers so please watch this space.

KEY DATES

Monday 3rd March

TEP Pupil Voice Survey Open (Children complete in school)

Tuesday 4th March

Y4 Football Tournament at Alleen's

Wednesday 5th March

Open Classroom 3.30 – 4.15pm

Thursday 6th March

Open Classroom 8.25 – 8.45am

World Book Day

Book Swap 3.40 – 4.15pm Village

Friday 7th March

PTA Uniform Shop



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Ruby
Fire



213

Sapphire
Air



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Topaz
Water



207

Garnet
Earth



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MOTHERS' DAY PORTRAIT COMPETITION

The Hamlet has been entered into the two competition groups hosted at Tomlinson's:

Competition No. 5: Reception to Year 3

Competition No. 6: Year 4 to Year 6

The winners and a number of runners up from the competition will be displayed at Tomlinson's (89 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BJ) from Friday 14th March until Monday 31st March.

Each entry needs to have the following information clearly written on the back. This will help the judging process and also make sure pictures get back to the artists:

Child's Name:

School:

Year:

Class:

Competition No. (See above):

Format

Portraits can be of a mother or a special person in a child's life. There are no restrictions on medium other than portraits should be no smaller than A3 (2 x A4 stuck together would work if larger paper not available) and should be bold, bright and beautiful as the winners and runners up will be displayed in a shop window.

Collection Date

All entries will be collected by us from the schools on the afternoon of **Tuesday 11th March**, judged on Wednesday 12th March and displayed from Friday 14th March.

Return Date

Those entries that are not displayed will be returned to the schools on the week commencing **Monday 17th March** so that pupils may give them to their special person in time for Mother's Day. Winners and displayed portraits will be returned to schools on the week commencing **31st March**.

GET SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Are you interested in becoming a teacher?

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w/c 10th March
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w/c 5th May
w/c 2nd June
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EXPLORING ADHD

Many parents ask us where they can find reliable information about ADHD and connect with other families on a similar journey. Whether you're looking to deepen your understanding, hear from experts, or simply know you're not alone, podcasts can be a great way to access insights and support.

The charity ADHD UK has a fantastic collection of podcasts covering a wide range of ADHD-related topics, from diagnosis and daily life strategies to expert advice and lived experiences. You can listen at your own pace and explore the episodes that are most relevant to you.

In addition to podcasts, ADHD UK offers a wealth of resources, including practical guides and links to support networks. If you're looking for opportunities to connect with other families or learn more about ADHD, their website is a great place to start.

 Listen to the podcasts and explore more here: ADHD UK - ADHD Science and a sneak peak of episode one is below 

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhJ8YvioPtk>

FRUIT AT PLAYTIME

Unfortunately we were forced to end our contract with our previous fruit supplier as the quality of fruit declined and inadequate deliveries meant that whole boxes had to be thrown. We no longer receive funding for this so it was effectively throwing school money onto the compost heap.

We are pleased to announce, however, that we have found a new solution to provide fruit at playtimes and we now have more control over numbers so we are having to throw less fruit away. Please remind your children that fruit is available at breaktimes.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Thank you to everyone who responded to our school lunch survey. A few clear issues came through.

1. Children not liking certain meals.

This is something our brilliant Chef, BJ, has been working hard on. She has supported the school with a menu for the Summer term which we know will prove to be really popular with the children. In the interim, she is providing some 'off-menu' dishes as an additional choice on days where she knows children may not be as keen on the menu. This week, her special chicken dish went down a storm with an average rating of 9/10 from the children questioned.

2. Lack of quantity

This has to be balanced with the amount of waste food each day, but Chef is absolutely clear that the children can ask for more if they want at the point of service and she is committed to the staff at the pass getting to know the children well so they know our 'big eaters'. Please encourage your children to ask for more and let Mr Salomonson know if they are refused for any reason. Many children request half jackets, but full jackets are available too.

3. Gluten Free Options

Chef makes a special effort to buy Gluten Free versions of the meals so there should be options

each day. Please speak to Mr Salomonson if you find this not to be the case.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

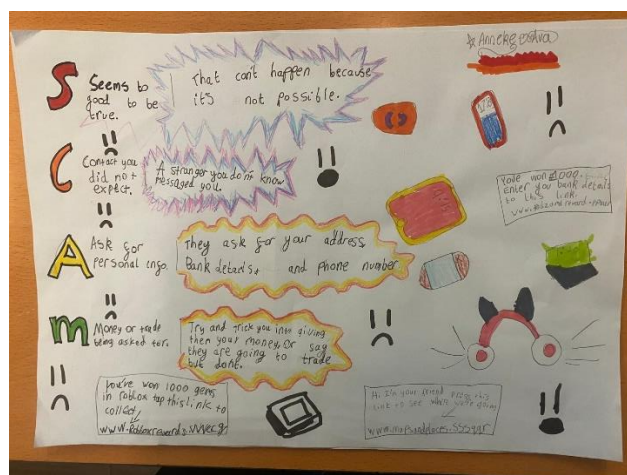
With so much leisure and social time now spent on the internet from a young age, online safety has become an increasingly key element of safeguarding. This year's Safer Internet Day focused on scams - what they are, what they do and how to spot them. Following a whole-school assembly, children completed a variety of follow-up tasks aimed at reinforcing the message of critical thinking when encountering online offers that tempt us into action.

Y3 and Y4 children created posters using the S.C.A.M. acronym to remind them to beware of online traps:

- **S**eems too good to be true
- **C**ontact you did not expect
- **A**sking for personal information
- **M**oney or trade asked for

Year 5 and 6 children completed a quiz all about how to respond when encountering an online scam, with the main message being to speak to a trusted adult if you are unsure.

With this work and consistent messaging through our PSHE and computing lessons, we aim to shape our pupils into responsible online citizens who know where to go for help and support should they need it.



ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

The following children have received Achievement Certificates in our special Friday celebration assemblies throughout January and February to date. Congratulations to you all.

3KS

Savannah, Ottilie, Cam'renn, Noah, Dylan, Leo, Liya, Victor, Bianca & Rawi

3RS

Hugh, Emma, Ben, Hadley, Elin, Thomas, Arlo, Naomi, Vivienne, Jade, Eliza & Liam

3N

Alexander, Lila, Wilfred, Ethan E, Jessica, Charlie, Emily, Emma, Agnes, Logan, Beatrix & Avery

4GR

Ava, Miles, Cleo, Oscar, Bea, Erin, Ivy, Neriah, Rafi, Lucy & Charlie

4M

Amira, Asia, Azra, Bobby, Dinah, Elektra, Jagveer, Kit, Leo, Reuben, Sienna & Tristan

4W

Emily, Freddie, Josiah, Sid, Cooper, Shakeil, Hudson, Eli, Charlotte, Antonella, Sam R & Emilia

5HB

Zac, Oli, Owen, Carlotta, Amelia, Max, James, Theodora, Hannah, Chloe, Alvin & Hugo

5A

Alexa, Tia-Rae, Rory, Marnie, Albina, Saafia, Ellis, Raphael, Beatrice, Felix, Harry & Sophia

5F

Adam, Alexander, Emma, Felipe, Gabriel, Keir, Milo, Molly H, Oisin, Fyn, Emmeline & Philippe

6TS

Jacob, Anna Mara, Robhin, Louis, Alfie, Freddie, Ollie & Ikram

6O

Felix, Florence, Eva, Joshua, Yahya, Fred, Ivan, Isla, Georgia, Felix, Charlie & Isabel

6G

Hugh, Grace, Dylan, Dunya, Matheus, Arthur, Theo, Clara & Jasmine

VALUES CERTIFICATES

Every Friday, in our weekly Celebration Assembly, each teacher nominates a member of their class who has demonstrated one of our Values in action. We enjoy hearing the varied reasons as to why they have been specifically chosen. This half-term we have congratulated:

RESILIENCE

Y3: Margo 3N

Y4: Lucy, Kathy 4M, Mia 4GR & Lina 4W

Y5: Zosia 5F

Y6: Dirki & Alaia 6TS

RESPECT

Y3: Ahan 3N

Y4: Barney, Daniel 4GR & Billy 4W

Y5: Felipe 5F, Cally 5HB, Sylvie, Ralph & Eve 5A

Y6: Alfie 6O

INTEGRITY

Y3: Barima 3N

Y4: Oscar, Pierre 4M & Valentina 4W

Y6: Antonia & Miles 6G

ENJOYMENT

Y3: Eva, Lenna 3KS, Ramon & Zaeem 3RS

Y4: Ella, Abir 4M, Idman, Ben 4GR & Annabel 4W

Y5: Jordan, Dete, Charlie 5A & Layla 5F

Y6: Ibrahim 6TS, Imogen, Max 6G & Georgia 6O

INDEPENDENCE

Y3: Vanja, Denny, Chloe 3KS, Kiaan, Willow, Pedro, Ilan 3RS, Mimi, Thea & Margo 3N

Y4: Harrison 4M, Jonah & Cristyn 4W

Y5: Molly D, Beatrix 5F, Jovan, Josh, Alfie, Maliya & Carlotta 5HB,

Y6: Skye 6TS

National Autistic Society coffee mornings



For parents & carers of autistic children on:

Friday 7th March

9:30am

Carnegie Library Hub

Herne Hill, SE24 0AG

And the first Friday of every month
FREE of charge

Open to parents/carers of autistic people
of all ages in Lambeth & neighbouring
boroughs

Our guest speaker this month:

Nicole Conradie occupational therapist and owner &
director of NC Therapy will be discussing how to
support your child's sensory needs



National
Autistic
Society

Lambeth
Branch



TAP – IN SESSIONS

**Free and stand alone information sessions for parents
and carers on a range of topics.**

Join us with Thinking About Parenting and TAP in to.....

Digital Safety

Thursday 13th March
1pm
Online via MS Team

Parenting and Autism

Wednesday 5th February
1 - 2.30pm

Friday 14th March
11 - 12.30

Both online via MS Teams

Parent Emotional Wellbeing

Friday 31st January
10.30am - 12

Monday 10th March
10am - 11.30
Both online via MS Teams

Ages and Stages

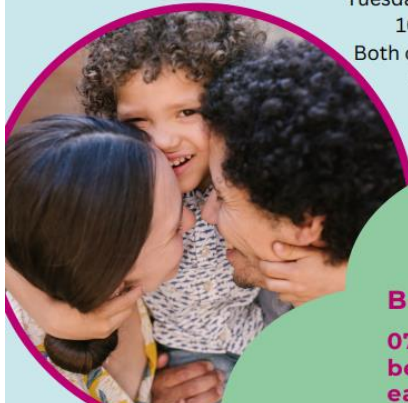
Thursday 23rd January
10am - 11.30

Tuesday 18th March
10.30 - 12
Both online via MS
teams

Parenting and ADHD

Monday 10th Feb
12 - 1.30

Thursday 20th March
10 - 11.30
Both online via MS Teams



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