



Haseltine Newsletter

Dear Families & Friends,

Thank you for the support you have shown this week, I know that it has been disruptive for you all. I will keep you updated about the potential Strike Action that is planned for the 15th & 16th of March.

I had the pleasure of meeting a small group of parents this Wednesday for a coffee morning in The Hub. We talked through some things that we thought could improve the school. Some of the things that came up were:

- How to involve more people into the community events at the school. We thought about:
 - Sending out a survey to see what type of events you'd like to see happen at Haseltine
 - The possibility of having a 'garden party' type of event this summer, perhaps combining it with Windrush Day and having families preparing food from their countries/cultures to share (as we did for the International Evening)
 - Ensuring that all our families feel represented within the events and the community
- Ensuring that parents/carers feel that they are involved in their children's learning:
 - Through Padlet pages or through newsletters from teachers & clear home-learning expectations
 - Through workshops with parents or inviting parents in to read with children
- Keeping parents informed about SATs and other testing in school:
 - We will be having a coffee morning again on Wednesday 19th April to do just that – 9am

I will keep you up-to-date with all these things. If you have anything that would like to add to this, please email me on headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk or come & chat with me at the gates.

Cheap days out in London...

A parent saw this link on Instagram that gives lots of helpful suggestions & advice for families entitled to FSM:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Co70oj9ohCN/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

I hope it's useful 😊

Tree Planting

Well done to the families & Ms. Jenner who donated their time last Saturday to plant the trees on the raised grass bed by the cul-de-sac close to Haseltine. They did an amazing job – check out our Twitter pages for photos: @HaseltinePS or look at our website

<https://haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk/news/>



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Thanks especially to Richard for organising & sourcing the tree.

The trees are very tiny at the moment and need a lot of looking after – we would really appreciate it if you could help us do that by keeping an eye on the trees as you walk past, and by making sure that children are not playing around them. Thanks so much.

Haseltine World Book Day: Thursday 9th March

Don't forget that Haseltine will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday the 9th March.

It would be amazing if every child could dress up as a book character on this day – but please don't spend too much money on this; the best costumes are often the ones that are made at home. Some easy examples are:

- A detective from High Rise Mystery
- Rocket from Look Up!
- Harry & the Bucketful of Dinosaurs
- Gangsta Granny
- Witch – any number of stories, including Room on a Broom
- Oliver Twist
- Amazing Grace

Have fun! I can't wait to see you all in costume – parents/carers, if you want to dress up too for the drop off & pick-ups feel free! We'd love to see you in costume too 😊

We also need some parents/carers to help us next Thursday as we are planning some trips up to the library. If you think you can help with this, please can you have a chat to your child's teacher to find out what time your class is going & to volunteer. Thanks so much.

Musical Showcase Performance

This term our music showcase will be on Wednesday 29th March 2023. This is an opportunity for the children to share with you what they have been learning in music; whether it be a song, a skill or anything in-between. Please come along to our middle hall at these times...

10-10:45 - 1Ha, 2W, 4B and 5F

1:15-12 - 1H, 2M and 5S

We can't wait to see you there!

International Women's Day...

...is on Wednesday 8th March.



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When I asked a yr5 class today to tell each other 3 famous women that they knew, they struggled to say! They then started to tell each other about pop stars – we spoke about the fact that women are known for doing other things too!

I set them the challenge this weekend to look out for, and research more famous women & to learn about what they are famous for & what impact they have had on the world.

Try asking the same question to your children – do you get the same response? What more, as a family, can you find out?

Careers Fair

Thank you so much to all of you who have volunteered your time to help us with the Careers Fair on Friday the 24th March – your children did a great job of recruiting you following my assembly on Monday! We will still need more people so if you think you can help, please come & have a chat with me or email me on headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.gov.uk

I have added this information below but am doing it again as a reminder:

If you **or someone you know** has a job that you think our children would like to know about then please come and have a chat with me. If you aren't sure, please come and chat with us anyway so I can persuade you 😊

We need representatives from a huge range of jobs; from plasterers and surgeons to plumbers and astronauts. We are also passionate in having people who represent our cohort - we want our children to know that one day it could be/**will be** them doing that role.

Please don't be nervous about doing this - everyone who has done it previously has absolutely loved doing it. You would also, only be speaking to a few children at a time - it is not about you standing in front of a class of children. Our children really love hearing about all the different careers available to them and this event really does help to open up their choices and provide them with aspirations.

We set the hall up with each adult at their own table and the children come in to the hall, a few classes at time, to talk to who they are interested in - you will be asked an amazing range of questions and it really is a lot of fun for you as well as for the children! We also provide you with a welcome breakfast from 8.30am in our Hub and snacks throughout.

Please speak to me or email me on headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk if you can help. We'd all be so, so grateful to you if you can.

From Sara Anderman and the children of Haseltine.

Thanks so much everyone – have a fantastic weekend.
Sara Anderman

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