

Dear Families & Friends,

Today is the last day of this half term – seriously, where has the time gone? I feel as if we have only just come back from the last holiday! Don't forget that we come back on Monday 19th February. We then break up again and Thursday 28th March for the Easter Holidays!

We had a great day at Haseltine today – well done to the members of Pupil Parliament & the rights Respecting Team for planning & organising the various events for all the children in the school to take part in, it was a fantastic event. Well done especially, to Christiana who came up with the idea! I have just watched our yr1 children totally engaged in everything the older children were doing with them 😊 Ask

It was also really lovely to see everyone in their own clothes, especially those that reflected people's cultures, family traditions & religions.



Careers Fair

Please could I put out a plea again for our Careers Fair? So far, I have only had a small number of people agree to help out. We need as many of you as possible to make this event a success for our children.

If you are worried that your job is not interesting enough, DON'T! The children love talking to adults about any kind of job 😊



We are having our annual Careers Fair on Friday 22nd March in the morning. This event has been hugely successful over the last few years and to make it just as good I need your help!

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 me anyway so I can persuade you, sometimes people say that their job isn't exciting enough, but I can guarantee that our children love hearing about a whole range of jobs!

We need representatives from any type of job or career; from plasterers and surgeons to plumbers and astronauts!

Please don't be nervous about doing this – everyone who has done it previously has absolutely loved doing it. Our children really, really love hearing about all the different careers available to them and this event really does help to open up their choices.

I set the hall up with each adult at their own table and the children come in 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 😊

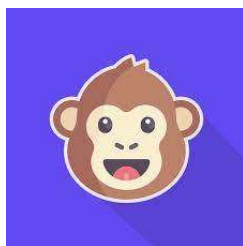
Please speak to me or email me on s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk if you can help. I'd be so, so grateful to you if you can.

Free Cycling Lessons...

When speaking to the Cycle confident guys last week they tell me Lewisham residents can get FREE cycle lessons for the family. The instructors will come to your house or meet you at a park and teach up to 3 people (adults and children). Please see link below:

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/london-borough-of-lewisham/>

Mr. Small



Online safety message:

Online video calling with random strangers is hardly a new internet phenomenon – but the recent demise of Omegle has prompted the creation of several similar platforms bidding to fill the vacuum. One such contender is Monkey – a service that randomly connects its users for video calls, using their mobile numbers and Snapchat account details.

Monkey has surged in popularity since Omegle's shutdown in November 2023: visits to the site more than doubled within a month and have been climbing steadily ever since. It also seems that Monkey suffers from many of the same pitfalls as its notorious predecessor.



From Miss Harris...

Our Safer Internet Week competition closes after half term. Please see our Padlet (<https://padlet.com/HaseltineYearOne/computing-and-online-safety-shg9gkfsulqi8d14>) for more information, and for lots of other great online safety resources.

Thank you!

From Ms Booker...



All pupils from Years 1 - 6 have been set Mathletics tasks to help embed their learning from this half term. Happy Mathletics!

Our Green Team Eco-Warriors...

...attended an event at the Horniman Museum last week focusing on Climate Change. They experienced a range of workshops in the morning with the eco-warriors from lots of other schools in Lewisham, including our partner school, Fairlawn. They then had to present a bid (Dragon's Den style) to a board of people to get up to £500 for a 'green' project for the school.

Our children were real ambassadors for our school: Pierre, Kourtney, Ava-Marie, Lauren, Tais, Matilda and Shai were amazing all day and fully involved in all the workshops including a wonderful drama/music session!

Their presentation to the dragons and the other nine schools (and loads of other Lewisham and Horniman people) was hit by technical issues but they carried on regardless completely unfazed. AND we were awarded the full amount of £500!

Thank you to everyone involved with this, and especially to Ms. Jenner for organising & supporting the team so well. Well done to Fairlawn too, who also did really well with their pitch and managed to secure their funding + a little bit more!

The aim of the project is for every year group to be involved in growing fruit and vegetables. Years 1-6 will have raised beds in the front garden. Nursery and Reception will use existing garden spaces. We had to meet criteria such as bio diversity, air quality, sustainability.

Watch this space.....!



Our fantastic Eco-Warriors and their pitch.



Lewisham's 'scary' dragons!

Half term holiday ideas:

Catford theatre is up and running again, and this half term Milkshake Live is happening on Thursday 15th February. (I remember taking my daughter to this when she was little and she loved it – I think I did too ☺). Follow this link for details:

<https://www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk/events/milkshake-live-on-holiday/>

The Southbank is hosting its annual Children's Festival next week, lots of events are free! Follow this link for further details: <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/imagine-childrens-festival>

Have you ever been to Beckenham Place Park? It's a really great space and it's right on our doorstep...

<https://beckenhamplacepark.com/>

Another great outdoor space to explore is Sydenham Hill Woods, our yr6s went this week and loved it...

<https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/nature-reserves/sydenham-hill-wood-and-coxs-walk>

And of course there is The Horniman Museum & Gardens...

<https://www.horniman.ac.uk/>

We visited there last week with the Eco Warriors (see above), I'd forgotten how lovely it is there, especially outside. Don't forget to visit the little farm at the top!



Have a lovely week off, and we will see you on the 19th February.

Sara Anderman