Haseltine Newsletter Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Families & Friends,

It's been another busy couple of weeks at Haseltine since my last newsletter. I'm seeing lots of children bringing me their writing to look at, and I am constantly being blown away by the efforts that children are making and in turn, the progress that is happening.

The children in all our classes, from reception to year 6, have had a special assembly this week on safety around train stations & railway lines. They have been delivered by Network Rail, and they have part of the 'Switched On' campaign. They were live online assemblies, one for EYFS & KS1 and one for KS2, and lots of schools from all over the country took part at the same time. You may have seen your child come home with a certificate & also a poster to design. If completed, these posters can come back to me.

Our yr6 children have also taken part in another online session today, with TFL this time, on safety on transport in general.

Please ask your children about these sessions & what they have learnt from them.

SWITCHED ON!

As part of Neurodiversity Week, we have also had some assemblies today and our Pupil Parliament have met to discuss how to make our school & classrooms more Neurodiverse friendly. Their ideas & the ideas of other children in the school will be used as the basis for our staff meeting in a couple of weeks' time.

Careers Fair:

We have an exciting event happening next Friday for your children, if they are in years 1-6. We have the annual Careers fair in the morning, 9-12. I am so, so grateful to all of our volunteers for this event. If everyone comes, who have said they will, we could see one of the biggest turnouts we have ever had ☺

For this special event, our Pupil Parliament have suggested that all children in the school dress up as 'what they want to be when they grow up'. We have done this before. The last two years, we done this on Stephen Lawrence Day, but this day, the 22nd April, is the first day back after our Easter holidays this year so I wouldn't be able to remind you. We like to remember Stephen Lawrence for the ambitions he had in life, by inspiring ambition in all our children too. **So, this year we will be dressing up on Friday 28th March for our Careers Fair.** I know your child may be only 5 or 11 so may not actually know yet, what they want to be and also our choices change – I wanted to be a

lorry driver or a stunt woman when I was 8! The children can wear whatever they want on Friday to show whatever job it is they fancy right now ☺

New Members of Staff at Haseltine:

We now have a new midday meals supervisor who has started this week, her name is Ms Mackasy.

Mr Jamieson is starting in our Breakfast Club next week.
Ms Deo is also starting on Monday in our nursery, to help out at lunchtimes especially.

I know that you will help to welcome them all in to the Haseltine Community.

UNIFORM

Just a reminder that there is some clean, good quality used uniform available for you to take, for free, in The Hub. These items have all been donated from parents within the school. Children outgrow uniforms so quickly so there is generally an ongoing supply available. If you like to view the uniform available please come to the office after the gates open, and we will let you through to The Hub to have a look.

WRAP AROUND CARE FEES

Please can you ensure that you pay for Breakfast Club or Afterschool club at the time of booking your session. Please keep your account in credit by at least 1 session.

If you have outstanding accounts on either Breakfast or Afterschool club, and have not made an agreement with the office, your child will be unable to attend. Should you fail to collect child at the end of the school day they will be left at the Reception area with the office staff who will then call you to enquire where you are and when you will be arriving.

Please note, continued failure to collect your child, when you know they have no access to the Clubs, may result us having to follow safeguarding procedures.

Some exciting events happening at Haseltine…

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Workshops:

We have a session coming up on **Attendance** & how to get your child to school every day & on time. This will take place in The Hub from 9am on **Thursday 3rd April**. Please come along, especially if every morning seems like a constant battle or if you are worried about your child going to secondary school alone.

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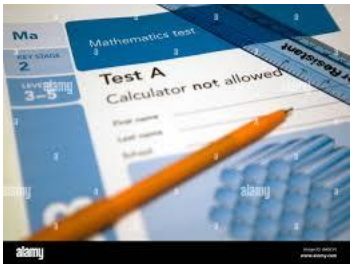

Are you confused about testing in schools?

If your child is in **yr1, yr4 or yr6**, please come along to a coffee morning in the Hub on **Thursday 24th April** so that you can find out more about the **statutory tests** that take place in these year groups over the next term: the **Phonics Screening Check, the Multiplication Tables Checks and the KS2 SATs.**

We also have a **Reading Workshop on Thursday 8th May at 9.15.** This will be for parents in our Reception, yr1, yr2 & yr3 classes. During this session, we will be showing you how we teach reading at Haseltine + how you can help with reading at home, as well as answering any questions that you may have. If your child is in yrs4-6, you are more than welcome to come but we will do another session later on that is more geared towards older readers.

Places available at Haseltine & Parent Tours:

If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place for their child and is considering Haseltine, please let them know that we have places in most year groups, including in our Reception for September 2025.

Please let the know about our parent tours that I run every other Tuesday morning – the dates of which can be found on our website.

Some links from Ms Jenner that you may find useful – especially in the Easter Holidays:

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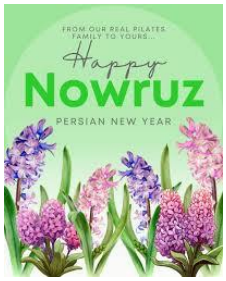
Have a lovely weekend everybody – the sun has been shining this week, not so this weekend unfortunately though! For those of celebrating Nowruz – we hope that you had a lovely time ☺