Haseltine Newsletter Friday 4th April 2025.

Dear Families & Friends,

What a lovely couple of weeks we have had at Haseltine, with the Careers Fair & dress up day last Friday, The Eid celebrations on Wednesday and our Spring Market & special hat parade yesterday. I would like to thank each and every person who helped to make these events the successes that they were.

Our Careers Fair had a total of 31 volunteers representing 26 different jobs: including prison officers, bus drivers, TfL workers, social workers, a structural engineer, scientists, an architect, a carpenter, a tattooist, attendance officers, a dancer/DJ, a business owner, an insurance broker, NHS manager, an AR manager, an Olympic Athlete and an actor. The children were buzzing with excitement & were exceptional in their behaviour and in the questions they asked. It was a really, really successful event and I am just so grateful to the volunteers for giving up their time for us, you were AMAZING! Thank you, from the bottom of my heart ❤️‍🩹

Our Eid Celebration on Wednesday was gorgeous, so lovely to see all the children in their beautiful outfits and so fantastic to be able to share in the celebrations of our Muslim families – the food was absolutely delicious, there are some very, very talented cooks in our community ☺

A huge thank you to our PTFA for the Spring Market event after school yesterday. There was a lovely vibe in our playground – helped by the sunshine and also by the lovely singing and hat parade! Please can we also give a HUGE thank you to Nat West in Sydenham for donating the Easter Eggs – it was an 'eggcellent' thing for you to do!!! (I'm sorry – it had to be done! 🤣) Children – your hats looked fantastc!

The PTFA have been raising a lot of money for the school over the last year and we have plans for how to spend this money, including on a new multi-sensory room that we have been getting quotes for and a reading 'shed' in our playground that will double up as a book swap area (this is on stand-by currently, as we have some issues with the water pipes under the school playground that need resolving first). If you would like to know more about our Parents Teachers Friends Association, then please come along to the **PTFA annual general meeting after school on Friday 25th April.**

A message from James Evans, one of our governors:

In the Spring Term, Governors for the Federation visited Haseltine to discuss learning data across the two schools in our Federation. We were also shown how maths fluency is taught within the Federation and visited a classroom to see this in action at Haseltine.

All Governors were impressed with how engaged the children and teachers were with the lesson, which looked great fun!

After visiting Haseltine, all Governors in attendance travelled across to Fairlawn where we were shown around the school and visited most classrooms, focusing on SEN provision at the school.

As a Governing Body, we have recently written to both Ellie Reeves and Janet Dabi, the

MPs for Fairlawn and Haseltine respectively, to communicate the need for greater funding in schools, to further support our children with additional needs.

It is always a great pleasure to see the learning in action at both schools and these visits help Governors to build up a picture of the school environments.

In the Summer term, we will be visiting both schools again, with a focus on teaching of grammar.

A message for the community…

Did you know that there are dozens of free training courses available to adults living locally covering everything from cooking, sewing and creative writing to business skills, website design and family learning?

Greenwich Cooperative Development Agency (GCDA) offers a wide range of fantastic OFSTED-regulated FREE adult learning opportunities for London residents.

You can check out their courses here www.gcdalearning.org.uk

There are so many benefits – from acquiring new skills, to making friends and ending isolation. All for FREE! Do check them out.

A message from Mrs Pullinger and the pupil librarians:

We are running a book review writing competition over the Easter holidays. Here is how to get involved:

Chose a book that you enjoyed reading. Think about why you liked it so much. Was it the characters? Did it make you laugh? Can you write a book review about the book? Your teacher will have a blank template which you can take home to use. When you have finished your review put it in the special 'Book Review Book'. This will be in the Reading Room after the holidays. This box will also be in the playground after school during the first week of term (22nd to the 25th of April). The librarians and Mrs Pullinger will be reading the reviews and adding their favourites into the Book Review Folder in the Library for everyone to enjoy.

Happy Reading!

Need a library card for Haseltine library?

Please scan the barcode, or click on the link below, to

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Attendance at Haseltine:

17th to 24th March

KS1

	Class	Attendance
1st	1H	98.43%
2nd	2H	95.8%
3rd	1N	92.62%

KS2

	Class	Attendance
1st	3M	99.31%
2nd	5F	99.06%
3rd	6B	98.18%

Well done everyone – keep it up!

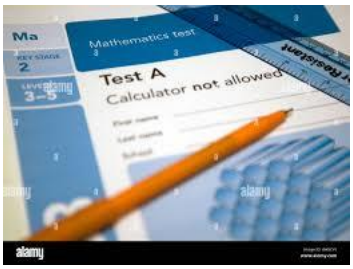
24th to 31stMarch

KS1

	Class	Attendance
1st	2H	98.95%
2nd	2B	95.27%
3rd	1H	93.42%

KS2

	Class	Attendance
1st	3M	99.12%
2nd	6M	97.93%
3rd	5S	97.88%



Are you a little 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.

Easter Events in Lewisham this holiday:

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Easter Craft Workshops at Lewisham Shopping Centre:

- **Location:** Central Square, Lewisham Shopping Centre
- **Dates:** Tuesday 15th - Saturday 19th April
- **Time:** 10:30am - 4:30pm daily
- **Activities:** Easter-themed crafts

There are some amazing events planned at **The Horniman Museum** – just follow this link: https://www.horniman.ac.uk/event/horniman-spring-fair/ to find out more.

There is also a big Easter Egg Hunt happening all over London. Follow this link for information: https://www.timeout.com/london/news/a-massive-easter-egg-hunt-is-coming-to-london-with-over-100-giant-decorated-eggs-031025

Lewisham also has a Food Market starting up this Sunday in Cornmill Gardens:

https://lewisham.gov.uk/articles/news/lewisham-food-market-is-back

Sydenham Library has a free Crafting Session this Saturday 1.30-3.30pm:

https://calicolibraries.com/events/kids-crafting-workshop-2/?occurrence=2025-04-05

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Whatever you are doing this holiday, have a fabulous time, enjoy the sunshine & keep safe. Please be aware that if you are playing down by the river (at the back of Sainsbury's), be careful in the water. I have spotted a family of rats just a little upstream from where people paddle. There is also a lot of rubbish along that area, which is probably also encouraging the rats! Please make sure that we dispose of food/rubbish in the bins – or better still, take it home.

End of Term & future dates:

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I really cannot believe that we have now reached the end of our second term at Haseltine this school year. The time is absolutely whizzing by!

We come back to school on Tuesday 22nd April – this will be our Summer Term and the last of the school year. There are some dates that you will need:

- Bank Holiday so school closed on Monday 5th May
- SATs week for KS2 in the week 12th May
- We break up for half term on Friday 23rd May (come to school that day)
- We come back on half term on **Tuesday 3rd June** (Monday 2nd is an INSET day so no school for children)
- We break up on Tuesday 22nd July (come to school that day)
- Date for children to return to school in September = Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Have a lovely, lovely couple of weeks and we will see you all on the 22nd April.
Sara Anderman