Haseltine Newsletter Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Families & Friends,

January has disappeared into a puff of smoke and we only have one week left before half term; we break up next Friday (the 13th) for one week and we come back to school on Monday 23rd February. Let's hope that the weather cheers up a little bit!

Did you know that this half term also signifies the fact that we will be half way through the school year – a fact that seems bonkers to me! Don't forget that every day counts for children in school. Please do not book holidays in term time. We will not authorise and you will be then be issued with fines, should you still go. Please refer to the attendance policy on our website for further details. I would like to say a huge Well Done & Congratulations to the 57 children in the school who still have 100% attendance!

We have some exciting things happening next week…

Children's Mental Health Week 9th to 13th February:

Next week is National Children's Mental Health Week and our Pupil Parliament have come up with some ideas for the week to help us raise awareness, and to help us to regulate & look after our own mental health:

Monday: Children can wear their own clothes to start the week. The clothes have to as bright as possible - the brighter the better! Clashing colours are great too :)

Friday: This is Superhero Day! Children can come to school dressed as a Superhero and they will be doing lots of learning about their Superhero. Children can wear the outfit/costume of a regular Superhero, Spiderman, Black Panther, Wonder Woman etc., but even better is if children design & make their own Superhero outfit, thinking about the qualities we all have that could make us Superheroes.

Please don't spend any money - have a look through what you have at home already, and put a bit of fabric round for a cloak if that is what your hero needs.

In assembly, we were coming up with some ideas:

- if you are very kind, you could make a big K to fix to you - you are the hero that helps all the children in the world!
- if you are a fast runner - you will need a long cape that will help you run from one side of the country to the other in seconds
- if you are a good listener - you could make some big ears to show that you can hear ANYTHING
- if you like helping animals you will need a vet style outfit!

You can be as creative as you like. You can also just choose a Super Power that you would love to have - invisibility, strength, the ability to fly... whatever you want! You could also just wear school uniform and be a Haseltine Hero!

I can't wait to see all of our outfits!

Half Term Holiday Club…

After February half term, Munchkin Sports are excited to deliver 5 weeks of PE for the reception classes and Rugby Lunch club for year 1 and 2 under our community interest company project Munchkins for All! We will be working on evasive running, athletics, obstacle course introduction, ball skills, teamwork and strength! Our camps are also running this February half term and Easter in your area, so come and join the fun at www.munchkinsports.com".

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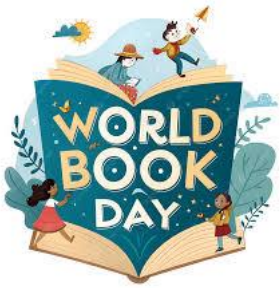

World Book Day…

…is on **Thursday 5th March.**

At Haseltine, there will be lots happening which we will tell you about soon but on Thursday, as we always do for World Book Day, we will be dressing up – either:

- As a book/story character, or
- In the clothes you best like to read in (this could be your PJs of course!)

Please don't spend loads of money on special outfits – often the best outfits are the ones that you put together from things you already at home, e.g.: a bucket of dinosaurs for Harry & the Bucketful of Dinosaurs, a fancy Hat & whiskers for The Cat in the Hat, a lovely blue Hijab for The Proudest Blue or a stripy hat & T-Shirt for Where's Wally!

Payments for Trips:

We love a trip at Haseltine! Trips are so valuable to your child's learning and they are crucial in developing so many skills for your children.

Wherever possible, we will always try to provide free trips, or cut the cost of a trip down and we will always subsidise the cost of the more expensive trips for you, as well as offering half price trips for families entitled to free school meals; so already the school is already part funding the trips (something that we may not always be able to do going forward, because of forever shrinking budgets!).

Recently, we have noticed that many families are not making the payments towards the cost of the trips and this is having a huge impact, financially, on us as a school. If families do not pay for trips, then we will not be able to send children on trips, it really is that simple I am afraid.

Please can we ask that you pay, in advance of a trip, on Arbor, and if this is not possible to speak with the office, in confidence, to arrange payment in a different form. Please also speak with me in confidence, should you ever need to – we would never stop a child from attending a trip because of payment troubles.

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Thank you so much everyone, we know it isn't always easy, and we really are very grateful.

Updating details:

If you move home, or have a new phone number, or family circumstances change – it is essential please, that you inform the office (they will also need to see proof of new address).

This is for safeguarding reasons: if anything were to happen to your child, we would need to contact you immediately.

So far, we have 3 volunteers for the Careers Fair on Friday 20th March. Please email me s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk if you think you can help, or have a chat with me at the gate if you want to find out more. It really is a lot of fun, and our children get SO MUCH out of it. The fair lasts from 9am to 12pm and all children from yr1 to yr6 will come in the hall to speak with you and ask you questions.
We really, really do appreciate your help with this – we are more than happy for you to volunteer family members & friends too. We would also like teenagers/young people/adults who are in university, college or apprenticeships too – there is so much to learn from you ☺

Parent/Teacher Meetings…

Please keep these dates free in your diary, in order to be able to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress over the year so far. It is essential that all parents/carers make these meetings please.

The meetings will take place on:

Monday 23rd March from 3.40 to 6.50pm and Wednesday 25th March from 3.40 to 6.50pm

Details of appointments will come out nearer the time.

Apologies, I am unable to be at the second evening as my daughter has an art show at her university in Bath that evening, but Ellie Whilby will be available should you need someone.

Messages from Lewisham:

Record numbers of bulky waste collections

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Record numbers of bulky waste items are being collected after we reduced our collection rates to just £5 per item - one of the lowest rates in London. Collection bookings almost tripled last month, compared with December 2024: from 604 to 1738. Items priced at £5 are mattresses (any size); carpets; chairs, beds; sofas and other large items. Items at £25 are fridges and freezers (this excludes American style or double door models). Let's keep Lewisham's streets clean, green and safe. Book a bulky waste collection and report fly-tipping.

Roll up and improve your baking skills

If you're looking to build confidence in the kitchen or simply enjoy learning new skills, our baking and bread-making courses are a great place to start. Across a series of hands-on workshops, you'll explore a mix of classic recipes - from a moist, gently spiced carrot cake to a light American sponge or a batch of soft, freshly baked rolls and bread. You'll pick up practical tips and come away with recipes you can confidently recreate at home. Find out more about baking courses.

Acute Sickle Cell Unit is now 24/7

Residents can now access the Acute Sickle Cell Unit at Lewisham Hospital 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The clinic offers rapid access care for patients experiencing a sickle cell crisis. Learn more about the unit.

If you have a child who is living with sickle cell, why not join the Enhanced Sickle Cell Community Care Team for an education and play session? Meet the team and learn more about sickle cell in a supportive environment. The event is on Monday 16 February from 10am - 1pm at The Mary Sheridan Centre, SE11 4TH. Email the team including your name, your child's name, their date of birth and their NHS number.

Find out your health score in minutes

Are you ready to improve your overall health and wellbeing, but not sure where to start? Complete the free NHS Healthy Choices Quiz and get your score in just five minutes. It will assess your health and give you practical tips on how to feel better. Take the Healthy Choices Quiz.

Get a free meal at All Saints Community Centre

All Saints Community Centre is hosting two welcoming community food projects. Drop into the Community Café on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am–2pm, for great affordable food in a friendly space. You can also join the free Community Meal every Thursday at 1.15pm at All Saints Hatcham SE14 5DJ. Everyone's welcome. Both projects are funded by NCIL, which supports community initiatives across the borough. To find out more, email the team or call 020 7639 9071.

And finally…

There won't be a Newsletter next week, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish our families:

Tuesday 17th February:

Xīn Nián Kuài Lè (新年快乐) if your language is Mandarin

Xīnnián kuàilè 新年快乐 if your language is Chinese

Gong Hei Fat Choy (恭喜發財) if your language is Cantonese

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Beginning 17th February: May this holy month bring peace, blessings and joy to you and your family.
If your child is in yr4, 5 or 6 and you wish for then to fast, please email me their name & class and the type of fast they will be partaking in – full or partial, and whether they are allowed to break their fast if they wish to: s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk We must have these details, please for any child wishing to fast.
A prayer room will be available to children at lunchtimes during Ramadan, details of this will follow to your children soon.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, we will see you on Monday.

Yr6 children who have filled out forms for the Cycle Training next week – do not forget to bring your bike and helmet into school on Monday! The weather also looks pretty wet so you will need:

- **A waterproof jacket, trousers too if you have them**
- **Gloves**