



Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

What a very wet end to the last two weeks! We have a VERY large puddle in the playground that we can't get rid of, I'm half expecting a family of ducks to move in over the weekend 😊

The year 6 children, and adults, had a very wet but very enjoyable day at Frylands yesterday. That poor year group have had to miss their School Journey this year (and last) because of the pandemic, and so the activities they did yesterday went some way to make up for this loss. They had so much fun doing orienteering, archery, Sumo wrestling and team games to name but a few, as well as just general playing in the woods and the mud! It was really good for these children to be out and about, doing what children should be doing – having fun, getting muddy and building up their social skills; I only wish I was had been there too!

I really cannot believe that we only have 5 weeks left of this school year; I literally do not know where this year has gone. I would just like to thank you all for your continued support – you are the best parents a headteacher could ask for, I really enjoy my mornings & afternoons on the gate, seeing & chatting with you all 😊

I will say that the Covid case figures are on the rise in Lewisham, so please, please all be careful when you are out in public places and also by the gates at school. We really appreciate all of you who are still wearing your masks and trying to keep space between you. I would also urge all of you to get the vaccination when you can. It will make all the difference to the way we can all live our lives.

I just wanted to let you know something that a teacher, who has been covering with us for 2 weeks, said to me as she was leaving today. She said that she had worked in a lot of schools, and Haseltine was by far, one of the friendliest and welcoming schools to work in. She said that it was so lovely to see staff who clearly loved coming to work – how can we not when we get to work with your children every day?

I hope that you all manage to avoid the rain and that you have a fantastic weekend, enjoy the football if you are watching – whichever team you support!

Best wishes,
Sara Anderman

Speaking of Football...

The year 6 girls' football team played their first mini tournament on Monday, playing 2 other schools here at Haseltine. The results were as follows:

Haseltine 2 Kilmorie 0
Haseltine 0 Fairlawn 0

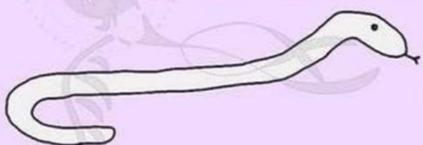


Both games were played really well, not only by our girls but also by the other teams too. It was also really, really lovely to have the teams visit us again – no parents were allowed, but it was still good to be able to start to get back to normal (sort of!).

Does your child ever feel anxious or worried?

We wondered whether you would find this useful for any of you who worry what to say to your child at points when they are showing signs of being worried or anxious...

9 things to say to your anxious child

1. I'm here with you. You're safe.
2. Do you want to do some dancing or running to get rid of the worried energy?
3. Tell me about it. 
4. What would you like to say to your worry? What might your worry say back? Then what? 
5. Let's draw it.
6. What does it feel like in your body? Where is the worry? How big is it? 
7. Match your breaths to mine.
8. Let's think up some endings for what could happen (anxious ones, goofy ones, AND realistic ones).
9. What's something we could do to help you feel better? 



Online Safety:

I have attached to this email a flier from Lewisham about some sessions that they are running for parents around raising our awareness of the dangers of technology for our children. I attended some training the other day where this was touched on and I was shocked at the ways that groomers can use technology to get to children. They also talked about ways that children can use technology to lie to us about their whereabouts – we may consider our children to be too young (and maybe too honest) at this stage, but it would also be good to get ahead of them before they start to want to stay out later!

I would urge ALL of you to attend one of these sessions, I really would, as it is very, very scary what can happen and also how much children know ahead of us!

Sports Day

We are hoping to still be able to hold our Sports Day this year for the children in the next few weeks. However, due to guidance from the Public Health team and the government, we have made the difficult decision to make this for children only – I'm so sorry but no parents/carers will be able to attend this year.

Details for the children will follow nearer the time.

A warning for children who come to school and go home by themselves:

One of our children on his way to school was approached by a man who tried to show him things in a bag, and coax him to go over to him. The boy was incredibly sensible and turned and ran home, and his mum called the police. He made the decision to go home, he said, as it was closer than school.

Please speak with your children and ask them to be vigilant & careful. Please also advise them what to do if ever they are in the same situation. I always tell my own girls that if school, or home, is not close then shops/cafes are a good place to run to. I also tell them to look for families to go to for help. I'm sure that all of you Haseltine parents & carers would look after any child who came to you in trouble.

Stay safe, take care. Happy weekend to all of you. 😊