

Haseltine Newsletter: 24th September 2021



Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

We are now at the end of week 3 of the Autumn Term, with just 4 weeks to go until half term – I feel like time is whizzing by. It also feels longer, I think, because everyone seems so settled and happy; everyone is following the new routines well and everyone is very focused on their learning.

One of our targets on our School Development Plan this year, is:

For all children to be able to regulate their own behaviours in all situations

We identified this as a target because:

Behaviour in the classrooms is consistently good, especially where teaching is good or above. However, our children can struggle in situations requiring more independence. E.g. transition times, break times, peer relationships, relationships with adults other than their teacher, use of inappropriate language

In the 3 weeks that we have been back, I can see that the majority of our children are really helping us to meet this target. Attached to the email with this newsletter, is The Haseltine Tree. This will give you a sense of the type of behaviour we expect from all our children at Haseltine, and will give you a chance to talk about these behaviours with your child. If you can, print it off so that you can discuss it over the year. Ask your child: “Which of these behaviours/skills/qualities did you show today/this week? What do you need to work on more next week?”

Thank you for helping us with this target. Over the next few weeks, I will send you details of our other School Development targets.

Secondary transfer:

To all year 6 parents. Please be reminded that secondary transfer applications need to be completed by 31st October. Use the link <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> If you need any help please let Mrs. Whilby know via the school office.

Parents Table

I received this email yesterday, I thought it seemed like an interesting idea...

I’m writing from [The Kids’ Table](#). We run a **free** supervised arts and crafts table every Sunday from 12pm – 5pm at local pub [The Goldsmith’s Arms, Penge](#) for 3 – 10yr olds.

We are a small business run by two mums and the whole reason we exist is to make families’ lives easier and to make eating out with children an enjoyable experience for the whole family. As a free service offered to your school’s local community, we thought it would be of interest to the families attending your school.



**Let THE KIDS' TABLE
entertain the nippers for free
while you relax over a pub lunch**

**FREE SUPERVISED ARTS,
CRAFTS & TABLE-TOP FUN**

At The Goldsmith's Arms, Penge
every Sunday
12.30pm - 4.30pm

Over 3s, and free to dining customers
of the pub.
Book a table with the pub and request
a time slot for The Kids' Table.

@TheKidsTableUK

Census Day: October 7th; we need your help...

On Thursday October 7th every school has to submit information to the government in order to get our budget for the following year. Every child in school is counted towards this, so please make sure that you send your child to school that day ☺ We also get extra money for every child who has a school dinner on that day and this is where we need your help.

Please could you book a school dinner for your child on Thursday 7th October – it means more money for the school ☺ Please see the Mad Hatters leaflet attached to this same email for details. THANK YOU

Jumper Madness!

It breaks my heart to see all the brand new jumpers in lost property in our playground. My heart breaks even more when I see that none of them have names in. If we find a jumper with a name in it, we will immediately return it to the child. Nameless ones get added to the pile, it's very sad ☹

Library Books & Guitars amnesty

We want to open up our library very soon to all the children, but we seem to be missing so many books. Please could you all have a look at home, in every space, to see if you can find any. They will have a plastic cover on, and a barcoded sticker inside for Lewisham Libraries, it will also say Haseltine on one of the stickers. Children – could you help check your classes too please?



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We are missing some of the guitars lent out to children at Haseltine. If you no longer have guitar lessons with Joff or Stevie, please could you make sure that you return your guitar to us – it can be given to me. If any of you have brothers or sisters who have left the school, please could you make sure that they are not holding on to one of our guitars still. Many thanks for your help.

And in other music news...

We have now managed to get most of the children who wanted to into music lessons at Haseltine – we do still have some spaces in clarinets on a Friday. There is a waiting list for drumming, I am afraid.

Please be patient with me, I am in the process of setting a payment system for those of you who will be paying for the lessons. In the meantime, your children can still attend the lessons of course. I will sort it out as soon as I can.

Harvest collection at Haseltine for Lewisham Foodbank:

Lewisham is reaching out to its wonderful community in asking for donations to the foodbank at Forest Hill. We have been assigned the task of collecting tinned vegetables.

If you are able to donate even one tin of vegetables or vegetable based products (e.g. soup) then please bring it to Haseltine before Monday 18th October, I will then take it down to the foodbank.

Thank you for your generosity 😊

And finally...

I'm sure that like me, you will all be shocked and saddened by the death of Sabina Nessa in Kidbrooke last weekend. By all accounts she was a brilliant and kind teacher, and an all-round beautiful person. She was a teacher at Rushey Green School in Catford; we have sent our condolences to the school and I'm sure that you will all be wanting to send your best wishes and sympathies that way too. I cannot begin to imagine how incredibly hard it must be for that community, and of course for her family; just so sad.

I'm sorry that I didn't see you today, I had safeguarding training off-site.
Enjoy your weekend all of you, look after each other and keep safe.

Sara Anderman