

Haseltine's Newsletter 8th October 2021



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

We had our first official visitor, for a long time, at Haseltine today. Pinaki Ghoshal, the Director for Children & Young People in Lewisham, came to us this morning for a tour of the school. It was very lovely to be able to show him around and to talk about the wonderful things happening at Haseltine. Pinaki met several of your children and he was very impressed with how happy, confident & friendly they all were.

We will be having another group of visitors in next week, as our governors will be having a good look round. On Tuesday 19th October, our two new Chairs of Governors: Paula McDonald and Sharon Long, will be coming in to school and they would like to meet up with some of the parents of Haseltine. We will therefore, be having a coffee morning at 10.30am in The Hub on the 19th. It would be lovely if you could come along, especially if you are one of the people who is interested in becoming one of our parent governors. Paula and Sharon would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have.

I would like to thank all of you who have expressed an interest in becoming a parent governor for the Fairlawn & Haseltine Federation. Don't forget that you need to get your personal statement in to me by Thursday 14th October; you can either hand it to me directly or email it to headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk or admin@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk

School Survey

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the survey I sent out to you in the week. It should only take a minute or two of your time.

Please follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VZVV7GM>

I can see that there are a couple of people who are a little unhappy with us as a school. I urge those people to come and have a chat with me, so that I can find out a little more about where we are going wrong for you or your child. I feel terrible that some of you are not 100% happy with us, and I promise you that I will do everything I can to try and make it right for you. Feel free to come and talk to me on the gate, email me or phone me for a chat – we could also meet up for a more formal chat if you wish to.

Squid Games Warning

I don't know if you have heard about a program on Netflix called Squid Games? It is rated 15 but appears to be being watched by children. I just wanted to make you all aware of the inappropriateness of this program for children – it is, apparently, incredibly violent.

Whilst I can't tell you what you can and can't watch – not would I ever want to, I just wanted you to make sure you knew what it was like.

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You can also get masks from the program, and children are playing the game of it – I wanted to let you all know that we will not allow the masks in school, nor the playing of the game at Haseltine.

Thank you

Lost Property

We have so much unclaimed lost property at Haseltine, we keep finding so many items still with no names on. Please, please ensure that you write your child's name in jumpers and coats especially. I saw the other day that one very sensible mum had even put names inside shoes 😊 We will always return items to the child immediately when we find clothes with names in.

Harvest Festival Donations

Thank you so, so much to all of you who have already donated items for the Lewisham Food Bank. Don't forget that we are collecting tins vegetable items. I will be taking these to the food bank on Tuesday 19th of October so the last date for collection must be Monday 18th October.

If any of you would like further information about the food bank and the work Lewisham does around this, please come and have a chat with me (or email me) and I can pass on details or follow this link: <https://lewisham.foodbank.org.uk/>

Many, many thanks to you all.

Black History Month

I received the following email from Sydenham School:

Dear school team

I am writing to share details of our upcoming online event for Black History Month on Thursday 14 October, organised by the Sydenham School PTA. We would love it if some of your pupils, families and indeed staff were able to join.

You'll see (below/attached) we have a really fantastic range of inspirational speakers, including interest for all ages. The event is online and tickets are by donation and FREE for low-income households.

I've included some suggested text below and attached the social media poster for the event. Would you be able to

-- share this with staff and pupils this week

-- include it in your next newsletter or email bulletin to families



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-- retweet some of our messages about it @ptasydenham

Sydenham School PTA would be delighted if pupils, families and staff from other Lewisham schools joined our upcoming online event celebrating Black History Month, from 7pm on Thursday 14 October. There is truly something for everyone in our line-up of diverse, talented and inspirational speakers:

- top singer-songwriter **Kamille** (hits with Stormzy and Little Mix, now featuring in C4 black British reality show Highlife)
- **Jen Reid** who stood on the Colston plinth in Bristol last year, a moment later captured in a statue of her
- **Sabrina Fleurime of BBSTEM** - Black British in STEM
- **Nora Fakim of the BBC World Service** who focuses on the rich experiences of mixed race people in the UK and beyond
- and lots more besides!

You can be confident it will be a great event - our previous BHM events have been very popular and our equivalent online event for International Women's Day earlier this year helped us win a National PTA Award!

Do please join us (tickets by donation, FREE for low-income households) AND also please share on with other people of all ages who might enjoy, wherever they are based! Book in advance at: www.sydenham-school-pta.org/post/black-history-month-speakers

BHM in Lewisham:

Please also follow this link to see other events happening in Lewisham and other areas of London: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/listings/region/greater-london/lewisham/>

BHM at Haseltine:

At Haseltine we have moved away from reserving Black History for one month and have embedded it across all subjects in the curriculum. With that being said, BHM is still a significant national event and we feel that it's important to remind the children of why BHM started and how we celebrate Black History outside of the month of October.

Each class will be given an important black British figure and will be making a Nubian Jak plaque for the figure commemorating the contribution they've made to British history.

We will share photos of these with you when we can.

Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 22nd October, Haseltine will be supporting the Show Racism the Red Card campaign. We will all be wearing red on that day and will be contributing £1 for the charity that funds anti-racist education. You can either pay on ParentPay or bring in £1 on the day. Many thanks

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Half Term

Don't forget that we break up for the half term holiday on Friday 22nd October – come to school that day. We return to school on Monday 1st November.

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 17th December and return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Have a lovely weekend everyone – we will see you all again on Monday.

**Best wishes,
Sara Anderman**

HAPPY WEEKEND!