



Haseltine Newsletter 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

Today is the last day of this Autumn half term. We are not in school next week as we have a half term holiday. We return to school on Monday 1st November. I hope that you all have a really lovely week off from school.

It has been a busy half term at Haseltine, the summer holidays seem like a distant memory now. Your children have been doing some fantastic learning this half term, and I think that they need the break as much as the teachers do, so that they can process some of that learning 😊

We have been doing some much needed updates to our website, including to our year group pages. This is a work in progress and is not finished yet, but if you go on to our website you will see what your child will be learning throughout the year, especially on these pages: <https://www.haseltineprimary.co.uk/year-groups/> This page will also give you more information about the school's curriculum:

<https://www.haseltineprimary.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-intent/> I would like to apologise to all of you for the fact that our website has been so out of date for a while now. I am learning how to become more tech savvy, and can make many more changes to the website than I could before, and hopefully you will be able to see the improvements.

From the results of the Survey Monkey survey that I sent out to you this half term, I can see that whilst the majority of you are happy at Haseltine, there are a few of you who are not. One of the common themes seems to be a feeling that you don't know what your child is doing at school. Hopefully the website changes will help with that, and also the Parent/Teacher meeting that you have the second week after half term should help. The week before the meeting, the children will be bringing home a piece of writing so that you can see what they are achieving in this subject area and then talk to the teacher about what they need to do next to make further progress.

I also want to hold a coffee morning after half term, at 9am on Tuesday 9th November, for any parents who would like to come in and meet with me to talk about what we can be doing at Haseltine to make it the best school possible for you and for your children. Everyone is welcome. You can always email me, if you'd prefer to do it that way: headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk Hopefully, we can make the improvements we need to ensure that 100% of you would recommend Haseltine to another parent.

Have a very, very lovely half term break.
Best wishes,
Sara Anderman

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Parent Governor Elections

Thank you so, so much to the 5 candidates from Haseltine and to each and every one of you who took the time to vote yesterday for our election. It was a record turnout in terms of voting – so thank you, so, so much. Haseltine was really successful in that the top two candidates were from our school (in fact, all our parents were in the top 5!).

We would therefore like to welcome James Evans & Carl Burnett to the Fairlawn & Haseltine Federation Governing Body.

I cannot tell you just how grateful I am to all of you. Thank you so much.



Lewisham Foodbank donations

Emma Bird and I went to Lewisham's foodbank the other day to drop off all of your Harvest Festival donations.

We were blown away by your generosity and the foodbank staff were very grateful.

If you need further information about the foodbank and the services it provides, please have a look at <https://lewisham.foodbank.org.uk/>

Show Racism the Red Card Day:

Thank you to everyone for wearing red today. Everyone here at Haseltine, stands together against racism and this day really proved our solidarity. We know that every day is important in the stand against racism. We are doing that through our curriculum; through the special events we hold and through all the conversations we are having – between staff and also with children. Have a look at our website for further details of what we are learning through our curriculum.

A girl in yr6 spoke to me the other day about a conversation she had with her sewing club about everything we were doing at Haseltine – everyone there was amazed, because they said that nothing like that was happening at their own schools.

Thank you also, to your all for your incredible generosity with your donations. I will let you know in the next newsletter how much we raised.

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Sporting News:

Mr. Small is pleased to have begun hosting the local football league again. The year 6 boys have proudly represented Haseltine and have worked hard to improve. With 2 close games against Kilmorie and St Mary's they are yet to record a win, but have shown excellent resilience and a great willingness to learn from each game. We are sure our first win is just around the corner.

In other school sports news, the Haseltine Athletics team came a close second place at the first Sydenham competition of the year. The mixed boys and girls team from year 6 came out first after the field events and first in 4 out of 9 track events, resulting in 2nd place overall. Our team came home with the silver medals this year.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who wore jeans & paid £1 a few weeks ago. We raised £292.94 for this charity that does a lot of fantastic work.

Secondary Applications:

Don't forget that all year 6 parents must apply for secondary school by Sunday 31st October. You cannot be late to apply. Well done to all of you who have already done it 😊

An extra day off next in 2022!

Because of the celebrations around the Queen's Jubilee next year, all schools have been granted an extra day off school – outside of the holidays. We have therefore chosen to break up on Thursday 21st July 2022 instead of on the Friday. We hope that this will be okay with you all 😊

Have a wonderful half term holiday – we will see you on Monday 1st November.