



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

What a fantastic day we had at Haseltine yesterday! Your children looked fantastic in their costumes for World Book Day, I particularly enjoyed watching Gangsta Granny play cricket yesterday out of my window 😊 We also had Medusa, Oompa Loompas, Harry Potters, Elsas, Cats in Hats and a Robot with no bottom to name but a few! Well done to all of you – you all really put the effort in. It was really interesting to see how our play times changed; role play suddenly became the main focus of their play 😊

The children also enjoyed the workshops from our visiting authors and illustrators. Make sure that you ask your child to tell you all about it. One of the visitors described our children as “Sparkly”. She said that they were so full of enthusiasm & excitement and said that they “twinkled when they talked”, she told me that she had the best day ever at Haseltine.

Have a look at our Twitter @HaseltinePS to see some photos of the day, or, if you aren't on Twitter, have a look at our website at the Twitter feed at the bottom of the homepage.

Thank you to Sarah McIntosh, our English leader, for arranging such a great day.

I have been sent the following by a parent in the school (it sounds really good fun and is completely free!):



The war in Ukraine:

I'm sure that like us, you have been watching the news with absolute horror this past week and all of our thoughts, hopes & prayers will be going out to the people involved and to those people affected in our community.



We have been talking about what we can do to help our children, here at Haseltine, who may be seeing the events unfold on the news and who are worrying. We have thought that many of you may well be shielding your children from a lot of it and we don't want to undo what you are doing at home. Instead, we have collected together resources to help children should they share their worries & fears with us.

I have listed some of these below in case you wish to use them at home too:

<https://www.savethechildren.net/news/ukraine-5-ways-talk-children-about-conflict-0>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

I hope that you will find these useful.

I also re-Tweeted something from The Polish Centre in Forest Hill. They are collecting donations for the people of Ukraine. Please see below for further information:

<https://www.newshopper.co.uk/news/19957258.ukraine-lewishams-polish-centre-calls-donations/>

Please do come and chat with me if you have any thoughts on this.

Year 6 Parents & Carers:

You all should have received your Secondary School offer this week. We hope that you and your child are happy with what you have been given.

If you are not, remember:

- Do not refuse the place – if you do the admissions team will think that you are out of the system and you may not be offered anything or you may be offered something that wasn't even on your list later down the line
- You need to make sure that you state that you wish to remain on the waiting list for the school/s of your choice
- Do come and chat with either myself or Mrs Whilby – we may be able to offer you some advice or guidance (we may also know something about the school that you have been offered)
- It will all work out I'm sure. Both my girls did not get into their school of choice: one settled very happily in the school she was offered & is now doing her GCSEs and one,



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who started and was not happy, was then offered her first school choice & moved early in the Autumn Term. Things have a way of working out.

Parents picking up Reception Children:

Health & Safety notice...

Please do not allow your children to climb and play on the equipment before or after school. This is especially the case for older brothers and sisters as the equipment is not for their age group.

Please do not allow your children to play on the KS1 & 2 climbing frame either. This area must be supervised by Haseltine staff.

All Parents in the playground:

Please do not allow your children to play on the gym or climbing equipment – these areas must also be supervised by Haseltine staff.

I'm still seeing a few parents on phones – please remember that we are a 'No Phones Playground'. Thank you so much to those of you who continue to help us with this 😊



Fortnite:

*Does your child play Fortnite online? Are you really aware of what is involved with this game? **Did you now that it is recommended for age 13+?***

We have had some terrible incidents of name calling, bullying, teasing & inappropriate behaviour reported to us recently.

Also, today we have had phone calls from parents to say that a man in his forties has been friending children online. This is very worrying news; I have told the parents to report this to the police. If you have any information on this; please contact the police on 101.

Phonics

Phonics Workshop:

- **Are you sometimes confused about phonics?**
- **Do you wonder what your children are learning in school?**
- **Do you wonder how to support your child at home?**



If you have answered “yes” to any of these questions, then this will be of interest to you...

Our EYFS leader, Lisa-Marie Clark is running a Phonics session for parents on Wednesday 16th March at 9.30am on Zoom. It will be particularly useful for parents in reception & yr1, but also for nursery parents and those of you with children in year 2.

Please click on the link below to join on the 16th:

Topic: Phonics Workshop

Time: Mar 16, 2022 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76076018026?pwd=cm83D54W-aD8mcRcEyUI5q0P-I0_9i.1

Meeting ID: 760 7601 8026

Passcode: N41b2n

And Finally...

Our partner school Fairlawn have arranged the following and want to invite all of Haseltine parents too. Please click on the invite below if you wish to join:

We have invited Monica Bhogal the managing director of the School’s Consent Project (<https://www.schoolsconsentproject.com/>) to speak with us on Tuesday 8th March at 6pm. The consent project’s aim is to normalise conversations about consent amongst young people in order to challenge harmful attitudes. The project works in secondary schools but Monica is happy to come and talk to our parent community so that we all feel more prepared to support our children as they get older. The link to the meeting is below. Please do join us.

Topic: Parent Forum- Consent

Time: Mar 8, 2022 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92603077313?pwd=TWZFBkwrWTV1ckJsUVVLZUItS3VFdz09>

Meeting ID: 926 0307 7313

Passcode: forum