

Haseltine Newsletter 25th March 2022



Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

I just wanted to send you a brief newsletter this week – a few things have come up that I want to let you know about or remind you of...

Own Clothes Day:

It is not an April Fool! We are having an Own Clothes Day on Friday 1st April to raise money for our charity UNICEF.

Haseltine is a Rights Respecting School through UNICEF and it makes perfect sense therefore that it becomes the key charity that we will support throughout the year. They support children in countries all around the World, especially those in conflict.

The children have been asking whether they can wear clothes from their own culture – of course they can; it will be wonderful seeing everyone represent their own culture & heritage. Children can also wear any clothes that they feel they want to wear.

We ask you to donate at least £1 – on Parent Pay or in the buckets at the gates. Thank you so much.

No Jewellery in Haseltine:

I was on a two day First Aid course this week, and I learnt about some horrific injuries caused by children wearing jewellery in schools. I won't go into details but there is an injury called 'de-gloving' which is caused by rings getting caught – it not only turned my stomach but also really frightened me; so many of our children wear rings – this could happen here.

We will have a jewellery box in each class and if we see children wearing jewellery, we will take it off them & store in the box to give back at the end of the day. To save this from happening (and we cannot be responsible for the loss or damage to any pieces of jewellery), **please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery of any kind** (except for stud earrings if essential).

A message from the office...

A big thank you to everyone who has been keeping their dinner money account up to date. If anyone is changing their child from school dinner to packed lunch after the Easter holidays please confirm this via email to mdunn@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk **if we are not advised in advance you will be liable for any charges raised against the account.**

FSM vouchers will be sent out for the Easter holidays. They will be delivered via email/text on the 4th April. Lewisham Authority have confirmed this will be the last time they will be issuing them for the holidays.

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Coffee Morning:

Don't forget that there will be a coffee morning in The Hub next Friday the 1st April at 9am for parents of children in yrs1, 2, 4 & 6 who wish to learn more about the testing taking place in these year groups.

Don't forget that we break up for the Easter/End of Spring Term Holidays next Friday the 1st April. We come to school that day. We will then return on Tuesday 19th April.

And finally, a message from our Executive Headteacher, Jeanette Brumby, about the Federation...



The Fairlawn and Haseltine Federation Update

Hello everyone, our focus across the Fairlawn and Haseltine Federation over the last few years has been all about keeping everyone safe and ensuring our remote learning provision enabled all our children to continue to make progress. Now we are able to start doing more together, I want to update you on what's been happening.

I'm excited to share with you some lovely things a few of your children have been doing with each other across our Federation. Firstly, our wonderful Pupil Parliaments invited children to enter an art competition. Fairlawn judged Haseltine's entries and Haseltine judged Fairlawn's entries. The field was strong and both Pupil Parliaments struggled to narrow it down to a first, second and third place. Well done to all who entered.

Fairlawn's football teams have spent quite a bit of time over at Haseltine using the pitch, they have taken part in the boys' year 5/6 football league and, since January, the girls have played in their football league every Monday.

My colleagues across our two schools have continued to moderate children's outcomes together to make sure their assessments are accurate and our subject leaders have met across the year to share good practice. Some of our leaders have also spent the day in each school to look at the sequencing of the curriculum and what that looks like in children's books. All of this Federation work deepens our understanding of how your children learn best and helps shape the way we teach in order to maximise the progress your children make.

I will write to you all again next term with more Federation news,
Jeanette Brumby