

Monday 5th October 2020

Fairlawn

Primary School



Dear Families,

Last week's weather signalled the end of summer. With this in mind, please remember that there is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing! We really want to make the most of our outdoor time so please make sure your children bring coats to school.

We were really pleased to welcome so many parents to our first Diversity and Racism parent forum on Monday 28th September. Thank you for all your contributions to the discussion on the night and afterwards. It is so good to have this ongoing conversation. The minutes are available on our website [here:](https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/parent-forum/)

We will be holding half termly meetings to ensure that we regularly update you and seek your opinions on our journey to becoming an antiracist school. Some parents missed the open letter that was circulated over lockdown so we have attached it today. There were requests during the forum for further reading material. Ife Thompson from the BLAM charity has shared a reading list with us, which is also attached. She directed parents to free Black History resources available [here:](https://blamuk.org/free-black-history-resources/)

Today the children have watched Ms Etherington's virtual assembly on Black History. Each class has begun their blue plaque challenge to celebrate the achievements of Black British people. Please do ask your children who they've been learning about.

Saturday School

IRIE! dance theatre, Britain's leading dance theatre company working in the field of African & Caribbean dance fusion are offering free Black History online workshops for key stage 1 and 2 pupils.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/10am-11am-key-stage-2-black-history-online-saturday-school-tickets-122987233125?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1115am-1215pm-key-stage-1-black-history-online-saturday-school-tickets-122987806841?aff=erelpanelorg>

Community Champions Needed

Lewisham needs COVID-19 Community Champions to help share up to date messages. In this new role, individuals will work closely with the Council and the Public Health Team to help share messages out in the borough. We know this is the best way to bring about positive change in people's attitudes and behaviours towards

COVID-19. COVID-19 Community Champions will remind residents how to keep safe, answer questions, offer advice to local businesses on how to trade safely and support the safe use of our parks and open spaces. Sign up with the link below:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/health/lewisham-covid19-champions/become-a-covid19-champion>

Heart of the Nation; Migration and the Making of the NHS

The migration museum have launched an excellent new digital exhibition shining a light on the stories and experiences of people who have come to Britain to work in the National Health Service (NHS) over the past 72 years. Explore the exhibition [here:](https://heartofthenation.migrationmuseum.org/?mc_cid=d23bf5c7c7&mc_eid=f85a635e94)

Stars of the Week

IP – Henry - For being such a kind friend. Mrs Peters was so impressed with the way he included other children in his games at playtime. What a super star! **IW – Izabella** - For always being ready and enthusiastic about her learning and for being a positive, happy member of our class. **2K – Poppy** - For really thinking all her learning through, and for making fantastic contributions in class. Poppy has shown that she is particularly good at discussing historical ideas. **2T - Kira** - For her continued hard work and incredible resilience with her learning.

3E – Alfie - Because he is always keen to learn and to share his ideas in class. **3F - Bruna** - She is always so cheerful, has a super learning attitude and loves to make people smile! **3S – Joseph** consistently applies himself to his learning, conducting himself with great integrity. **4A - Emily** - She is simply a joy to have in the class. She puts 100% into all of her learning; she offers wonderful ideas to class discussions and is a very kind friend to others. **4E – Marlana** - For her enthusiastic and reflective approach to her learning. **5M – Zoe** - For her calm, positive and mature aura in the classroom. She is always ready to learn and is supportive of her peers. **5S -Hazel** - For her resilience and dedication to her learning. She has demonstrated such a wonderful attitude in her maths learning, taking on challenges and wanting to complete tasks even if it means she misses a few minutes break! An incredible role model! **6C - Natanya** has a wonderful learning attitude, and she has shown so much resilience this week. **6MC – Colum** for his positive learning attitude. All week he has been full of attack, and this has helped him to take on more challenges in his learning. It's great to see him push himself outside of his comfort zone.

Have a great week. The Fairlawn Team

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administer medications without you first giving consent. Please email fmarbaix@fairlawnschool.net. Thank you.

Fairlawn PTA Committee

Interested in getting involved in the PTA? We have vacancies on the PTA Committee for a secretary and for events organisers. We are keen to ensure that the PTA represents everyone in the school so if you are interested in helping with the planning side of things, admin or the decision-making please do get in touch. Email: pta@fairlawnschool.net

PTA Class reps

Thanks to those class reps who are carrying on in their role this year. We are still looking for PTA class reps for the following classes: **Nursery, RGW, 2K, 4A, 4E and 5M**. This role involves informing parents about PTA events and requests, and encouraging parents from your class to get involved in PTA activities. Please volunteer by contacting: pta@fairlawnschool.net

Easy Fundraising

Sign up to **Easyfundraising** when shopping online. You can raise funds for Fairlawn PTA with each purchase at no extra cost to you. Includes Sainsburys, Marks and Spencer, Argos, John Lewis and many more retailers. It is easy to sign up. Go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fairlawnpta/>

Dates for the diary:

Fairlawn PTA virtual AGM 7pm: Monday 19th October via Zoom. All welcome. Please do join the meeting. Further details to follow.

School Lunches and Dinner Money

Lunches cost **£2.30** a day. Lunch money for the first half of the Autumn Term is **£80.50** and for the second half is **£80.50**. The full term lunch money is **£161.00**. Please pay via ParentPay or mark cheques clearly with your child's name and class, and return via your child's classroom. Please be aware that packed lunches are to contain **NO** nuts, sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks, or peanut butter sandwiches.

Requesting Days off

If you need to request an absence for your child, for any reason, excluding medical appointments, you need to request permission from the Head Teacher. We can only authorise absences for exceptional circumstances. Paper requests are no longer accepted. Please email mpay@fairlawnschool.net to place a request.

Medications

If your child requires medication throughout the day, please give consent via email, detailing the name of the medication, dosage and times to administer. We will be unable to

Sports News

Sports Leader Training

Today is the deadline for Year 6 children to submit their applications for the role of sports leader. Tomorrow afternoon, the 12 children who have been selected will receive training with Dave McClaren (from Lewisham Sport) in the lower playground.

Strange but True

Did you know that the Inazawa Bowling Centre in Japan, which was opened in 1972, is the home to the largest bowling alley in the world...? It has an incredible 116 lanes!

MR. BALOGUN'S 'SPORTS STARS'

KS1: Joseph E (2T) - he is our KS1 sports star because he always makes the right decisions in lessons and asks the right questions. He has shown excellent throwing and catching skills this half-term, and is a great role model for the class.

UKS2: Yusuf (4A) – he is our LKS2 sports star because he is always very motivated in lessons, and he pushes himself and his peers to achieve even more.

UKS2: Elsie (6MC) – she is our UKS2 sports star because she is always very motivated in lessons and is a fantastic support to others. She performs skills to a high standard and always works maturely in teams.

Music Lesson Updates

We are in the process of beginning to reintroduce our music tutors at Fairlawn. If your child was previously receiving music lessons, we will be in touch as and when we are able to begin lessons again. Additionally, we are looking forward to beginning Ms Milner's Zoom Choir soon! This was a great success previously, and will be a fantastic opportunity for children to come together and sing.

Migration Museum Reopening

The Migration Museum is pleased to announce their reopening. Located in Lewisham Shopping Centre, they will be welcoming visitors from Friday 23 October 2020 onwards. The museum will initially be reopening three days a week – Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 11am–5pm. The Migration Museum is shining a light on the many ways that the movement of people to and from Britain across the ages has shaped who we are – as individuals, as communities, and as a nation.

<https://www.migrationmuseum.org/visit/>