



## Dear Families,

We are so proud of key stage 2 for their wonderful winter shows last week. A big thank you to all the staff involved. It was lovely to hear so many positive comments from parents. Over the last few weeks Key Stage 1 staff and EYFS have been working round the clock to put together their Winter shows too. We are looking forward to welcoming parents into a packed hall on Tuesday (KS1) and Thursday (EYFS) afternoon.

## PTA –Santa Dash and Panto

The children braved the cold, embraced the red and wore their Santa's hats with style on Friday. So much fun was had. Thank you to the PTA for organising the Santa Dash and for paying for our panto today. 'Oh no they didn't'... 'Oh yes they did!'

## Christmas Lunch on Wednesday

We are encouraging children to dress in a festive manner on Wednesday - another opportunity to wear their Santa hats!

## Brass Band

It was fabulous to be entertained by the Brass Band in the playground last Monday. What a talented ensemble. For more information about music lessons see the music section of this newsletter.

## Last day of Term

Thank you to Ms. Goulder who will be leading a whole school Christmas assembly on Friday. Remember to check our fence for lost property.

Children start back to school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

**Wishing you all a healthy and happy holiday, The Fairlawn Team**

## Learning Heroes of the Week

Congratulations to all our learning heroes!



	Resilient	Reflective	Collaborative	Curious	Independent
1P	Seth	Anabelle	Thomas	Teddy	Kitty-Mae
1W	Otilie	Lewie	Harrison	Tulina	August-James
2K	Oscar	Neo	Jessica	Adam	Bonnie
2F	Ella	Ruben	Zac	Chigozirim	Nahla-Rose
3E	Maya	Faith	Jesse	Jasper	Amy
3G	TBA	Chloe	Shay	Amaiya	Ashira
4A	Milan	Honey	Shilo	Edwin	Katy
4G	Maya	Hamish	James	Yasmin	Alexa
5E	Bradley	Dot	Isaiah	Sanaa	Sarah
5T	Joseph	Jude	Nina	Bea	Nuala
6C	Iris	Kit	Leila	Archer	Emily
6S	Amelie	Sienna	Ryan	Kai	Hollie

## Vocabulary of the Week

Each week, we teach our children the meanings of three challenging words.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
prehistoric	influence	sneer	conductor	apothecary	obedient
chronology	abyss	glacier	insulator	shrill	spiry
fossil	crew	migration	energy	plague	robust

## Diary Dates

**World Hijab Day** - 1<sup>st</sup> February

**Children's Mental Health Week** - 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> February

**Safer Internet Day** - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Last day of Spring 1 term** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Half term** - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**Start of Spring 2 term** - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

## School Reminders

### Starting Primary School in 2023 – Advice and Support for Lewisham Families

Lewisham Council is running a free informal event for parents to learn about the primary application process. They will be offering friendly and supportive advice from Admissions, Family Information Service, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and Free School Meals teams.

This will be held on Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am-6.00pm** at Catford Library.

[Book your slot on the 'starting primary school in 2023' event at Catford Library](#)

### Starting Reception

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 are eligible to start school in September 2023. Applications can be made online between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. You must apply online directly to your local authority via [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

If you need any assistance, please email Michelle [mpay@fairlawnschool.net](mailto:mpay@fairlawnschool.net)

### Punctuality

School starts at **8:45 am**. We are marking your child as late if they arrive after 8:55am. If your child arrives 10 minutes late every day, that adds up to almost an hour of school lost every single week!

### School Lunches and Dinner Money

From **1<sup>st</sup> January 2023** the cost of a child lunch increases to **£2.50** a day. Lunch money for the first half of the Spring term is **£70.00**, the second half is **£75.00**. Please pay via ParentPay. Please be aware that packed lunches are to contain **NO** nuts, sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks, or peanut butter sandwiches. If you would like to change your child's lunch option for next term, please email Francesca, [fmarbaix@fairlawnschool.net](mailto:fmarbaix@fairlawnschool.net)

## Music Lessons

If your child would like to have music lessons, please see below for contact details:

**Brass lessons** or to join Brass Band: Christine Norsworthy (trumpet, cornet, French horn, tenor horn, trombone, baritone & euphonium)  
[norsworthy.christine@gmail.com](mailto:norsworthy.christine@gmail.com)

**Guitar lessons:** Martin Budd; No spaces currently but will be added to the waiting list [martinbuddguitar@hotmail.com](mailto:martinbuddguitar@hotmail.com)

**Piano lessons:** Matt Ridley; No spaces currently but will be added to the waiting list [mattridleybass@gmail.com](mailto:mattridleybass@gmail.com)

**Woodwind** (flute, clarinet & alto sax) and violin lessons: No spaces currently but will be added to the waiting list  
[efellows@fairlawnschool.net](mailto:efellows@fairlawnschool.net)

**Drumming lessons:** Murray Anderson; No spaces currently but will be added to the waiting list [murray.anderson@lewishammusic.org](mailto:murray.anderson@lewishammusic.org)

## Mr Aldridge's Sports News

### Fairlawn 3-1 Kilmore

A huge well done to the boys' football team who beat a very strong and physical Kilmore team 3-1 in the latest round of the Monday Night Football League. Despite taking an early lead through an excellent finish by Yusuf, the opposition were almost immediately level through an excellent strike by their academy striker. Once the team had worked out how to keep him quiet, they quickly took control of the game with Noah scoring midway through the first half, and then an excellent strike from Beau into the bottom corner sealed the victory.

### Year 6 Sports Leaders

A huge well done to the following children from 6C who successfully applied to be a sports leader for the Spring term:

Archer, Yasmine, Emily, Molly, Margo, Kit, Anna, Karina and Yusuf.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, they will receive their sports leader training from a Lewisham sports coach, and we look forward to seeing them supporting some of our youngest children in PE lessons next term and encouraging even more active play at lunchtimes.

### Autumn Term Sports Clubs

Our Autumn Term sports clubs have now finished. We will release more information about Spring term clubs when we return to school in January.

### Sporting Achievements

At Fairlawn, we love to hear about the children's sporting achievements. Please send any sports news my way and it will get a mention here in our weekly newsletter: [saldrige@fairlawnschool.net](mailto:saldrige@fairlawnschool.net)



## PTA News

A huge THANK YOU to all our wonderful families, friends, and the whole Fairlawn community for your tremendous support of all of the PTA events this term. You have helped to raise nearly £10,000. A truly amazing effort.

### Santa dash

It was so lovely to see the excitement around the school last Friday. Thanks to all who donated and to all the little Santa's for raising so much money. There is still time to donate and upload your sponsorship to the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/Fairlawnsantadash2022>

### Fairlawn Christmas trail 1st to 16th December



### ### Instagram ###

Follow us on Instagram #fairlawnprimarypta

### Calendar of Events

**1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Winter Trail

**Friday 16th December** - Year 3 Festive Cake Sale

### Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile

Please remember to use Easyfundraising when doing your weekly grocery shopping, booking holidays, or paying utilities. Log into Easyfundraising, set up your account benefiting Fairlawn and access your favourite online shopping sites from there. You will raise funds with each purchase at no extra cost to you. Please encourage friends and relatives to do the same. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fairlawnpta/>

Sign up to **Amazon Smile** and link your account to Fairlawn PTA. It costs nothing, can be set up in less than a minute, and raises money direct to PTA.

### Sign up to Your School Lottery and Lottery Gift Vouchers

Congratulations to **Ross Godfrey**, our School Lottery winner last week. Do sign up to help us raise funds by joining Your School Lottery for as little as £1 per week.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fairlawn-primary>

and search for Fairlawn.

### Moving Stories Lewisham Winner

Huge congratulations to Muna, who won 1st place for her Museum piece at the Migration Museum Lewisham. Muna was one of over 50 entries selected and then chosen to be one of six on the short list. Muna was pronounced the first place winner! You can view her winning piece in the new year at the Migration Museum, located in Lewisham shopping Centre.

Below is a link with some interviews Muna did with her family and a poem she wrote about her Palestinian heritage.

<https://soundcloud.com/migration-museum-project/sets/material-memories-by-muna-white-moving-stories-lewisham-competition>





