



## Dear Families,

We have a busy week ahead and a PTA school disco to look forward to on Friday afternoon. Thank you, for all your support in making this half term such a fabulous start to 2024.

### Eco Reps' Dragons' Den Success!

A big 'well done' to Ms Peters and our Eco Reps who excelled themselves at last Tuesday's Big Climate Event at the Horniman Museum. Please turn to the end of this newsletter for a fantastic recount of the day by one of our reps.

### Children's Mental Health Week by Merry 6BD

In today's assembly Pupil Parliament highlighted the importance of mental health. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters' so we focused on Article 12 of the children's rights. If we can express ourselves then we can feel empowered. When we feel empowered there is a positive impact on our wellbeing. We also enjoyed performances by our choirs. We have set the classes an afternoon of mindful activities that they can choose from.



### Safer Internet Day

Tomorrow we will be joining children across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024. This year the campaign will be focusing on change online. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for families: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SD5KW6dqnV0>

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch [r.whitely@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:r.whitely@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk)

## Learning Heroes of the Week

Congratulations to all our **reflective** learning heroes for showing the following characteristics!

- Adaptability
- Self and peer assessment
- Making decisions
- Pride



### This week's class heroes are:

1P	Harry	Mia	Izel
1W	Edie	Fox	Paco
2K	Marko	Seth	Teddy
2L	Lara	Marley	Kali
3B	Arthur	Ifeatu	Tali
3E	Ula	George	Tristan
4P	Zachary	Jerry	Abi
4R	Layla	Miron	Amaiya
5E	Edwin	Maya H	Eloise
5T	Maude	Azura	Caleb
6A	Ana-Luzia	Jude	Beau
6BD	Isaiah	Merry	Peony

## Weekly Attendance

1P	92.14%	3B	93.81%	5E	97.41%
1W	92.11%	3E	96.82%	5T	96.67%
2K	88.97%	4P	97.33%	6A	95%
2L	97.86%	4R	98.21%	6BD	96.77%

Congratulations to **4R** and **2L** who had the highest attendance last week! They will be caring for our Attendance Axolotyls.

**1P, 1W, 2K, 4P and 4R** all had the best punctuality.

**School starts at 8:45**

## Diary Dates

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Spring Disco and Last Day of Term  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** - Half term  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Start of Spring Term 2  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb** - International Mother Languages Day  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Parents' Evenings  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Haseltine Careers Fair  
**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm** - Year 2 Assembly to parents  
**24/25 Holiday Dates link:**  
<https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Holiday-Dates-2024-2025.pdf>

## Important notice about X (Twitter)

With safer internet day in mind, we have made the unanimous decision to discontinue our use of X. This choice reflects our commitment to providing a secure digital environment, minimizing distractions, and protecting the privacy of our students. The open nature of Twitter brings challenges in safeguarding against inappropriate content, which is at odds with our goal to maintain a safe online space. In order to continue to be able to share the learning experiences of our children we have decided to do this via our website. This will allow us to showcase the learning journeys of our children, without the risks of an open platform such as X (Twitter)

## International Mother Languages Day

Mr Bendel and Pupil Parliament will be leading a special assembly on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. We are inviting families to send a short video or sound bite to add to our Fairlawn languages padlet. We would also like to encourage a few of our children to speak or teach some of their mother tongue during our assembly or in class. If you would like to contribute please contact [s.bendel@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:s.bendel@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk)

## Governing Body Recruitment

The Fairlawn and Haseltine Governing Body have vacancies for two new members. They are specifically looking for governors with skills and experience in the areas of health and safety or human resources. If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who might be interested, please contact the school office for more details.

## The Annual Haseltine Careers Fair

We are looking for volunteers from all types of job sectors to spare some time to come and talk with small groups of children about their jobs on the morning of Friday 22nd March at Haseltine School. To express interest please email [h.ryans@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:h.ryans@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk)

**Have a great week and restful half term break,**

**The Fairlawn Team**

## Reminders

### Breakfast Club

If you are dropping your child off at Breakfast Club, please make sure you bring them up to the hall and do not leave them at the gate to walk up alone. Thank you.

### Punctuality

School starts at 8:45am. Lessons start promptly at 8:45am. Your child will be marked as late if they arrive after 8:55am and the gates will be shut.

### Late pick up

If you are running late to collect your child please inform the office. If you have not arrived to collect your child by **3.45pm** you will be charged £4 per child. If you have not arrived by 4pm your child will go into After School Club, where you will be charged £12.

### School Lunches and Dinner Money

If you would like to change your child's lunch option for this term please email Francesca, [f.marbaix@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:f.marbaix@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk).

**For Nursery children**, the cost of a lunch per day is £2.50. Please pay via ParentPay. Please be aware that packed lunches should not contain **nuts, sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks, or peanut butter sandwiches**.

### Absence from School

[attendance@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk)

If your child is absent from school due to sickness, or any other reason, we must be informed before **8.45am** on the first day of absence and **everyday thereafter** on the above email address.

## Music Lessons

[e.fellows@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:e.fellows@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk)

**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)

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

**Woodwind** (flute, clarinet & alto sax) and violin lessons: Spaces currently available.  
[efellows@fairlawnschool.net](mailto:efellows@fairlawnschool.net)

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

**Guitar lessons;** Martin Budd; Please email; [martinbuddguitar@hotmail.com](mailto:martinbuddguitar@hotmail.com) for further info.

Spaces available from January for one to one violin lessons with professional violinist, Shelley Deacon, contact email - [shelleyhector@hotmail.com](mailto:shelleyhector@hotmail.com)

**Please note** that if you would like to cancel your child's music lessons, you will need to give half a terms notice. Alongside this, due to changes in the hiring agreement, parents are now fully responsible for the cost of any repairs to the instruments.

## Mr Aldridge's Sports News

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### Fairlawn 0-1 St Michael's

Last Monday, the boys' football team suffered a 1-0 defeat in their latest match in the Monday Night Football League. Despite matching a strong St. Michael's side in all departments, it was a moment of quality from one of their classy midfielders which decided the game, giving Noah (6A) no chance in the Fairlawn goal. The boys played with fantastic passion and commitment with a special mention to Samy (6A) who put in a heroic performance in defence, including a last-ditch tackle that the late, great Bobby Moore would've been proud of.

Team: Noah, Thomas, Samy, Alfie, Hamish B, Tait, Beau and Joseph

#### Remaining fixtures:

Tonight v Kilmorie B (KO: 4:00pm)

February 19<sup>th</sup> v St Bart's (KO: 4:30pm)

### Spring Term Intra School Competition

This term, our intra school sports competition switches to skipping. To help some of our children learn correct and effective skipping techniques, Years 1-4 will be focusing on skipping as part of their Indoor PE lessons after half-term. As usual, we will host our whole school skipping finals at the end of March.



### Millwall Community Half Term Camp

Millwall Community Trust will be hosting a half-term multi-sports camp for children aged 5-13. The cost of the camp is £12 per day or £50 for the week.

For more information, click on the following link:

[Book February 24 Half Term Multi Sports Camp Lions Centre from Millwall FC \(officialsoccerschools.co.uk\)](http://officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

### Spring Term Sports Clubs

**Tuesday** – Years 5/6 boys football training

**Wednesday** – Years 4/5/6 girls multi-sports club

**Thursday** – Years 5/6 girls football training (am)  
Years 2/3 football club

**Friday** – Years 3/4 football club

All of our sports clubs will be led by coach Kylah. Payment can be made via Parent Pay.

### 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:

[s.aldridge@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:s.aldridge@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk)



## PTA News

### DISCO - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

PTA disco this Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, during the school afternoon. Dress to dance. Please support the PTA by texting **DANCING to 70580** to donate £3.

### PTA Team

We continue to look for volunteers for a new leadership team for the PTA. Luckily, we have an amazing treasurer, but we are still seeking a wider committee to run events, fund raising and strategy etc. Please speak to Vicky, Anna or Pippa if you can help in anyway or have any suggestions or ideas.

[pta@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:pta@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk)

### Dates for diary

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - School disco

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Year 1 cake sale

W/c 4<sup>th</sup> March book day launch

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Easter Bounce

28<sup>th</sup> March Year 2 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 **Fiona Suarez**, 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.

**### Instagram### Follow us**

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# Eco School Team attend the Lewisham Big Schools' Climate Event

Reported by Abigail Edwards

Last Tuesday, Years 4, 5, and 6 Eco School team went to the Horniman museum for the Lewisham Big Schools Climate Event.



We had a tour of the aquarium and saw lots of incredible sea creatures. A member of staff, taught us facts about the sea life and gave us a behind the scenes look at the aquarium. He took out a toad to show us and we also held baby jellyfish in a tiny tube.

They control the lighting in the tanks so that the coral doesn't bleach. When coral gets too much light, they lose their algae and they can only survive for 3-4 days without it. Sadly, this is what global warming is doing to coral reefs across the world.



Behind one tank, they are growing a plant using the fish faeces as food. This plant is called a Luffa and when dried and peeled it can be used

to scrub and wash. They are growing an eco-friendly way to clean their tanks!

We also went to a workshop about air quality. The team had put up diffusion tubes, which collect nitrogen dioxide, around the museum, so that we could see what areas had the most nitrogen dioxide. Obviously, the tube from the main road had collected harmful amounts of nitrogen dioxide.

In the afternoon, we took part in a Dragon's Den competition with ten other schools. Our team proposed that we should recycle glue sticks at school because at the moment they just go into landfill. We asked the Dragons to help us buy a Terracycle Zero Waste Box to collect glue sticks and then they can be recycled. We've already collected a lot of glue sticks to put in the box.

The judges (Councillor Chris Barnham, Councillor Louise Krupski and the Young Mayor of Lewisham) were



really impressed with our presentation. After a bit of discussion, they offered us the £500 and we also agreed to recycle more things at school including crisp packets. We will be sending out more information about this project very soon.

