The opening pages of this week’s Nutshell are given over to photographs taken as members of the school community visited three very different places over the half term holiday. Teachers travelled back to Tanzania to help commission the project’s inaugural ICT Suite. Our Year 7 pupils enjoyed all that the eclectic city of Barcelona has to offer and the freezing temperatures and stunning scenery of Iceland bid a warm welcome to a well-wraped up Year 8 cohort. Full reports are included later in the Nutshell for you to enjoy. Each captures the richness of each experience and the huge benefits gleaned by staff and pupils alike. I am confident that memories created will be hard to forget. Thank you to the staff who gave up their half term holiday to run and accompany these trips. Such a diversity of visits and well thought through travel itineraries, leaving no stone unturned, do not come without focus, time and commitment. The children of Hazelwood, and of the Songwe Community Schools, are lucky to have such a team of teachers working so tirelessly for their benefit. Luckily for all, the visits were scheduled to take part in the first part of the holiday giving time to recover and to recharge before the start of an exciting half term on Monday.
Whilst the festive word has already reared its head on plenty of occasions this week, we have been focusing on delivering the activities in the school calendar for this week. These have included supporting those children taking their ISEB Entrance Exams, inspiring the Y3 children on their Curriculum Day to launch this half term’s topic of *Settlements*, getting physical with the Y7 & 8 sportsmen and women at their Bedes body conditioning workshop and marvelling at the Year 8 Jazz Group’s latest composition and improvisation at Sevenoaks School’s inaugural Battle of the Bands. Year 7 and 8 returned to school in their new Upper School blue blazers, giving them a sense of distinction and differentiation as they reach the top of the Hazelwood tree. Many seem to have grown a few inches taller, either quite literally over the half term holidays or because of the pride that they feel in being the first two cohorts to wear the blazer.

Blazers look wonderful, and possibly rather dapper after a trip to the tailors! 😊

And of course Tuesday night went out with the most almighty and gloriously technicoloured bang when the HPA staged yet another spectacular firework display. This year set to music, the aerial splendour was beyond compare, underlining, for another successive year, Hazelwood’s claim to putting on Oxted’s pre-eminent Bonfire and Fireworks event. Everything about the occasion was well considered, which made for an enjoyable, yet safe, evening. The real heroes were however the Rockets, the Roman Candles and the Bangers which lit up the clear(ish) night sky (thank goodness for so little rain and wind!) for over twenty minutes. The 700-strong spectators all seemed to enjoy the display with only a handful seeking refuge in the TOSH away from the worst of the booms and whizzes. Thank you to the HPA for hosting the evening. It was a triumph from the first sip of delicious mulled wine through to the lighting of the bonfire and the explosive finale above Pavilion Field. We trust that others were able to enjoy it from afar and that having held the event on Bonfire Night itself (at the suggestion of the school’s neighbours), pet owners were prepared and able to placate worried animals through the duration of the display.

Thank you so much, the new blazers are really lovely.

My son is chuffed to bits, and bias I know, but we think he looks very smart and rather handsome wearing it!

Photo of the Week
For a list of communications hosted on the Parent Information Portal (PiP) each week please see the ‘Notice Board’ further down the Nutshell.
News from The Nursery & Early Years

The temperature has been steadily dropping over the week but that has not stopped the children at HNEY! Donning their thick winter coats the children have been braving the chill and enjoying the sunshine while it lasts. The autumn feel is still prevalent around the site. With more leaves falling every day, the children have been collecting them for activities before the maintenance team can blow them away! Fireworks have also been a much discussed topic and the sounds of “BANG!” and “POP!” have been heard (loudly!) all over the nursery from the children.

This week in Fledglings 1 the children have been exploring different media and colours to create their personal firework pictures by using chalk, coloured paint and glitter. We have also been celebrating Remembrance Day by creating our own Remembrance Day hand print poppies. The new hand painted farm mural in the cosy corner has enticed the children to spend time having their favourite stories read to them as well as listening to nursery rhymes.

We have been looking at autumn in Fledglings 2 this week. We have created leaf sun catchers, printed using leave we have found around the site and made kites, decorating them with different shapes. Particularly enjoyed threading wool through holes punched in real leaves. We in addition, we have visited the library to find some books about autumn and the many different colours that the leaves turn.
Continuing from last week’s celebration of Hallowe’en, we have focused on other special events this week in Upper Robins. Firework night always sparks excitement and wonder for the Robins’ children and this year we harnessed this interest by making beautiful exploding firework pictures, using a cardboard tube, glitter and paint. Some children also showed great shape recognition and the ability to replicate a simple pattern as they made a rocket. We reinforced our pencil control as we traced the dotted lines of firework templates and spoke about the need to keep safe near fire. Towards the end of the week, we looked ahead to Remembrance Sunday, some children creating individual finger-painted poppies and others sequencing numbered petals to form theirs.

Children in Lower Robins have recently shown an interest in transport, especially trains. This week we have been exploring this particular interest through sorting trains by size, transporting food using trains, follow the train tracks around the classroom, making train tracks and patterns, painting with trains and a role-play using chairs as a representation of “going on a train”. This particular theme sparked lots of conversation about trains and train journeys. All Aboard!
**Skylarks** have had an exciting week learning about fireworks! They have enjoyed making firework pictures using stamps, glue and of course- GLITTER! We have also made rockets using the children’s names and they have enjoyed looking at the amazing colours of fireworks. Skylarks have worked really hard looking at numbers, shapes and developing their pencil control. Everyone has enjoyed fireworks this week and the children were amazed watching the videos and creating their own pictures using our interactive whiteboard.
As an engaging start to the topic of "Magic" Oak dressed up as magical characters including witches, fairies and magicians. They have enjoyed creating and writing magic potions, learning to add using broomsticks and designing their own broomsticks in the construction area. The children also acted out the story of "Room on the Broom".
Oak After-School Construction Club
Hazelwood School

We are delighted with the performances of all the children from 2018-19’s Oak Reception classes. In their end of year EYFS assessments, they secured excellent results which compare very favourably with the national average. Their performance is testament to their hard work and to the inspiration of the staff who have created a stimulating and supportive environment in which the children want to learn.

Well done to everyone!

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*Oak Reception = 24 boys and 14 girls
Barcelona by Barney Ford

A city of great food, passionate about football and home to some of the world’s greatest art and architecture. Our hotel was fabulous with the best breakfast, which fueled us every day for sightseeing. Our first day involved walking, tube journeys and a bus, which we all navigated well, although Miss Parr did not make one tube as it was so busy, we all waved her goodbye and waited patiently at the next station for her. No panic, everything was under control!

On our first day, we visited the beautiful Parc Guel, designed by Gaudi, which has the longest bench in the world. It had amazing buildings, which reminded me of gingerbread houses. The view is spectacular as it overlooks the whole of the city. After this we went to get lunch, this was brilliant as we were all allowed to go into the Mercadona, choose our lunch and with some assistance pay, practising our Spanish.

Having avoided the thunder clouds at lunch, unfortunately they followed us to the Sagrada Familia where we all suffered a spectacular soaking, but once inside we were treated to amazing stained glass windows and pillars. Still under construction, it is hoped to be completed in 2026. The final part of the day was to visit the Picasso museum, in the Gothic quarter, home to some incredible pieces of art.

In the evening we were treated to a spectacular food tasting in the local tapas restaurant where we had calamari, salami, patatas bravas, seafood mouse, deep fried aubergine, scrambled eggs and chorizo, sausages and white beans, the food kept coming and coming, no one left hungry!

Wide-awake early the next morning, we set off to the biggest theme park in Europe, with the most amazing Halloween decorations. There was certainly something for everyone, from log
flumes to sky high roller coasters. It was a long and wonderful day, some people are definitively fearless and are not afraid of hanging upside down.

On our final day we took a short walk to the infamous Camp Nou, where we had an amazing tour of the museum, home to the five Ballon D’or trophies won by Lionel Messi, previous champion league and La Liga trophies. The club has a long history, with the emblem being chosen by a competition. Following this, we went into the stadium, saw the commentary boxes, walked down to the pitch, saw the press room where interviews take place and the away dressing room. It was a wonderful experience to see such an impressive stadium, with so much history.

On the final day, the sun decided to shine and we finished off with lunch at our local restaurant and a quiz and a game of football in the park.

It was a brilliant trip, we all had so much fun, sharing rooms, choosing our food, catching tubes, seeing new sights and spending time with our year group. Thank you.

**Iceland – October 2019**

Flying into the ‘Land of Fire and Ice’ – our excitement levels rising, as we first glimpsed the snow-capped peaks of a handful of the 130 volcanoes, responsible for the formation of Iceland thousands of years ago.

Landing in Keflavik, amidst the flurries of snow – our first stop was the Perlan – Wonders of Iceland Centre, perched over the capital, Reykjavik.

Here, we explored the ice caves deep in the rocks; watched in wonder at the dancing lights of the Aurora Borealis in the planetarium; before being battered by the winds on the observation deck!

Our second day, began with a trip to the LAVA Centre at the foot of Hekla volcano. Interactive displays allowed us to discover a wealth of information about the ‘inner’ workings of a volcano – including an understanding of Iceland’s location on a volcanic hot spot along
the Mid-Atlantic Ridge – truly unique. Earthquake simulators and a virtual reality room provided amazing experiences, and an opportunity to ‘relive’ recent tectonic events.

Due to the biting icy winds, we were incredibly grateful for our ‘all-terrain’ coach – ferrying us between sites. Our Smurf coloured beanies proved invaluable as a method of keeping out the cold, as we visited the Gullfoss or ‘Golden Falls’ – a stunning two-tiered waterfall, standing at over 32 metres. The temperatures had frozen large sections of the falls.
Just down the road, were the hotter and steamier geysers, erupting every 5 minutes or so. Our final stop on Day 2, was at the fascinating ‘Lava Tunnels’. Unleashing our inner adventurer, we explored the underground volcanic formations on a Raufarhólshellir lava tunnel caving tour. One of the country’s longest lava ‘tubes,’ the ancient tunnel is filled with lava columns, wintertime icicles, and ice formations.

Just when we thought there was no more to see and behold, we were treated to glimpses of the Northern Lights dancing in the sky – a perfect end to a spectacular day.

Our final WHOLE day in Iceland, began with a drive through the extensive lava fields to Black Sand Beach. The stark beauty of the black pebble-stoned beach with sculptured basalt protrusions offshore and the basalt columns were breathtaking! We had to be very careful, and watch for the dangerous ‘sneaker’ waves! We ate lunch whilst enjoying views of Skogafoss (Forest Falls), an impressive 60 metre high waterfall, part of former sea cliffs, marking the boundary between the coastal lowlands and the Icelandic Highlands.

Fascinating floor at the base of the waterfall, formed from frozen stones, kept our group amused whilst admiring the almost permanent rainbow. The tallest of the waterfalls, Seljalandsfoss, was our next stop, towering above us at 63 metres. BUT, saving the best for last, our guide showed us to the hidden waterfall, hidden away in the gully. After, slipping and sliding our way through we reached the spectacular cave waterfall.

As we flew home in the early hours of the next day, we fully appreciated the hot cocoa and Icelandic doughnut, to mark the first day of Icelandic Winter. A truly inspiring trip to a very unique corner of the world.
In maths, pupils have learned about estimating distance. Initially asked to ‘kadiria urefu wako’, many pupils thought themselves to be between 3 and 6 metres tall. Last visit we provided the schools with metre rulers so were able to utilise these for pupils to discover that they were only 1.2m – 1.7m tall. We also worked on angle reasoning, fractions, shapes and multiplying and dividing by powers of 10.

The new Shanta Mbangala ICT Suite is a triumph. Under the guidance of our specialist IT teacher, from Hazelwood, the children have made rapid progress in their computer capabilities. It was an emotional moment to see a standard 6 pupil, Isiah, confidently show off his new-found skills to the District Executive Director when she visited to open the suite.

Fundraising by the pupils and parents of Hazelwood School has allowed us to bring science torsos and skeletons for each of the four primary schools. Concerned about the £400 we were quoted for delivery to Des Salaam, we purchased suitcase size models and took a sharp intake of breath as our suitcases went through the security scanners. Only one security officer queried the bodies, as case after case, trundled though with the small faces
looking back up at them! Our small smiley face stickers were perhaps amongst most popular items, with the sight of a pack of stickers transforming a class from ‘I’m not sure what to do’ to ‘please mark all of my excellent work and reward me with a sticker’. The socks and letters donated and written by 5D were also received very well with the children wanting to immediately write letters of thanks and introduction back to their new-found Hazelwood friends. The looks on the faces of the children when Mrs Richards copied the letters in the new ICT suite on the printer/copier reminded us all of how much we take for granted. Their looks of wonder could have lit up any darkened room.

Once again, many thanks to all of you who have made this trip possible and greeted us with such a warm welcome. We must make a special mention of Bella and Edson, who have been with us every waking moment to ensure the success of the visit. We are honoured to be able to assist you with community education programme, firmly believing that it can transform lives.

With the very best wishes from the October team of Roma, Elizabeth, Dan, Charlotte, Sarah, Bronty and Chloe.

Thank you from Mrs Greenwood to Mme Jones & Y7 Food Tech Chefs

Thank you so much for inviting me to lunch on the last Friday of half term. WOW, what a treat! It was obvious that a lot of time and preparation had gone into each course, the presentation was wonderful (complete with waiter service) and all was mouth-wateringly delicious, to the extent that not a morsel or crumb could be left and I spent the rest of the afternoon feeling a little full! It took a very long run the next morning to try and work all those calories off!

Master Chef/Michelin Star v Hazelwood Chefs – no comparison!!
Parents are reminded that photos from the gloriously gruesome Year 8 play, Sweeney Todd, are now available to view and to download for free from the Parents’ section of the website. The pictures do justice to what was a spectacularly macabre masterpiece of malicious machinations.
To our newly appointed BOX Ambassadors
May you spread the word and the potential of The BOX throughout the school and set the
best example with your understanding and delivery of agile learning!

To the boys and girls of Y8 who attended a special strength & conditioning workshop at
Bedes School on Wednesday. All have come back fitter and stronger and more aware of
how they, and a good choice of kit (particularly footwear) can enhance their performance…

To James, Luke, Marthinus and Jake
whose original composition was so far
left field, and unexpected in style and in
talent, that it flummoxed the judging
panel in the Sevenoaks Battle of the
Bands competition. In the end they
missed out on winning the competition,
handing the trophy to a performer who
better delivered against the expectations
of the competition. The feedback the
boys received was considered and
constructive and was taken away with a
view to using it to improve their
performance at the Christmas Concert.
Well done boys!
On Wednesday a group of Year 7 and 8 went Bedes for a Strength and Conditioning workshop. Bedes is renowned for its Sport and has become a popular 13+ choice for families of Hazelwood. Through the workshop, the school is deepening our relationship with them to support future applications from the school’s Y8 leavers.

Firstly, the pupils participated in a circuits/fitness session and then pupils learnt about common joint problems and the importance of good footwear.

Tony, from Bedes explained how sometimes your bones can grow quicker than ligaments and tendons which leads to muscle inflation in joints, often resulting in is osgood - schlatters and severs in the knee and ankle joints.

His advice was to make sure you have the correct footwear! Undo your laces every time you take them off and tie them up using the heel lock, developed by Professor Cornwall.

The afternoon was full of fascinating facts and very useful information- as well as a few dodgy jokes from Tony.

If you need some advice on what trainers would be suitable for sport at Hazelwood, please come and chat with the Sports Department.

To Holly L who has been selected for the Surrey Netball Academy. An excellent result and a just reward for her focus and determination through the highly competitive selection process.
To Luke D who, alongside his two team-mates won their first national title at the weekend. Running in the U13 Cross Country National Championship in Mansfield, the boys were crowned champions after gutsy runs which were too powerful for their longer-legged opposition.

To the girls of Hazelwood School who rounded off a successful hockey season with a fiercely contested Interhouse Competition. Whilst we will have to wait to find out the all-important results in final assembly just before Christmas, Mrs Hardgrave and the Sports Department were encouraged, and delighted, to see all the girls participating and showing off their amazing hockey skills.

To Barney F for being selected a winner in the Love Oxted photographic competition. The Nutshell will bring news of the prize giving ceremony and feature Barney’s winning shot of the town in a future issue.
Uniform Shop makes new friends

New in! These gorgeous creatures, handmade for the school shop. Each one is made from Hazelwood uniform, features part of the school crest, and is unique. Limited run, so come and grab your favourite mascot as soon as possible. Priced at £55, each is a great memento of your child's time at Hazelwood, and could make a great stocking filler! The School Shop is open 3-5pm Mondays and 8-9am Wednesdays.

A group of Y7 children travelled up to the new theatre in Wembley on Thursday to be captivated by the acclaimed production of War Horse. Having studied it in their lessons, it was a great way to bring their reading of the book by Michael Morpurgo to life. All the pupils loved the experience and watched the performance spellbound. The puppetry was magnificent.

Thank you for a wonderful day. My child loved the play and the whole trip. It was an amazing performance and we now have a younger sibling who wants to see it. Thank you again for taking the time to think of a wonderful experience and put it into action. Inspiration plus.
We are delighted that once again this year, we will be supporting the BBC Children in Need appeal and fundraising on Friday, 15th November. This year, we would like the children on both sites to come to school wearing an accessory such as socks, a tie or perhaps a hairband or cap, which is spotty or stripy, and they should bring in and give to their Form Tutor/Room Leader £1 for doing so. Thank you for your support.

Mr Lloyd, Head of Organisation

Well done too to the Hazelwood Ramblers who, as reported last half term, completed their Children in Need Ramble using the conveniently placed woods to dodge the rain. Kitty has written the following report. All ramblers are pleased to have their Pudsey ears ready for event next week.

It was a wet and rainy day when we did our ramble. We started at Chatsworth National Trust and did a loop back to Chatsworth. It was hard and muddy, but we didn't give up. We did our ramble for Children In Need because the money you donate goes to a good charity and it can really change lives. I saw on TV once, a boy who couldn't walk and hospital didn't think he could make it. But look now, he followed his dreams and now can swim!
Bottles and Teddies needed for the Christmas Fair

It’s time to clear out cupboards and rehome lonely teddy bears in time for Christmas. Bottles too, of all shapes and sizes (and contents) are required for the tombolas at the Fair. All donations can be brought to drop off (main school site) or left with the school offices on both sites.

The children of 4F, who have recently embarked on their half termly of India, visited The BOX to recreate the shape of this great nation on the LEGO Wall. The class were in for another surprise when they were able to ask one of the families visiting the school, who had lived in India, questions about their life there.
What a beautiful morning we had today for the first group of Year 2 pupils to head down into the woods for their first session. Before we set off, all the children found either a stick or a leaf on the playground. As we ventured off they were given the task to think of what their stick could be used for, these were some of the amazing ideas they had come up with by the time we got to the forest school site:

‘An umbrella for an ant!’
‘The stick is a paintbrush and the leaf is the paper!’
‘This stick is a deer!’
‘An insect gets on this leaf and then it spins, it is a rollercoaster ride’

When we got to the forest we sat around the site and remembered what it had looked like when the children last visited in June. We then did a boundary walk to look for changes and ensure we all knew where we were allowed. This is when we spotted some Paddington Bears who were in the forest. Back at the fire circle the children told us all about Paddington Bear and London and we thought about how different the forest was.

Following this we read the story, Stanley’s Stick. This looked at a boy who used a stick for all different things and when he thought of everything, he gave the stick to the sea for it to be washed up for another user and he found another stick, he called it FANTA-STICK! This gave us more inspiration for our explorative time.

The children were able to use flint and steel to spark and light a piece of cotton wool, crayons for tree rubbing, mud painting, den building, Paddington hunting and much more.

A fabulous start to Year 2 Forest schools and we can’t wait for next week, let’s hope the sun is here to stay!
Year 3 settle for nothing less than full on fun!

With great anticipation the children of Year 3 arrived at school looking forward to the adventures they would enjoy that day. They came dressed for adventure and some of their costumes were fantastic. We began the day working collaboratively, a key theme throughout the morning, discussing what we knew about settlements and what we would like to find out. We looked at artwork by Lizzie Spikes and created a coastal settlement using Lego.

We then split off into three activities. The first activity was tent building where the children had to set up tents 'before it got dark'. I was very impressed with the way the children communicated, solved problems and worked together to achieve something that many adults can struggle with! The children had a great time learning some orienteering skills. They particularly enjoyed being blind folded and putting their trust in their friends to guide them around Mr Kemps maze challenge with just their voices and listening skills. No adventurer is complete without first aid skills and under Miss Kavanagh's instruction, the children learned how to put each other into the recovery position and how to apply bandages.

The children had a great morning and are really looking forward to a very exciting topic!
Year 3 Settlement Curriculum Day
**FILM NIGHT**
**THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2**
**FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER**
4.30pm – 6.30pm
Year 1 upwards
Tickets: £5.00

It's film night again in the School Theatre. We would love your little ones to join us for a special HPA showing of the hit film, The Secret Life of Pets 2, on Friday 15th November for Year 1 and upwards. The children will meet at the entrance of The Hazelwood Room at 4.30pm and the film will finish at approximately 6.30pm. Tickets are priced at £5 per child and include snack, drink and a sweet treat to take home. To attend, please return a completed form with payment to the school office clearly marked 'HPA Film Night'. Email confirmation will be sent out so please ensure email addresses are correct. Any queries to Natalie Thomas on hazelwoodhpa@gmail.com.

Please note forms must be in by 4pm on Wednesday 13th November as there needs to be sufficient time to make the necessary supervision and catering arrangements.

Thank you for your support.

Number of seats required at £5 each: _______ (Please make cheques payable to “HPA”)

Your name: ___________________________ Emergency Contact Number: __________

Your email address: ________________________________

Child’s name: ___________________________ Form: ________
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Child’s name: ___________________________ Form: ________

Any specific dietary requirements: ____________________________________________________________________________

Name of the person collecting your child/children if not you: ____________________________________________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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Burns Night is back
by popular demand!
Saturday 25th January
2020
At Hazelwood School

Save the date!
Tickets on sale soon
3 course supper
Scottish Ceilidh with live band
Highland Piper

News from the Kitchen
Please don’t forget that the new menus for both Hazelwood School and the Nursery & Early Years are now on their respective websites under The Parents’ Sections.
Communication sent home this week

The following communications have been uploaded to the Parent Information Portal and are now available to view if relevant to you or your child/children:

PIP (Parent Information Portal) Access Link
https://3sys.hazelwoods school.com/schoolPORTAL

LETTERS
Years 3-8 - French & Spanish Magazine Subscription Information & Ordering
Years 3-8 - Google Classroom Update
Year 8 - Residential Trip/Leavers' Programme Initial Information & Consent - to follow shortly
Year 6 - Year 6 Play Audition Information (will be uploaded to PIP for the weekend)
Year 5 - Residential Trip Initial Information & Consent
Year 4 - India Day
Years 1 & 2 Nativity - Performance & Booking Information
Chapel Choir - World Choir Games Register of Interest (emailed - replies required by tomorrow/8 Nov https://forms.gle/TCfzBAzdHbZ3fy5x6)

LOST PROPERTY
Left after the fireworks display and being looked after by Mrs Powell in the School Office. Come and collect when you're next passing by.

HAPPY WEEKEND