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The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM HAZELWOOD

Compassion. Courage. Respect.

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy couple of weeks at Hazelwood since we returned from half term and as always, it has been lovely to see the children back at school refreshed from their break and full of enthusiasm!

We recently received our wonderful review from Talk Education, who visited us earlier in the year. Please scan the QR code below or on page 3 in the newsletter to read the full review. We are so proud of all the lovely things written about us and especially the pupils who represented us on the day – they did a fantastic job!

We are fast approaching the much-anticipated charity music concert with the Orpheus Centre on Thursday 21st March. The Chapel Choir is incredibly excited to be performing alongside a few members of the Orpheus alumni and rehearsals are in full swing! Everyone is warmly invited to attend so please come along and show your support by booking tickets [here](#). Tickets are free, but we encourage donations and every penny raised will go to the Orpheus Centre to help support their amazing work with young people. More information can be found on page 6.

There have been many remarkable highlights from the last 2 weeks. A particular favourite of mine was the inter-house debate, where pupils delivered well-researched and effective arguments about whether online shopping is better than shopping in person. The children always amaze me with their impressive persuasive skills. Perhaps we have some budding MPs in the making! I unfortunately missed the Year 5 and 6 Final Poetry Recital Competition yesterday, but I understand that it was brilliant. We invited former Hazelwood librarian, Kath Dymoke in as adjudicator, who was impressed by the presentation skills, poise and confidence displayed by the children. You can see a selection of the recitals on our social media channels by the end of the day.

Behind the scenes at Hazelwood there is a significant amount of work underway to enhance our school site in preparation for the new academic year. All these plans are designed to further enhance and enrich our incredible facilities, providing an even richer learning environment for pupils and staff. Rest assured, I will keep you updated as and when plans are finalised.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly explain a recent, new approach to some of our classrooms which builds on our work in the BOX. We have taken the adaptability of the BOX philosophy to these classrooms with extraordinary success – Flexible Classrooms. Setting up our classrooms as flexible, inter-changeable spaces allows pupils to learn in ways that cater to their individual needs, preferences, and learning styles. This involves our pupils choosing different workspaces within their classes, collaborating in groups, or learning independently. Giving pupils this choice helps increase engagement, participation, teamwork and communication. It allows them to take ownership of their learning journey and gives them a sense of motivation and responsibility. The results so far, have blown us away. Pupils are more engaged and happier to learn in a space they feel more comfortable in and we have already seen a positive impact on academic progress as well. We will continue to monitor, test and review this approach and I will continue to update you as we roll it out across the school.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Lindie.



Open Mornings



Explore more
at one of our
Open Day
Events

Nursery Open Morning

Saturday 16th March, 9.30am - 12 noon

Whole School Open Morning

Friday 22nd March, 9.30am - 12 noon

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Talk Education Review



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Our view

Hazelwood might have more than a century of history behind it, but this forward-thinking co-ed on the Surrey/Kent border certainly lives up to its pupil-chosen motto 'Spiritu Inspiratus' – 'Lungfuls of Inspiration'. The curriculum here has been deliberately designed to spark creativity and teach children how to learn and think for themselves, rather than just spoon-feeding them facts. There's philosophy and forest school on the timetable, plus The B.O.X – an innovative, tech-first teaching space where pupils can let their imaginations run wild.

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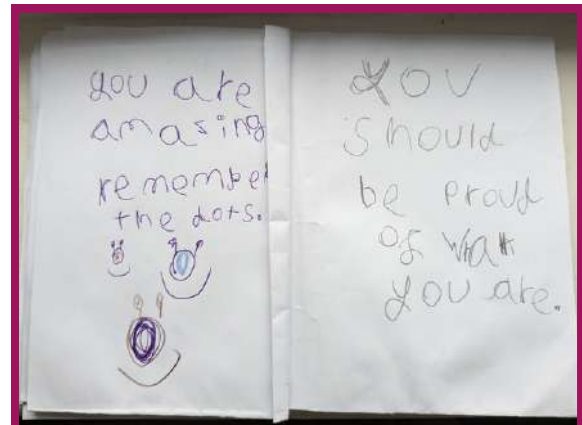
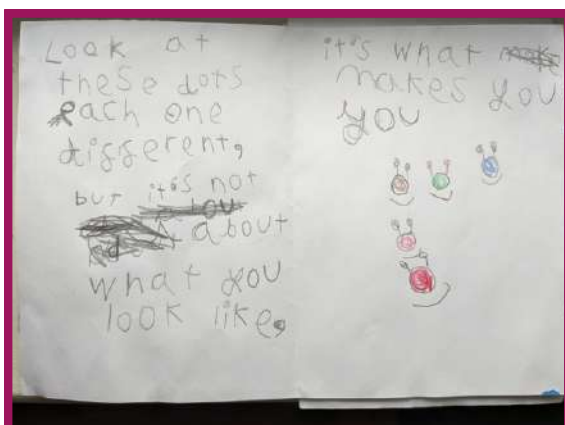
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Student Spotlight



Congratulations to Jean in Year 2 who has been chosen for the student spotlight! Jean has independently created a beautifully illustrated story all about inclusivity and kindness. The story emphasises the message that everybody is unique and special in their own wonderful way.

Well done Jean for creating such a special story! Please find a sample of the story below.



Staff Spotlight

Staff
Spotlight



Tom Rady
Science Teacher

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I love being a science teacher and jumped at the chance to return to teaching at Hazelwood. Science allows me to spark curiosity and inspire pupils to explore the wonders of the natural world. Witnessing pupils' "aha" moments and seeing their passion for discovery grow, gives me a sense of pride that no other job can.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

Coming into work every morning knowing that I have an opportunity to inspire the pupils. Knowing that the work we do in school has an important role in equipping pupils with the tools they need to make a positive impact in the world excites me. When pupils start to make connections between the classroom and the world around them and go home to independently research more, I know that I have successfully made them passionate about science.

HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S LIVES?

Building positive relationships with all pupils is the most important part of my job. Whether it's helping a student grasp a difficult concept, celebrating a success, or simply being there to listen, I know that I provide support so that every pupil feels valued and respected.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR?

As a passionate athlete, I always get excited about the summer and the athletics season - in particular sports day. I cannot wait to start coaching the next generation of future hurdlers. I am also excited to watch the Year 6 play over the next few weeks. I know how much effort the pupils have put into it and it's exciting to see all their hard work come together.

Charity Concert

Orpheus



MUSIC CONCERT

In Aid of the Orpheus Centre

21 THURSDAY
MARCH

Hazelwood School,
Wolfs Hill, Oxted, RH8 0QU
Doors Open – 7.00pm
Performance – 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Performed by the Hazelwood Chapel
Choir with members of Orpheus alumni

MUST PRE-BOOK TICKETS
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Bar & Refreshments available

*All donations go towards the Orpheus Centre, a specialist independent college based in Godstone, Surrey, supporting young disabled adults, aged 18-25, who are passionate about the arts, to achieve their potential and work towards a more independent life. Set up by musician and songwriter Sir Richard Stilgoe.



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Fledglings 1

In the past fortnight, Fledglings 1 have enjoyed learning all about the undersea world. They've been searching for various sea creature pictures in a messy tray and playing with miniature undersea world figures. The children have particularly relished interacting with different beach scenes in the messy tray. Additionally, they've been honing their threading skills to create paper chains that they attach to a large octopus, as well as crafting their own sun catcher fish. They've been using a variety of stencils to make marks on foil and listening to tales about the ocean depths. Creating their own pufferfish, squids, and shell fans has been a hit. The children have been busy rescuing sea creatures from a green tray. Exploring sensory bags to experience their textures has been an engaging activity. They've also been decorating rainbow fish for our undersea display. The children have had great fun using their bodies to move in different ways on the soft play equipment.



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Fledglings 2

Fledglings 2 have been amazingly engrossed with space! They have loved looking at different planets, the sun and the moon and talking about a rocket launch and watching it on the iPad. They have enjoyed pretending to be astronauts in our space centre using the space controls to launch. Lots of fun with free flow activities such as making their own handprint aliens, paper plate aliens, threading planets using paper plate, marble paint planets, planet suncatchers and lots more! Our tuff tray have been filled daily with all sorts of materials such as glitter and salt, sand, pasta, rice and gloop. The children have also enjoyed fun activities threading shooting stars, sequencing of stars, big and small aliens, matching coloured aliens, matching rockets and most of all they have loved listening to space stories!



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Lower Robins

Lower Robin's have had a wonderful time since returning after the half term break! We focused on the topic of 'Fruit' last week, and the children engaged in various enjoyable activities. They had fun creating art with fruit by using chopped fruit to make paintings, making yummy fruit kebabs, and even trying their hand at chopping fruit to make a smoothie, which they loved drinking afterwards! The children also got to explore different fruits, sharing with their friends their favourites. This week, we dived into the story of 'Stick Man', and the Lower Robin's had a great time venturing out in search of their very own sticks. They had a great time crafting their own 'Stick Men' using small sticks and glue. The children really got into the story, joining in with the familiar phrases!



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Upper Robins

Last week in Upper Robins, the children have been learning about 'people who help us'. We have been talking about the different people who help us and what jobs they do, from police officer to a doctor. They have also been pretending to put a fire out using red shaving foam and water, matching different people who help use puzzles together, pretending to be a doctor, helping make the poorly babies better, making fire engines, police cars and ambulances. They have enjoyed making fire officers hats using different materials.

This week in Upper Robins the children have thoroughly enjoyed the topic of superhero's. They have particularly loved dressing up as their favourite superhero and spending in our makeshift Bat cave, making up their own favourite superhero story and games. Also this week we have been measuring the size of different superheroes, trying to free them from being all tied up with elastic bands, practicing their number recognition skills by training their eyes/throwing skills and getting super fit to be a superhero by taking part in superhero training.



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Skylarks - Green

The children on the Green side of Skylarks have been engaged in a wide variety of activities since the last edition of the Nutshell. With the conclusion of 'Number Week', we focused on the festival of Chinese New Year. An extensive selection of 'hands-on', visual activities consolidated the children's understanding of the diverse nature of the world and its people. These included imaginative play in our Chinese restaurant, dragon dancing in the hall, making Chinese lanterns and sampling noodles using our chopsticks. 'Healthy Smiles Week' coincided with this celebration too, with the children learning the importance of eating and drinking healthily and regular toothbrushing. We celebrated St. Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday in February too, enjoying tossing some pancakes and then eating some more for snack. Yummy! Our next topic of 'Construction' proved a massive hit! Everybody participated keenly in associated activities such as working hard in the 'builders' yard', measuring, building and drawing up plans, manoeuvring different media with the diggers in the tuff tray, replicating Duplo models, continuing alternating patterns and creating our names using lettered bricks. This week we started looking at fairy tales, transforming our home corner into a castle and building up our own storylines at the 'fairy garden' table.



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Skylarks - Orange

The Skylarks have been really getting stuck into building lately! They've been showing amazing progress in their construction skills, having a ball dressing up in builders' hats and high-vis vests. It's been so lovely to see them working together, sharing tools and working as a team on their projects. Great job, Skylarks! ☀️ The children had a brilliant time in the sandpit with the digger, patiently waiting for their turn. They enjoyed using the controls to move sand around, collaborating and having fun together.

Skylarks had a great time diving into Fairytales this week! They had so much fun making and mixing lotions and potions, sharing their concoction ideas, and exploring different textures and petals during messy play. It was amazing to see them expanding their imaginative play in such wonderful ways. We also had group discussions about the various castles the kids had visited. They absolutely loved playing with the Fairytale small world set we had out all week, pretending to be princesses, princes, and even unicorns. We kept busy practising our cutting skills by crafting princess dresses and shields. The Skylarks really embraced this theme and had a blast!



OAK

What creatures do we share our world with?

Oak has had an excellent start to the term by introducing our new topic: "What creatures do we share our world with?". In the first week of term, we engaged the children with exciting activities centred around farm animals and woodland creatures. The children planted cress, which they later harvested and tasted. They also baked hedgehog bread rolls and made butter by shaking whipping cream, which they enjoyed with their rolls. Additionally, they painted muddy pigs, created repeating patterns using different vegetable prints, and used handprints to make chickens. Throughout our first week, we explored wool from various sheep to understand the purposes of farm animals. We discussed the origin of different foods and even watched a video demonstrating cows being milked. Moving on to the second week, we delved into minibeasts! The children enjoyed examining items with microscopes and discovering the unique life cycle of insects compared to our own. We crafted snail Fibonacci spirals from paper and used junk modelling to invent our very own minibeasts.



OAK

🌳 Forest School 🌳

The children in Oak SK had a fantastic morning at Forest School. They learned about the Forest School rules and discovered the 'base camp'. They explored the various areas of Oak Forest School, enjoying activities like tree climbing, demonstrating balance skills, solving problems, facing challenges, being creative, showing confidence, courage, and perseverance. They also visited the swamp and, of course, toasted marshmallows by the campfire. It was truly a wonderful morning!

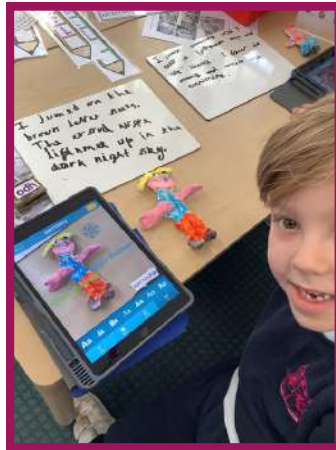
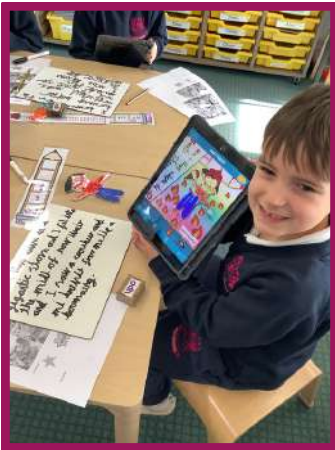


YEAR 1

Flat Stanley

Using expanded noun phrases the children wrote sentences to retell the story of Flat Stanley. Then they used ChatterKid to take a photograph and recorded themselves retelling parts of the story.

Flat Stanley has travelled to different parts of the world, either with the children or some of their relatives or friends. He has had so many exciting adventures.



Maths

The children enjoyed exploring number in the box. They were set different challenges including finding as many different ways to make a given number, subtracting from a target number by rolling a dice and counting in different steps.



YEAR 1

Science

Using their sense of smell the children were challenged to think about what was in the pots. The answers included garlic, coffee, toothpaste, ginger and cinnamon! The children also enjoyed going on a senses walk around the school site.



TED

Year 1 enjoyed sharing their wonderful TED projects about the Power of Me with their peers.



YEAR 1

Tilgate Nature Centre

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Tilgate Nature Centre. They enjoyed meeting all kinds of animals and also participated in an educational workshop about the classification of animals.



YEAR 2

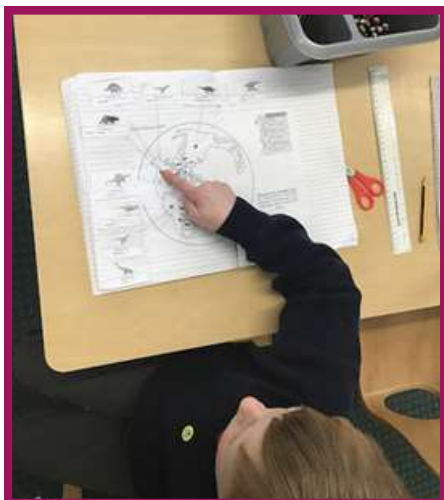
Investigating Insulating Materials

We have been investigating materials and their suitability to be used for a coat in the cold, Antarctic climate. We have been talking about the word 'insulation' and carried out an investigation to see which material would work best at keeping a glass beaker of water the warmest.



Pangea

Year 2 discovered that all of the seven continents used to be one large continent called Pangea. Using our research we found out where dinosaurs came from. We were amazed to learn that some dinosaur fossils were found in England!



YEAR 3

Practising their ESB with Year 4



YEAR 4

English

Acting as Decius persuading Caesar to go to the Senate.



Science

Exploring changing states of matter.



4H were very excited to hear that Kamila's family welcomed a new baby girl into the world this week! We wish them all a lifetime of love, health and happiness and hope that there is room on the mantelpiece for the card!



YEAR 5

DT

In DT students have been looking Textiles :

Natural and synthetic fabrics,
Sewing skills,
Designing a textiles product
Designing the logo and packaging.

The theme was “Fast food fabrics”. They have worked so well and come up with some fantastic outcomes.



YEAR 5 & 6

Y5&6 Poetry Speaking Competition

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have celebrated poetry by choosing a poem which appeals to them, and learning it off by heart. Following class competitions, two finalists from each class met in the library this Thursday. We welcomed back Mrs Kath Dymoke, former Hazelwood librarian, to adjudicate and enjoy an entertaining afternoon of poetry in performance.

Well done to all our finalists:

Y6 Charlie J-T, Sam C, Katherine D, Felicity M, Esmee M, Ben P, Jacob P, Margot W.

Y5: Zac W, Theo J, Eleni C, Ella J, Millie E-H, Libby C, Max U, Isla-Jane L.

And the winners?

Y5: 1st Ella J, 2nd Max U, 3rd Millie E-H and Libby C.

Y6: 1st Esmee M, 2nd Sam C, 3rd Katherine D and Margot W.



YEAR 6

Maths

Year 6 enjoyed working in the BOX this week during their maths lesson. Pupils rotated around different 'shops' calculating the sale price of items, putting into practice their understanding of percentages and applying their knowledge to real life problems. Great work from Year 6!



A year 6 maths group found inventive ways to collect data from which to calculate speed. Too wet for outside, pupils took over the sports hall, and using the timers on their ipads, they ran, cartwheeled, bridgewalked and commando crawled across distances they had preset and measured.

A ideal opportunity to also use a spreadsheet, the class entered their data, and using their knowledge of $\text{speed} = \text{distance} \div \text{time}$.

Polly calculated that she could hop at a speed of 2 m/s whilst Sam found he could sprint at almost 5 m/s.



YEAR 7

English - writing extracts

Year 7 used all of their creative writing zest to get stuck into Gothic Fiction at the end of the Autumn Term. The results are amazing! Look out for spine tingling vocabulary and figurative language to put you on the edge of your seats! Well done Year 7!

Spooky Journey at Midnight by Emily R

Bang!

Crash!

Lightning attacked a foreboding forest, as howling wind made the lofty trees say goodbye to any unwanted visitors.

Hesitating, a cloaked man, who looked horrified, galloped slowly on the back of a bored horse, into the eerie woods. A sound. And then another. Like a bare tree in the winter, the terrified man began to shake and his eyes, which were full of regret, darted across the mysterious land.

The luminous moon looked down quietly, casting shadows among the twisted trees. The murky clouds grabbed it, dimming the light.

Lightning. Lightning was the only light. A gloomy hand reached to the carefree horse; it was just a branch. Sweating with fear, the man rode his horse rapidly, bolting through the forest. A cracking sound. He started to breathe faster and faster, while the lightning meandered round the bleak trees catching him up. It was like a wild goose chase. The petrified man and the oblivious horse just kept running into the darkness. Not stopping.

Tip tap tip tap; rain began to fall, overgrowing the lightning.

Silence.

But not for long. An intimidating noise.

What, he thought, what was that noise?

YEAR 7

The Lifeless Horse by Henry S-H

Beneath the glaring tree top, I set off on my lifeless horse to try to find the way out of this dilapidated forest. As soon as we set off, a thunderstorm made the horse and I want to leave. The horse wasn't galloping like it was at the start of the journey, becoming more lifeless than ever. Suddenly, there was some sort of whistling sound coming from the tree tops, a tribe of blood dripping monkeys came from behind as if they were being hunted down by a predator. As quick as a flash, a pride of lions came from behind the bushes. I jumped on my horse, he didn't move an inch, he was still lifeless, so I ran for my life.

After hours of running, I found a collapsed house with a singular, flickering light with a shadowy figure stood next to the light. So I cautiously walk into the dark, damp house. "Hello, is anybody here!" I asked. A foot step creaked the floor board. "Ahhh," I heard a scream. I rushed out of the house! The horse? I thought it had died.

The door slammed shut and the horse vanished!

Gothic Fiction Story by Stanley T

The venturesome man meandered, with his droopy horse into the dingy forest on his journey to find shelter and refuge from the harsh winter air. As soon as he wandered into the lush forest he looked back as if he was being followed secretly. Curiosity led him further into this forest filled with the sense of a dark awakened. Like a whimpering dog he and his horse shivered as if there were deafening ghosts glaring at his every sudden move.

Suddenly, a misty resemblance appeared making his eyes as useless as a non lit candle. Then seconds after he stood learning and rickety trees in the gloomy midnight. But it didn't stop there. He started hearing hooting and stomping, his heart was racing, maybe he should just gallop away and never be seen ever again in that dreadful forest.

After that tantrum, he pulled himself together and ventured on as the sombre mist misled his eyesight into being useless. Only minutes later he started seeing human-like trees leering at him with great emphasis. He peeked up at them cowardly, trying to keep as gargantuan a distance as possible, away from these human-like creatures. They had razor sharp pointed blades that stuck out at him and heads the size of a bulldozer.

He saw some sort of structure in the distance. He slowly trekked over through the spiked nettles and the large rusty six barred gate and saw a...

YEAR 7

A Nerve Wracking Journey by Emilia W-S

Shining like a lonely diamond, the full moon gave light to Mr Mosley, who was riding on his light brown horse, Carrots. Winding through the dense forest, Mr Mosley felt like he had been for long, harsh hours. He was on this never ending journey to deliver a crucial letter to the King. Like a twisted snake, the trees seemed to close in on him, and he could feel Claustrophobia creeping in. Eventually, he stopped to have some refreshments, and give Carrots a break from the work of walking. But, as he burst open a Coca Cola can, there was a terrible, blood curdling moan.

Mr Mosley screamed.

A few moments later, Mosley lifted his head with a struggle, as if the weight of the world was upon it, grabbed a torch and cautiously headed off to investigate the strange noise. Not long after he could just make out that there was a faint, orange glow coming from somewhere just in front of him. Stepping carefully towards it like there were traps beneath him, he made his way to the.....

Abandoned church in the middle of nowhere.

Standing inside the church was a dark, cloaked figure. Suddenly there was a gust of wind, and the moan came again.

Whipping round, Mosley then discovered that the moaning was nothing but wind chimes, designed to keep children out. Phew. But the church still lay ahead. Mosley took a deep breath, pulled himself together, and stepped towards it. Hunched over like a witch, the figure did not move, but remained still and silent. With a quivering voice, Mosley called out to it "H-H-Hel-Hello? Hello? Who's there?" But no muscle was moved. Still pacing forward, the wind blew vigorously, kicking the leaves over the path, so it looked like the forest floor. This made Mosley lost among the wood's trees, a prisoner in the ghostly forest. The moan came once more with the wind, but Mosley was too intrigued by the church to notice.

The figure moved.

YEAR 7

The Cursed Sinister Journey by Annabel R

As I trod on through the isolated, decomposing forest, the bleak trees wrapped their fingers around the sheet of darkness. My heart was beating faster than my horse's gallops, as the distinct bushes kept on turning themselves into ghosts. I could sense the sinister figure that lurked watching my every move.

As the wailing wind whistled, which made the bleak barren trees sway, they mourned the loss of which little leaves there had been left. The luminous moon light desperately tried to shine through the pitch Black Forest, but it was eclipsed by the murky mist wrapping its hands around it. The hairs on my back jumped up, when the owls hooted. Without warning, as the moon pushed its way through the mist, the werewolf howled, making my stomach flip faster than a roller coaster.

The damp, depressing decomposing smell drifted towards me, when I trundled on towards the deepest darkest parts of the forest. As the murky mist surrounded me, the sky, as black as coal, lit up and two eyes started back at me.

The naked trees pierced the black covering the forest. To my left, I could hear croaky, distant breathing. Great big beads of sweat were dripping off my forehead. There was suddenly a "crack", My head swivelled behind, as I was shaking, but there was nothing there. I could almost taste the mouldiness of the forest.

In the remote Forrest, the importing, in distinct trees swayed when the wind wailed in pain. Glaring at me, the two eyes fluttered away, and transformed into fireflies. As I looked forward, I was not prepared for what was in front of me.

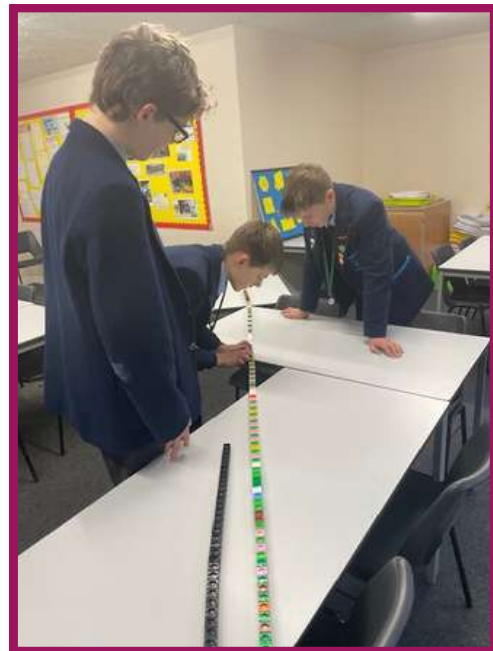
Teeth as sharp as razors, blood gleaming in the beam of the moonlight, and a sickly smile appeared.

Year 8

Maths

Year 8 Scholars - Exploring the Euclidean algorithm for highest common factor through the use of multi-link cubes. Step 1 was to continually break the stacks until the HCF was found.

The second, more challenging stage was to turn the process into a mathematical calculation.



Sport

Senior Boys' Hockey Matches

This Wednesday saw home matches for the U13 C&D teams against Hawthorns, which delighted Mrs Clark (who umpired her first ever boys' hockey match!) The mighty Gethin J proved victorious in goal and rocked that padded outfit.



Interhouse Debate

Inter House Debate: This House believes that online shopping is better than shopping in real life.

This topic appealed to the whole school, whose eyes lit up at the thought of spending theirs - or their parents' - money. The joys of Amazon next-day-delivery were buzzing on everyone's lips, balanced with many horror stories about lost items, dodgy delivery methods and the hassle of returning unwanted goods. The convenience of shopping online for busy people, those who are ill or disabled, and especially during a pandemic, was clear to see. No need to find or pay for a parking space, get soaked in violent rainstorms or carry heavy parcels back to your vehicle either. However, we were entertained by examples of ordering size 8 shoes online, only to receive trainers fit for an 8 year old. Excess packaging, poor quality merchandise and cost in time and money of returns were well explored too. But the final vote concluded that Hazelwood pupils love the sociability and excitement of shopping, as well as the opportunity to stop for refreshments. They also agree that it is much easier to persuade parents to buy them treats when shopping in person!

So the message is clear: support your local businesses, smile at people in person, treat yourself to a Costa and explore in store.

Congratulations to the following teams for preparing and leading the debate so well:

Dowling: Charlie M, Darcy B-S, Jacob W

Baily: Joseph N, Reuben H, Felicity M

Parry: Louie S, Eddie M, Molly B

Irving: Chloe D, Eddie I, Beatrice B H

Mrs Keen-Ward is very proud of her Parry debaters. They all spoke clearly and passionately and raised some brilliant points to support their argument that Parry believe online shopping is better than in person.



Sport

Swimming

****Hazelwood U8-U11 Swim Team Triumphs Over Caterham with Impressive Wins and Record-Breaking Performances****

Date: February 20, 2024

In a thrilling display of aquatic prowess, our U8-U11 Swim Team secured an impressive victory against Caterham, showcasing not only individual excellence but also a remarkable team synergy that left spectators in awe as 5 school records fell, and congratulations to Imogen H, Sophie H, Harper D, Ralph L and Max C, and Samuel B for recording those new benchmarks.

Among the standout moments were the relay takeovers by the Hazelwood team, where seamless coordination and lightning-fast transitions demonstrated the hours of hard work and dedication invested in their training. The cheers from the crowd echoed the excitement as each relay team showcased their synchronised skills and unwavering teamwork.

Individual swimmers also shone brightly, achieving 34 personal best times and leaving an indelible mark on the competition. Coaches and parents alike were impressed by the level of skill and composure displayed by these young athletes, many of whom are destined for promising futures in the world of competitive swimming.



Sport

Hockey

Hazelwood U10 Boys Hockey Team Has Strong Showing at UKSA Tournament

The Hazelwood U10 boys hockey team put in an impressive performance at the annual UKSA Tournament held on Wednesday, February 28th, 2024. The team competed hard in their pool play matches, winning 3 games, drawing 1, and losing just 1. This strong record allowed the boys to advance to the semi-finals where they faced tough competition in Holmewood House, unfortunately we were knocked out on penalty shuttles.



Other News

Last Saturday, Isabella C-R created her stand: 'Birds and Books.' She mixed up her own bird seed (wheat, barley, oats) and sold them, in aid of the GWTC Farmland Bird Count, together with old books.



London Marathon

Mrs Dancy is running the London Marathon - please show your support for her charity, Hospice in the Weald, by donating to her [Just Giving page](#).



Lego Minifigures

A plea for Lego Minifigures from Mrs Layton.

Any figures are welcome - please send to the Learning Support room.

'The Art of The Brick' - the best-known LEGO art exhibition in the world which has toured over 100 cities in 24 countries - opens in London (at The Boiler House, Brick Lane) on 6th March and will remain until mid April. Over 100 works of art made from millions of Lego bricks including many sculptures, alongside re-imagined versions of some of the world's most famous art masterpieces, such as Michelangelo's David, Van Gogh's Starry Night and Da Vinci's Mona Lisa as well as a 6-metre-long reproduction of a Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton. To find out more and to book click [here](#).

LIBRARY

Author Visit

Friday 26th Feb

The pupils at Hazelwood School had a wonderful assembly on Monday when we welcomed the very talented author M.G. Leonard into the school.

M.G. Leonard shared with the pupils that when she was younger her school reports were not great and in fact she got scores like C, D and D- in English, but one thing she said she did do, was to read all the time and she is pretty sure that this is what helped her become an author which was something she had not previously considered.

Maya started her writing career with the 'Beetle Boy' trilogy and since then worked on the 'Adventures in Trains' series with her friend and colleague Sam Sedgman, whilst also working on the 'Twitchers' series and then wrote The Ice Children in 2023. Over the past few months, she is working on a completely new series to be announced in Feb 2025 (watch this space.)

The pupils absolutely loved her presentation which included talking about cows, cow pats, food chains and beetles and of course trains, since then all her books have flown off the shelves in the library!

Year 4 then had a workshop with her which talked about 'The Ice Children' and how she came to write the story which links into their topic of water & conservation, following with the Year 5's who learned how to 'plot a murder' and have since been writing their own versions. Who knows our pupils could possibly help her write her next book.



LIBRARY

Author Visits

Friday 8th March



We welcome Graham Jones author of the 'Time Travelling Toby' series into the year 1 and 2 classes so if you wish to order any of the books please do so before Thursday 7th March. Thank you.

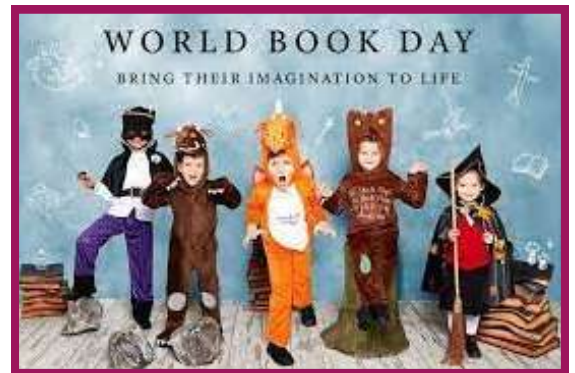
The Usborne Easter Sponsored Reading Challenge

Watch this space - details of the Hazelwood School/Usborne Easter Reading challenge is back and full details will be sent out soon.

World Book Day is coming...

World Book Day this year is Thursday 7th March and pupils in year 1 - 6 may dress up (apologies year 5s you will be on your residential!) Please do support your local charity shops this year to make your costumes not only is it then cheaper but you are supporting well known charities and helping make a difference.

For costume ideas please click [here](#).



For donations, please click [here](#).

Bookmark Competition

The winning bookmarks will be announced on Monday 11th March. Thank you to all the following pupils who have submitted entries.... Good Luck!

Abigail T , Alex P, Alice K, Annabella P, Ayesha C, Bea K, Bertie MacD, Bethany K, Charlotte M, Charlotte S, Clara J, Clemmie B, Clemmie E, Clodagh H, Darcey P, Edward R, Eleanor K, Eleni C, Elizabeth A, Elizabeth M, Ella J, Eloise S, Elsie L, Emily P, Eva L, Evan McS, Felicity M, Florence V, Francesca P, Freddie MacD, Gabriella B, George N, Georgia T, Grace G, Harper D, Heide O, Imogen H, Isabella CR, Isabella S, Jemima O'N, John C, Kassie K, Katherine D, Lana H, Layla Z, Libby C, Lilah B, Luke B, Max S, Millie EH, Molly T, Mya T, Olivia H, Olly B, Oscar H, Penny K, Polly A, Rachel M, Reuben H, Sam D, Scarlett P, Tabby L, Thea H, Violet H, William K , Xander H and Zephyr W

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Across London and the UK 1 in 4 disadvantaged children owns fewer than 10 books, whilst 1 in 8 has none at all. This has an impact not only on these children's academic outcomes but also on their wellbeing, emotional development and sense of themselves as a reader.

The Children's Book Project directly tackles this 'book gap' and gifts donated books to targeted communities across the Capital. These schools and community groups put on celebratory book gifting events at which children are invited to choose a book to take it home and keep. The charity expects to gift upwards of 70,000 books this year.

For more information visit www.childrensbookproject.co.uk

Please drop off your unwanted new or nearly new books that your children have grown out of and send them in to me in the Hazelwood Library from now until 19th April and I will ensure they are sent on to children who do not get/or have any books of their own. Let's help more disadvantaged children to enjoy the magic of books too!

Please note that the condition of books donated is very important. The charity cannot accept old, marked or tatty books since these are not suitable to gift onwards to another child. so please do not send any of the following :

- textbooks or revision books
- religious texts
- encyclopaedias
- DVDs or CDs
- torn, scribbled or dirty books
- ex library books or ex reading scheme

Hazelwood School

Recommended Reading Lists

Scan the QR codes below to access recommended reading lists for each year group and also search more widely by genre, helping you find books to match your child's individual interests.



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Year 7 & 8



Search by Genre



NOTICES

KATE TULETT'S ART 4 ALL EASTER WORKSHOPS

WICKHAM STORES, LIMPSFIELD VILLAGE

TUES 2ND, WED 3RD & THURS 4TH APRIL
MON 8TH, TUES 9TH & WED 10 APRIL



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Weds 10th April - Fri 12th April

10am-12pm

Hazelwood Astro Pitch



Please contact Mr Jarvis for further details
and to reserve a place.

Jon Jarvis

UEFA C Licence

Hazelwood U13 Boys & Girls Football Coach

Lindfield Storm U10 Manager and Coach

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Mr. Mac's Muddy Adventures!

Action packed Easter Holiday fun at Hazelwood!

Friday 5th April Years 1-8

Thursday 11th April Years 1-8

Friday 12th April Year 1-8



Orienteering, capture the flag, den building, quidditch, team building challenges, treasure hunts, Nerf Gun battles, toasted marshmallows and much more!

Open to ex-Hazelwood pupils and friends from other schools!

Time: 10am - 3pm

Cost: £50 per child
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Bring: packed lunch (no nuts); water bottle; change of clothes


Wear: Old clothes, outdoor shoes,

The following dates will be available on a first come first served basis:

Friday 5th April Years 1-8

Thursday 11th April Years 1-8

Friday 12th April Year 1-8



TO BOOK, CLICK HERE: [Booking form](#)
OR EMAIL - macdougallj@hazelwoodschool.com

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6.30-7.15pm Advanced level 2
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Years: Reception and Year 1
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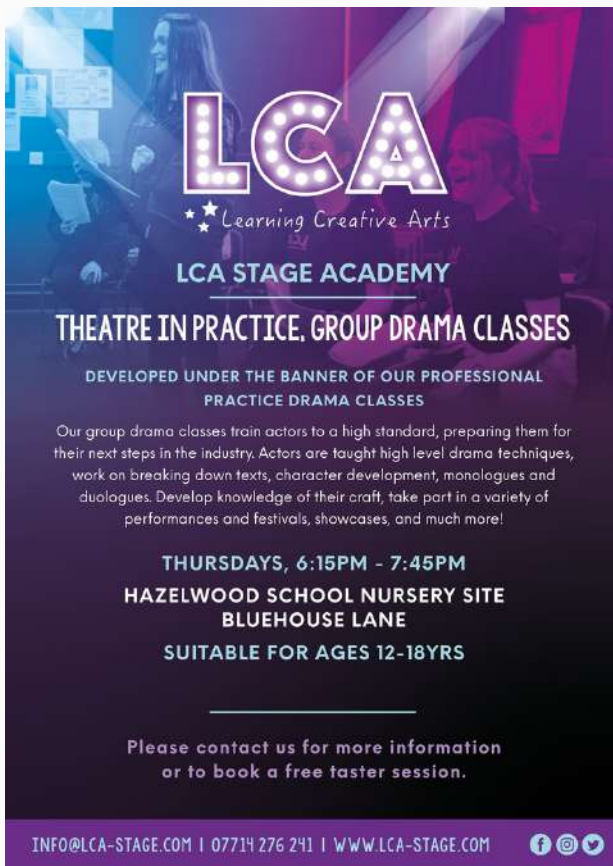
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Caterham Pumas Football Club

**Girls in
Yr 4, 5, 6 and 7
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2 - 6 APRIL 2024
Age: 4 - 6 year-olds
Time: Tues - Sat, 9.30am - 12.30pm **Performance:** Sat 12.00pm **Cost:** £90
Venue: Hazelwood School, Surrey, RH8 0QU


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2 - 6 APRIL 2024
Age: 6 - 18 year-olds
Time: Tues - Sat, 10.00am - 4.00pm **Performance:** Sat 3.00pm **Cost:** £180 (£140 for siblings)
Venue: Hazelwood School, Surrey, RH8 0QU

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Sessions will be running 5-6pm for 8 weeks from Friday 10 May - Friday 28 June. The price for this year is £50 and includes a backpack full of goodies.

Our sometimes sunny but always cheap members bar will be open to help any parent needing a medicinal drink after a long week!

You can sign-up via this link:

ClubSpark / All Stars / Course

NOTICES

SHOWTIME

Hop into the spotlight this spring with Showtime Performing Arts School's EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB!

We're calling all enthusiastic performers aged 4 to 14 for a fun-filled Easter break of singing, dancing. It's the perfect place for your child to embrace the joy of the season and express themselves through the magic of performing arts.

Sing Your Heart Out - Discover the joy of melody and song!
Dance to the Rhythm - Move, groove, and shake to the beat!

No previous experience? No problem! Our Holiday Club is designed for bunnies of all stages - from first-time hoppers to seasoned performers. This is their chance to make new friends, learn new skills, and have a hopping good time.

Date: April 5th, 11, 12th

Time: 9am to 4pm or 10am to 1pm

Location: Churchill School, Westerham TN16 1EZ

Spaces are as coveted as the Easter eggs themselves, so book your spot before they're all found! Book and pay via our store www.showtime.london

NOTICES

Technical Training Clinics And Girls Only Camp



*The Technical Training Camps will be led by Gwynne Berry,
International Director of Tec4tekkers and former Academy
Technical Coach at both Crystal Palace F.C and West Ham United F.C.*

Dates:

- WEEK 1:** Technical Training Clinic
Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th April. (4 days)
- WEEK 1:** Girls Only Camp
Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th April. (4 days)
- WEEK 2:** Technical Training Clinic
Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April. (5 days)

Half Day Camp (9.30am to 12.30pm) for 4 to 6 years

Full Day Camp (9.30am to 3pm) for 7 to 14 years

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School Holiday Technical Training Clinics

VENUE:

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DATES

WEEK 1: Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th April

WEEK 2: Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April

AGES & TIMES

4 to 6 years old 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

7 to 14 years old 9.30 am to 3.00 pm

COST:

4 Day Camp:
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(Individual days £15 and £30)

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