

# The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

On Wednesday this week the school hosted the annual day visit of our Governors. The purpose of the day is for the Governors to spend time in the classrooms, gaining a first-hand experience of life at Hazelwood, mixing with both staff and pupils. Indeed, twelve pupils hosted the Governors for lunch, chatting to them over sausages and mash, quizzing them about what it meant to be a Governor and fielding questions about what they, the pupils, liked about the school in equal measure. It was a fabulous day and whilst long and exhausting for everyone, the feedback made everything worthwhile. The Governors were impressed with what they saw in the classrooms across both sites. They were enthused by the passion of the teachers and totally bowled over by the behaviour, focus and energy of the pupils. They sensed a real buzz around the school and were delighted to see that The Baily Building had come alive with tremendous teaching and learning. They were keen for me to pass on their thanks and congratulations to the whole school community and to share their views with our parent body. We welcomed five new Governors to the Board this week; five individuals who bring with them a wealth of experience across HR, property, finance, education and business. They, like our existing Governors lead busy lives, so it is always reassuring to know that their precious time spent with the school, is time well spent (in their estimations as much as in ours!) It was a unanimous vote of confidence in the staff and pupils of Hazelwood School yesterday. Such insight will prove invaluable as we, with their support, plan the future development of the school.



Whilst the Governors were deep in discussion about school-life, the U9A rugby team were knee deep in mud and determination as they fought their way to victory in the Hurstpierpoint U9 Rugby Tournament. Mr Reay was impressed by the focus and commitment of the whole team with each squad member playing their part in their group stage victories over Bedes, Handcross Park and Brambletye Schools. The boys showed speed in attack, guts and resilience in defence and moved the ball around the pitch effectively with some pinpoint, effortless passing. A thoroughly deserved victory playing against formidable sides whose rugby season began at the start of the autumn term. The boys are all too aware of not counting chickens before they have hatched however! The season has only just begun and if they are to bring home more trophies, they will need to continue to train and play hard whilst enjoying every moment of their young rugby careers! Well done boys - a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to Tamsin A (Y8) for securing herself a place at Caterham School in September with an Academic Scholarship. Tamsin worked incredibly hard to achieve her award which is richly deserved. Well done.

An equally formidable achievement was the military precision with which the Year 2 team manoeuvred sixty six and seven year olds around London on their special boat trip to see the capital's landmarks from a river boat. Despite last minute changes of plan to overcome the train strike which threatened to derail the day out, Miss Wilson and her intrepid team of staff and parent helpers were able, eventually, to sit back and 'relax' as the children excitedly soaked up the sights of the Shard, The Tower of London and London Bridge from on board the river cruiser. Paddington Bear guided the children along London's historic river front, pausing from his munching of marmalade sandwiches to point out The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. A wonderful day to cap off a really engaging and imaginative half term's study of all things to do with London. Thank you to Ethan's mum for giving the children this great opportunity and to all our parents for their understanding when, despite Big Ben's best efforts, the coach arrived back late at school for drop off.

Understanding at pick up is sadly going to be the order of the day for the next few days as we battle with the slightly surprising decision taken by the Gas Board to dig up the road outside of school a mere week before the end of term. With your help, we will do our best to get you in and out of the car park with as little delay as possible. If you are able to car share for the final few evenings, then that would be appreciated so long as the school has received clear communication about who is going home with who. Please do take care driving to and from school especially when pulling out into the controlled traffic zone. Visibility, especially once the darker afternoons have set in, is not always great.

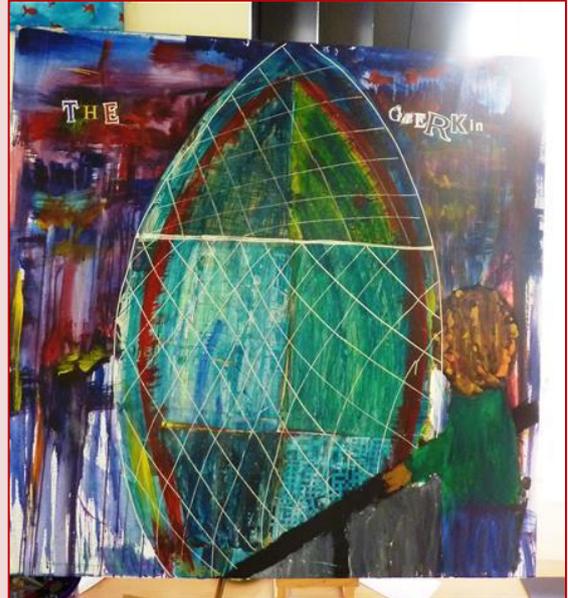
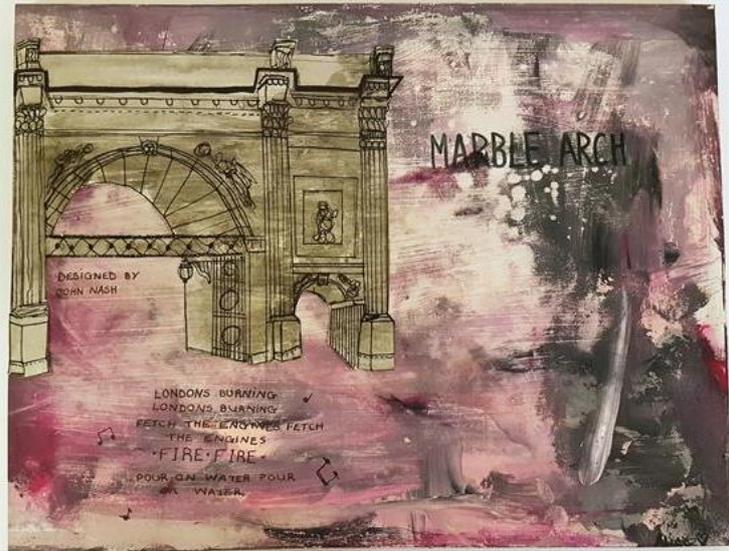
Please pass on my thanks to the amazing job so many of the staff are doing tonight in the car park. It can't be much fun and I'm sure traffic control isn't in their job descriptions, but they are making a huge difference. One of the gas works chaps is also helping to direct cars as they leave, which is great.

Always wanting to see a positive out of a "negative"; I would just like to say can we keep the traffic lights please?! The team are doing a fantastic job of keeping the traffic flowing. What could have been a grid locked disaster is proving to be a triumph of smooth rolling wheels - well from my perspective anyway!

And finally I hope the struggle to get to school will not get in the way of the enjoyment of tonight's Gala Concert. I am looking forward to a wonderful celebration of the musical and dramatic talents of the children, all of whom have been working hard in preparation for the concert. The roof of the Bawtree Hall should be lifted by the tumultuous sounds of combined voices and instruments playing such favourites as Les Misérables, Happy by Pharrell Williams and The Great Escape. Our thanks go to all the staff who have inspired and guided the children to such heights of performance, to the many friends of the school and past pupils who are returning to join in the musical masterpiece. I hope that Mr Bawtree and members of the Baily family who will be amongst our VIP guests will be suitably impressed by the occasion.



**Huge congratulations and thanks** to the HPA and all the parents and friends who helped stage the most magnificent Christmas Fair ever at the weekend. There was so much to do and to catch your eye that even as the festivities came to an end, families were still trying their hand at looping the hoop around the reindeer's antlers or hooking a duck. The months of preparation paid off and we were rewarded with an event which entertained, engaged, fed and watered and put us all the mood for Christmas.



These stunning pictures by the talented artists of Years 6,7 and 8 capture aspects of London in all its different capital guises. Some are work in progress, but already emerging are some creations of the most magnificent beauty and evocation.

For a list of emails/letters/texts sent home each week please see the 'Notice Board' further down the Nutshell.

### News from The Nursery & Early Years

What a truly magical week it has been. The Early Years children have performed amazingly in their performances and concerts this week. You know that you have truly started the Christmas season when there are tinsel and t-towels everywhere! It was a pleasure to lead the children in their Nativity plays and although at times somewhat unpredictable they certainly brought a smile to everyone's faces. I certainly wasn't expecting an 'It's behind you moment' in the Skylarks performance of Shine Star Shine, but it certainly amused the audience. I was also extremely impressed by how grown up Oak were during their performance and how they spoke and sung with such clarity. Well done to you all.



The site this week has been awash with glitter and snow as well as some excellent dressing up clothes. Fledglings have been creating lots of salt dough decorations and liberally sprinkles glitter across them all. There has also been much hand and foot printing with the paint to create some lovely Christmas pictures.

Robins too have enjoyed creating Christmas craft activities alongside practising their singing for their concert. There have been cosy Christmas story times and lots of exploratory play with the artic animals in the small world area. Upper Robins also truly enjoyed their pyjama day in keeping with their Night Before Christmas story.



Skylarks have spent the week perfecting their nativity songs for our performance, which clearly paid dividends as it was a resounding success. As well as renditions of Shine Star Shine, throughout the room the children have practised their writing skills by writing the inserts for their Christmas cards. They have also worked hard to learn the months of the year and have made some wonderful calendars. Christmas stories have also abounded and some of the children have even made up some of their own. Mr. Garlick's personal favourite was the story of Santa and his sleigh being pulled by rhino's!



Developing fine motor skills by wrapping presents, honing letter writing skills and creating Santa's sleigh (only this time pulled by a rhinoceros) is all in a day's work for the children of Skylarks!

Oak alongside their fantastic performance of Whoops A Daisy Angel have had a very busy Christmas themed week. They have been wrapping presents, programming the bee-bots, identifying patterns and of course writing Christmas lists and creating fantastic cards and decorations. Oh and not to forget they have also been continuing to practise their phonics and numbers in which they are making excellent progress. I can see a real lover of books developing amongst many of them which is truly wonderful.



### Dates for next week

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Fledglings Christmas Concert @ 9.30am in the Paterson Hall/

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – HNEY Christmas Lunch

No Afternoon bus service due to Tonbridge Carol Service

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Save the Children for £1 donation) (jumpers can be worn Thurs &/or Friday)

HNEY Christmas disco during the morning

Oak Reception end of term at 12.30

Term time children end of term at end of booked session

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – HNEY Annual Closure from 6pm until Tuesday 3rd January

### News from Hazelwood



Last Friday Hazelwood went all Bollywood as Year 4 celebrated their India Day. The costumes were amazing with a real effort made by everyone to get into the spirit of Calcutta. The children spent the day exploring Indian food, dance and artistry with the highlight being learning how to dance Indian-styleee!

### News from the Hazelwood School Library

#### LOOKING OUT FOR LIBRARY BOOKS!

It is the time of year to be merrily looking out for your children's library books please! We need late books returned. Please, please ask your children if they have out library books! Many will be renewing or taking out new books ready for the Christmas holidays and these will be stamped in green ink with 6th January 2017 inside the front page. But some children have had out books for months and not returned them - and we have no choice but to charge a fee if the books are not back in with us before the end of term.

We don't enjoy charging for books; we would far rather see the books in this week please! Talk to your children about the books they have out and usually a joint effort in searching leads to success!





These wonderful mirrors were created by Year 6 in their DT lessons this term. Inspired by places the children have visited on their holidays, the creation of these fine examples of Design and Technology required careful planning and precision ensuring that a steady hand cut out the mirrored area whilst retaining the integrity of the overall design. Max A's NY taxi cab is both unique and reminiscent of a lazy summer afternoon in Central Park. Well done Year 6.

The following piece of creative writing was penned by George W in Year 8 during his recent November English assessment. Mrs Young, Acting Head of English was so impressed she didn't feel able to keep it all to herself! Enjoy...

### **GALLANT LIES by George Wood**

They sit in their houses, watching over us like shepherds, yet none of them have any idea how to herd. They criticise each other to make sure we do not notice their flaws. They talk about defence, yet they are less than a glass fortress. Easy to break, but near impossible to see. Like shadows, you cannot see them in the dark. Yet really, they are what make up the dark. Yet they distract us with the cream on the top of the milk. They distract us with lies, gallant, brave, bold lies.

However, there are some that spy their glass fortress. Those that see it don't try to break it. Instead, they realise the smart thing to do and they clamber inside. From inside they spread diseases, corrupting the public and whilst we suffer, they feast on our harvest, making us pay for our work so that they don't have to. They eat and live like kings, yet for them there is always more to take.

They turn a blind eye to the suffering that they cause, and trick us into thinking that everything is alright. They will do anything to get what they want, even wage war. They pretend to be the prey, yet really they are the ultimate predator. Sometimes we manage to break the glass fortress and we see what is behind it. However, we are not shocked as we have known for quite a while now what they are doing. We go along with it, and never

question their judgement as we are much more content to keep living our lives, going along with the melancholic rhythm of the day, longing for the end of the day. We forget and then the cycle of cat and mouse repeats.

Many people live under blindfolds, unable to see the real world around them, stuck in their fantasy paradise. They surround themselves with things like hope, and religion so that they can comfort themselves. The shepherds have many names. Politicians, Rulers, Dictators, Kings. However, we know what they are. They are lies. Gallant lies.



Some more examples of the fabulous London art created by our talented pupils. The final piece, created by Eva G (Y8) captures a more mincing side of Tower Bridge. Can you spot Mary Poppins either falling into danger or indeed escaping from the jaws of one of London's most famous riverside landmarks?



Don't forget to get busy baking this weekend in order to enter  
The Great Hazelwood Bake Off!

**THE GREAT BRITISH  
HAZELWOOD  
BAKE OFF**™

Introducing Hazelwood's first Christmas Cake Competition, to mark the start of Food Technology teaching at Hazelwood

**The Rules**

- Competition entries should be a single layer Cake, iced, no larger than 25cm across.
- Entries must be placed in the Art room in the Baily building on the morning of the 12th December between 8am and 9am.
- Entries must be themed on the popular Christmas poem 'Twas the night before Christmas'.
- Judging will include the design and the taste of the cake, entries must also include a drawn design of your cake.
- There will be 3 categories, Oak - Y3, Y4 - Y6, Y7 & Y8. Each category will have a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awarded with baking related prizes!

**TWAS THE NIGHT  
before CHRISTMAS,  
when all through the house  
NOT a creature was  
afraid, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the  
CHIMNEY WITH CARE, by  
ST. NICHOLES  
SOON would be there,  
The CHILDREN were  
tripping and dancing  
on their toes, and  
tossing and turning  
in their beds, and  
this was the night  
that the good old  
SANTA CLAUS  
came to town  
on a long winter's day.**

Please remember that the school is nut-free zone so the temptation to layer with marzipan should be avoided. How about an Italian meringue or a rich chocolate ganache dusted with fine icing sugar? Looking forward to a fantastic display of festive fondant fancies, funing big cakes and fawork!

Oak cakes can either be dropped up at the main site until 9.30am or left with Mrs Twyman in the Early Years Reception to be brought up to the main site for judging!

Good Luck!

**Congratulations** to our friends at Holroyd Howe who have secured their European H&S Audit with flying colours on both the main school and nursery sites. Scores of 95% and 98% respectively are some of the highest scored in the company and point to a tightly run ship with a keen eye on the health and safety aspects of in school catering. As well as securing near top marks in the audit, Helene, Dave, Michelle and their teams are hoping to win over the children with their Christmas dinners next week and, for the Prep School on Tuesday, BBQ glazed ribs!

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas: HPA Christmas fair 2016



### **We are the Champions!**

The Hurst U9 rugby tournament was always going to be a tough challenge for the Hazelwood boys as all the Sussex teams have been playing for several weeks. Not to be intimidated Hazelwood started strongly against a large Handcross Park side. Hazelwood scored quickly and then proceeded to make tackle after tackle to halt the opposition attacks. With ball turned over Hazelwood scored 2 more tries to finish the game with a 3-0 victory.

This excellent start was continued in the group games against Bede's 5-0, Westbourne House 5-1 and finally Brambletye 6-1 to complete the group stages unbeaten. This set up an exciting final against Windlesham. Their progress to the final relied heavily on using their strong runners up the middle and quick ball to the speedy wingers. What they didn't bank on was a formidable defensive wall painted pink and blue. Leading from the front Oliver H, Harry W and Seb T-S made countless tackles to nullify the opposition threat. Adam R linked nicely with the back line and Oliver Mc developed his passing game at the right times. Will O-E and Daniel A were dangerous in attack on the wings and Alex W made an impressive all round start to his rugby career. A physical final came to an end with Hazelwood victorious by 6-2.

The trophy was awarded to delighted captain Harry W by ex Harlequins and England centre Jordan Turner-Hall. Jordan and Mr Kift (Hurst Director of Sport) both expressed their delight and appreciation for the way Hazelwood played the game, in particular the way the boys tried to pass the ball. Seb T-S was also singled out for his individual performance and named player of the tournament. Mr Reay was delighted with the performance but was quick to remind the boys that the season is long and they have set a very high benchmark! Here's hoping for a great season.

Mr Reay



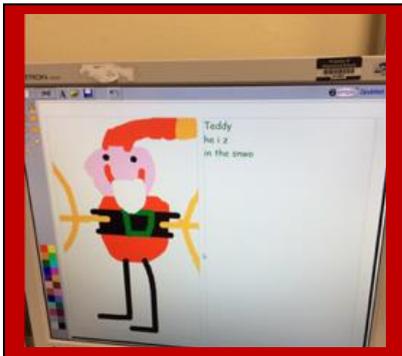
Whilst on the losing side in their first ever competitive netball match, the U8 team showed some determined passing and blocking in their match against St Michael's. With just a few weeks of coaching under their belt, the girls more than matched their opponents for whom netball has been their primary sport since September. Keep progressing girls. You are showing lots of promise. Well done!



Some of the weird and wonderful creations which graced Mad Hat and Hair Day this week in preparation for the HPA Christmas Gift Shop on Monday. Here's hoping the gift donations were as creative!



Mr Dyson goes beyond the call of duty to find the best vantage point from which to capture the Skylarks Nativity on camera. Setting up position in the same stratosphere as the bright shining star which led the Wise Men to Bethlehem, Mr D had to contain his excitement at the brilliance of the performance. Too much jumping for joy may have found him face down in the manger along with the baby Jesus! Hopefully somebody has remembered to help him down!!



As well as preparing and performing their wonderful Nativity, the children of Oak have been brushing up on their festive artistry choosing to capture the jovial, and slightly rounded, personality of Santa in their charismatic artwork.



The children in Robins have been getting into the Christmas spirit by creating some excellent festive art installations using finger paints and play-doh. They have also been learning about the Arctic and the chilly conditions in which Santa and his elves have to work. It's cold work, but someone has to do it!



### **Girls demonstrate GRIT in their netball matches**

This week saw games against Holmewood House and St. Michael's. Every girl gave their best in some tough games.

The U13's, U11's and U10's played Holmewood House.

U13 A lost 23-18 GOM: the whole team

U13 B lost 28-5 GOM: the whole team

U11 A won 22-13 GOM: Lucy Louden

U11 B won 11-4 GOM: Felicity Cumming

U11 C/D won 8-5 GOM: the whole team

U10 A drew 10-10 GOM: Ella Godfrey

U10 B won 10-4 GOM: Georgia Phillpott and Lily Wynn

U10 C/D won 7-5 GOM: the whole team



### **Year 4's Passage to India**

Last Friday Year 4 were transported to India to round off our topic for the term. The children dressed up in fabulous outfits and really embraced the day. There were three workshops for the children to take part in. Lots of them started with Mr MacDougall making a delicious Banana Lassi drink and raita which they tried with poppadums and naan breads. During this session they also thought about the different spices used in India. They had to smell, look carefully at the spices and then guess what spice they thought it was. The children had a great time and enjoyed cooking with Mr MacDougall and Mrs Hood.

The next session running was an Indian art session with Mr Kemp. The children had three different stations to complete. They thought about intricate details on a paper hand decorating it with Mendhi using a black fine liner. Collaboratively, the children worked together on a class elephant using pastels to decorate their Indian festival elephant. The last station was using clay to create their own Diva lamps.

The final session was dance. The children worked really hard in their classes to learn some Indian dance putting together their own routine. This was then presented to Mr MacDougall and Mr Kemp at the end of the day. This can be found on HALO under school productions.

The children and staff all had a great day and it was such a fantastic way to finish the topic. We are now really looking forward to our next one!

### **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.

### **Music Timetable**

The weekly music timetable can be viewed on the Music Notice Board outside the Dining room in the courtyard. I will endeavour to have the coming week's music timetable on the notice board by the end of the school day each Friday. Please ensure that your child brings their instrument and music in on the relevant day. It is also important for them to take these books and instruments home when they do not need them in school.

### **Sports Department**

**Match Reports** should be taken to Mrs Greenwood or emailed to her on [headspa@hazelwoodschool.com](mailto:headspa@hazelwoodschool.com) by Friday afternoon ahead of assembly on Monday morning. If your child is nominated as captain, please encourage them to write the report in time for the assembly. The children do like to share their successes with the rest of the school. Thank you.

### **Notice Board**

#### **Communication sent home this week**

The following letters have been sent home this week. If you need a duplicate copy, please contact the School Office.

Years 5-8                      Blood Brothers Theatre Trip

### **Key Events for Next Week**

#### **Monday 12 December**

AM Christmas Gift Shop Years 1-8

0930 Fledglings' Concert

Years 1-8 Christmas Lunch

Last Day for After School Clubs, Dance, Late Rooms

#### **Tuesday 13 December**

1130- HNEY Christmas Lunch

1230

1630 Tonbridge Carol Service Years 3-8

No afternoon bus services (both sites), late rooms or clubs (Years 1-8)

#### **Wednesday 14 December**

Bus services running am and at 1230

Last Day for Breakfast Club

TERM ENDS:

HNEY 12.30 pm

Years 1 & 2 11.30 am

Years 3 to 8 12.30 pm

**Thursday 15 December**

**Friday 16 December**

1800 HNEY Annual Closure: Friday 16th December - Tuesday 4th January

The children on the Nursery site visited the HPA Christmas Gift Shop this week. All presents have been lovingly wrapped by members of the HPA. Will the children be able to keep the surprise until Christmas morning?



Elsewhere, in Fledglings, life doesn't stand still. There is always something going on to intrigue and involve. Christmas crowns and baubles have given the opportunity to get the glitter out whilst making shapes in flour with a range of different tools proved to be equally popular....and messy!!





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**Xmas Art & Craft Workshops**  
2016



*Art & Craft for all*

A different project each day from decorations, small canvas,  
decopatch, sewing & cooking

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

10am to 3pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

10am to 3pm

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&  
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Annie's Kitchen

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