

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

How lucky are we to have welcomed the sunshine back just in time for Oak's first visit down into the woods for their Forest Skills session with Mr Walton. We are equally lucky to have the woodland on our doorstep to allow the children, safely and with smiles on their faces, to go and explore the wonders of the natural world. They had a wonderful time using their eyes and ears to investigate their surroundings, understanding a little of the plants and animals that make the woods their home. In this day and age of technology and device entertainment, it's imperative that our children grow up with an appreciation of the world around them. Knowing the names of our native trees, being able to identify the birds around them and recognising the plants which spring up through the seasons was an integral part of my growing up (albeit in South Africa). I worry that some of these simpler pleasures are being forgotten and hope therefore that as many of you as possible have made the short pilgrimage to Staffhurst Wood recently to enjoy the bluebells. What a picture they have painted and how intoxicating was their perfume. There was no better nor inspiring way to bid a fond farewell to winter. As spring turns into summer the personality and character of the woods will change yet again giving rise to a whole new world of wonder waiting to be discovered. Do please set aside time to go out as a family to enjoy the very best of free entertainment and adventure!



Whilst the rest of us were spending the weekend relaxing and flexing our national Trust membership cards, four girls from Year 6 were representing the school at the IAPS National Swimming Finals. Two, Jas and Hannah were pitching their talents against the best the country had to offer in their individual events (butterfly and freestyle) with Freya and Lucy joining them in a bid for glory in the 25m freestyle relay. Mrs Falconer's report later in the Nutshell provides all of the detail on what turned out to be a successful day with the quartet storming from a long way down the leader board to steal the silver medal in the event Final from Millfield School no less. Another fine display of sportsmanship and grit, pulling out all the stops (and more) when it matters most. For Mrs Falconer, an earlier indication from the girls of what they had in the tank would have saved many a tense moment. The element of surprise and absolute delight when the scoreboard delivered the final result more than made up however for the premature greying. Well done to Jas, Freya, Hannah and Lucy. A fantastic effort to round off what is fast becoming a spectacular year of sport. Thank you to Mrs Falconer for coaching the girls over the course of the year and to Mr Reay, and the assembled parents for their poolside support.

Good luck to all the pupils whose Years 3-6 exams start next week. Work hard enough this weekend to feel confident you will be able to do your best but be early to bed and worry not! You will all do brilliantly!



Silver medal winning smiles from Lucy, Jas, Freya and Hannah

Well done too to all the children who this week have been auditioning for the school's Talent Show. Mrs Housego has been overwhelmed by the standard and variety of the entertainment. Whilst we are still yet to have our first animal act, we have been treated this year to a Pogo-Disco act which is sure to have us hopping out of our seats with joy. I do not envy Mrs Housego her decision and hope that the show can accommodate as many of you as possible. The Show is on the final Friday of this half term and rumour has it that the biggest TV and Talent Show mogul is amongst the celebrity judges flying in for the occasion.

Week after week, success after success, effort after effort we are reminded daily of how amazing our children are and how they excel in so many different areas of school life. I am delighted that we continue to offer this breadth and balance of opportunity in order that every child will find their moment to shine and write their own headline. On my learning walk this week I have been bowled over by the focus and engagement of the children in their lessons; a commitment to learning which has been noticed too by our visiting families. The new displays in the Baily Building are rapidly being filled with work of the most imaginative and compelling kind, showing a real depth of understanding and enjoyment. Each and every child should be proud of themselves and know how valued their individual contribution is to the happy, yet hard-working, life of the school. I am looking forward to celebrating so much of it at our annual Prize Giving.

Enjoy your weekends.

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

Our first full week and it's been jam packed with an unbelievable amount with Oak Forest School, the Oak trip to Nower Wood, sensory tubs, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, more minibeasts, people who help us and green fingers galore. The children have been enjoying the outside space and a Wild Wild West themed Perform workshop saw cowboys and cowgirls searching for the horse with a golden mane. The weekend will be very much needed for rest and recuperation before we start again next week!

Fledglings 1 have been looking at a Squash & a Squeeze and alongside this exploring sensory tubs with jelly and baked beans in. There has been squishing, squashing and tasting going on. The children have also enjoyed their astro-grass and have been practicing their football skills.



The children in Fledglings II have been focused on their work and play all week. Never has so much care and attention been lavished on the creation of clay caterpillars. The rolling pin is handled with precision and commitment. Elsewhere, all eyes are on the screen as the butterfly emerges from the cocoon and sequencing colour requires a steady hand and a keen eye too.

Fledglings 2 have continued The Very Hungry Caterpillar and have been creating giant fruit with different textures. They have also made clay caterpillars for their display table. Outside they have had fun with toy cars and a drain pipe, seeing how fast they travelled down the pipe. The children have also been looking for toy insects hiding in the soil and water trays. Top Robins have been practicing for Sports Day and starting to understand the concept of a relay. On the cookery table they have been following instructions to make a honey sandwich and they have continued with their mini beast theme and have been making pasta worms, spiders and butterflies.



And before you know it, they're off earning a living as a Lollipop Lady (The Nutshell loves this photo), making their own packed lunch and putting out fires using a foam and paint spray! Life in Robins is all about learning important life skills!

Bottom Robins have been looking at People Who Help Us. Matt set up a road system and the children have taken it in turns to be the Lolly Pop Lady – which they have all thoroughly enjoyed. In addition, they have put out ‘pretend’ fires using foam and water as firemen and set up a doctor’s surgery in the role play area. In between all this helping each other they have also made jam sandwiches.



Skylarks have continued their green fingered theme and have been watering their leeks, strawberries and cress, which are all coming along nicely. They have been weighing beans and lentils and looking at how one spoon more changes the weight. In the garden they have been building a house with plastic bricks. We have also looked at the new £1 coin and used the correct number of 1p coins to buy various items. The children continue to learn new sounds.

Oak have had a very busy week which has included many new experiences. On Monday they participated in a Perform Drama workshop with a Wild Wild West theme. As cowboys and cowgirls their task was to find the horse with the golden mane. The children’s listening and following of instructions was amazing.

Children from Miss Sangers class & half of Mrs Taylors class (Group 1) thoroughly enjoyed their first Forest School session today. They listened to their surroundings and heard birds, wind, planes and children. They looked closely at the grass and were surprised to see that there were daisies, dandelions, soil, bugs and even rabbit droppings!

In the woods the children climbed a fallen tree and investigated the wooded environment by collecting sticks, leaves and looking for evidence of animal visits and animal homes. Group 2 cannot wait for their first forest school session next week!

Reminders for next week and w/c Monday 15th May

Monday 15th May – Health & Safety Week

Wednesday 17th May – Oak Forest Schools Group 2

Wednesday 17th - Skylarks Trip to Brighton Sealife (depart 9.15am)

Thursday 18th May – Oak Creative Arts Morning (parents to drop at main site)



More pictures from Oak's first outing down into the woods. They set a new Hazelwood record for how many eager children you can stand on a fallen log and were all ears and no eyes as Mr Walton asked them to listen to the sounds around them.

News from Hazelwood

IAPS swimming success: U11 Relay Silver Medal

Last Saturday, myself and Mr Reay took Hannah R, Jas F, Lucy L and Freya D to the IAPS National Swimming finals at the K2 centre in Crawley.

Jas competed in the U11 25m butterfly. She swam brilliantly to finish in a time of 16 seconds, finishing 13th overall. There were initially 137 participants in her race so she should be extremely proud of her achievement.

Hannah competed in the U11 50m freestyle competition. She first had to take part in a heat and got a PB time of 31.21. Not only is this a regional qualifying time for her age group, but it also got her a place in the final. The final was fast and furious with girls touching at extremely similar times. Hannah finished 7th overall. Out of an initial field of 158 girls, this was a superb result.

All four girls took part in the 4x25m freestyle relay. There were 2 heats in this competition and the fastest times overall out of these heats would win. Hazelwood were taking part in the 2nd heat. Their qualifying time into the competition was 1.05.73. When the first heat was complete and some schools had achieved a time of 59 seconds, we all knew the girls had to do something special if they wanted a chance of a medal. Hannah started the team off with a superb swim getting Hazelwood with a fighting chance, Lucy and Freya swam their socks off to keep team up at the top. When Jas dived in she had to battle head to head with 3 other schools. The atmosphere was so tense I could barely look. All 3 schools seemed to touch the wall at very similar times. We then looked up to the score board and we had achieved a time of 59 seconds. 5 teams in total had also achieved 59 seconds over the 2 heats. 59.99, 59.98, 59.51, 59.21 & 59.06. In what seemed like a flash of time, the final results came up. The girls were awarded the Silver medal position. 2nd fastest in the country. 135 teams took part in the initial rounds. This was an amazing achievement for the girls, especially in such a close race. They made the biggest time improvement of all of the teams in the 2 heats.



After we all calmed down, the girls went to the medal ceremony. The medals were being awarded by Michael Jameson, British Olympic Silver medal winner, in the 200m Breaststroke, 2012 London Olympic Games. What an amazing experience for the girls! We are extremely proud of their achievements.

Mrs Falconer

AWESOME BOOK AWARDS new authors for young readers



Lights, Camera, Action!

Cranleigh School Awesome Book Awards

On 4th May, a group of Hazelwood students attended the Awesome Book Awards, held at Cranleigh Prep School. The ceremony is about celebrating new authors and their first novels. Five books had been shortlisted and we had been encouraged to read them all, vote and write a review of our favourite.

The atmosphere in the auditorium was very exciting. Forty-five schools were represented, filling the hall with the babbling, chatter of children. Strobe lighting, pulsating music and cameras filming completed the picture. We tucked into juice and delicious brownies and awaited the arrival of the authors. After an opening presentation by Lauren Child of Clarice Bean and Ruby Redfort fame, the author's introduced themselves. Entertaining anecdotes and valuable insights into each author's inspiration followed; even the odd magic trick!

As the event is also about celebrating young readers, prizes were awarded for the best review of each book. Many congratulations to our very own Callum Murray who was triumphant.

And then the moment we had all been waiting for.....

The Awesome Book Award 2017 went to Ross Welford for 'Time Travelling with a Hamster'

He was a worthy winner but all five books are brilliant reads and available in the Hazelwood Library.

Beetle Boy	M.G. Leonard
The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow	Katherine Woodfine
The Imagination Box	Martyn Ford
Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot	Horatio Clare

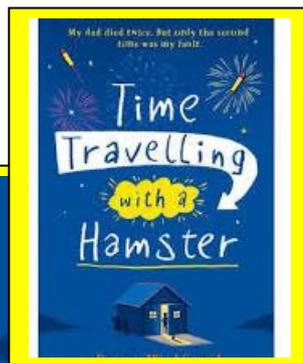
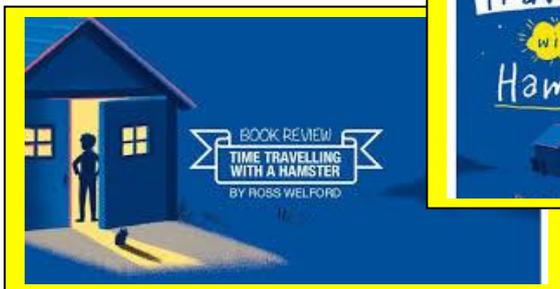
Thank you to everyone who took part in this hugely enjoyable event and particularly Mrs Dymoke and Mrs Wisniewski for coordinating our involvement.

Lucy H 6F



**Time Travelling with a Hamster:
An Awesome Book Awards Winning Review
by Callum M**

Author: Ross Welford
Genre: Time travel
Fiction
Audience: Above 9
Publisher: HarperCollins
Date published: 31 December 2015
Rating:*****



Synopsis

Time Traveling with a Hamster is an adventure about a boy called Al and his hamster, Alan Shearer. Al's dad unfortunately died when the boy was eight, so now he lives with his mum, his step-sister and his step-dad. However, on Al's 12th birthday, he receives a letter, which his dad wrote before his death. Al is told he needs to travel back in time to 1984 and save his dad's life. In the process, he uses burglary, fire, Alan Shearer, and a few white lies.

Relationships

One main part of the book is Al's relationship with friends and family. Especially his grandpa Byron, who uses Indian memory techniques to remember things from 20 years ago. When Al's step-sister, Corrie, gets curious about Al's nightly trips, he has to convince her he's performing séances to his dad. Al is actually going to a laptop and zinc tub in an underground bunker. If you ever think about what a time machine would look like, it doesn't look like a rocket or something magical. It really is a laptop and zinc tub.

Setting

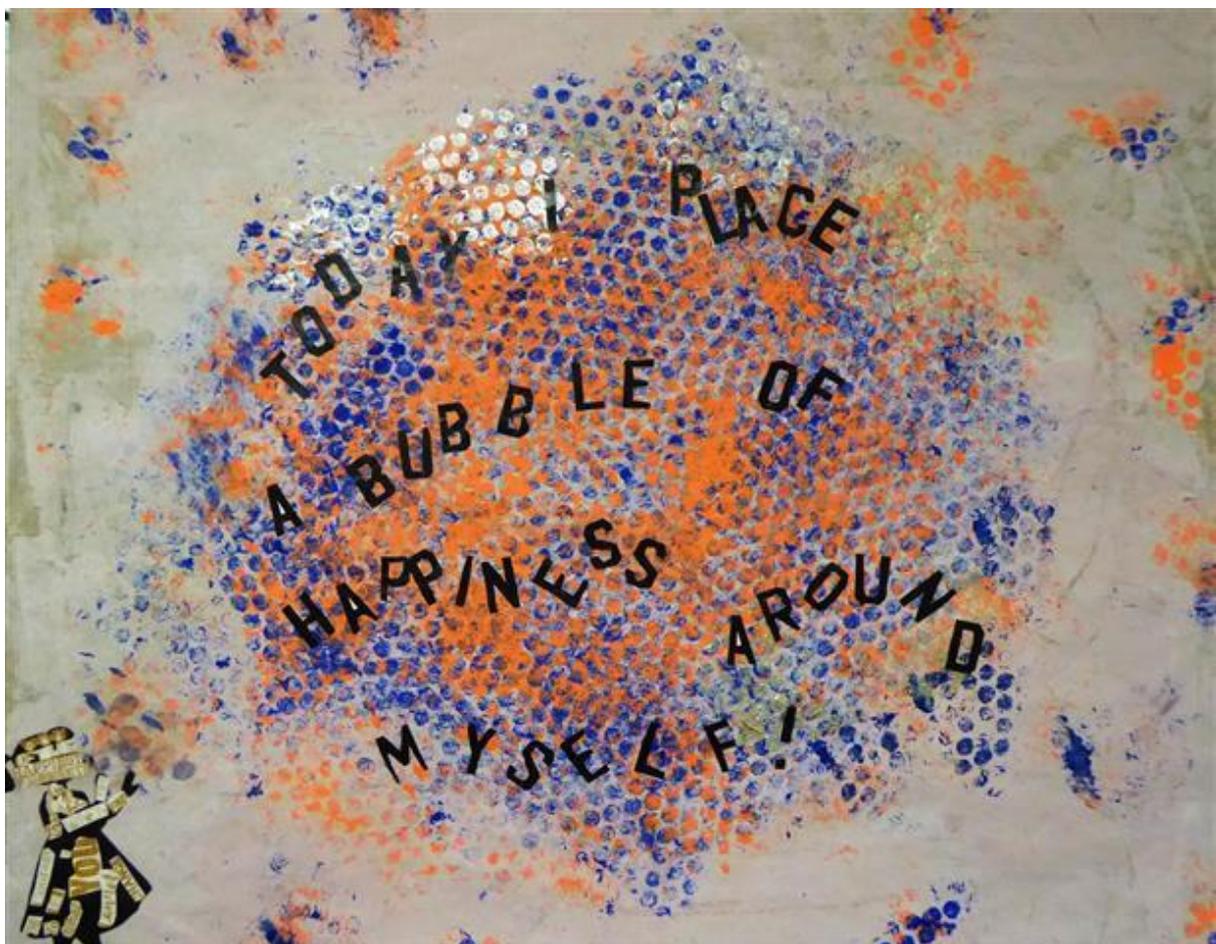
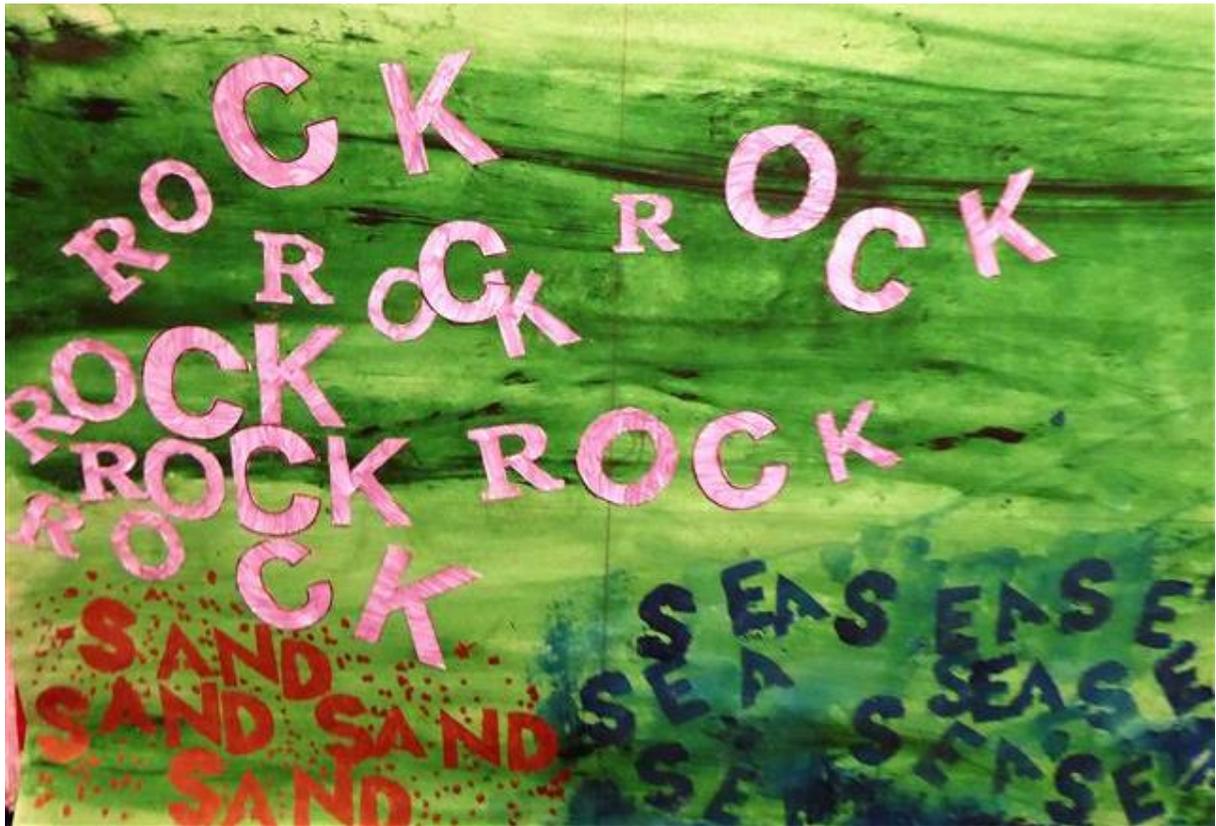
Al lives in a small town called Culvercot, near Newcastle. When Al's dad wrote the letter and built the time machine, they lived in another house. If Al was going to save his late dad, he was going to have to break into the family's old property in order to get to the time machine.

Conclusion

This book is funny, yet emotional and heartbreaking. This newbie in children's fiction has smashed it, and I love the imagination that Ross Welford has used. It's impossible to think where this all came from. I would recommend it to anyone who likes funny novels, which allow the author to feel free with what he writes. I like the way this book displays a different insight into our lives, and how just a tiny tweak in the past could've made our journey so different.

Callum M won the prize for the best book review of the book, *Time Travelling with a Hamster*. Callum had to follow strict guidelines on themes he had to cover and he had to keep to a very short word limit and still manage to convey the book's appeal. He did this very well and was delighted to be the recipient of a £30 book token, along with only four other pupils from the whole ceremony. Five books in the ceremony and one prize was awarded to the best review of each of those five by Cranleigh's Head of English.

Congratulations to Alex M for reaching his gold award. He has pipped his brother and sister to the award. They are not far behind, snapping at his heels!



Two more of the amazing typography studies completed by the Year 6 artists this term. From the basis of a great, and unique idea, each child has used colour and a sympathetic font style to create arresting pieces of art which have energy and flair.

Edenbridge Rugby honours for Hazelwood boys

To Aylesford the Edenbridge U12's (including Hazelwood boys Sam H, Ethan W, Richard C and Archie P) travelled for what has become the season finale and benchmark for where one sits within the corridors of Kent rugby. Having played amazingly well to qualify for the plate (the second tier of four below the cup) winning seven out of eight on the way was an amazing achievement in itself. Their success continued in the plate final achieving 2nd place, which put them in 6th place out of the 40 teams entered for the whole of Kent. The standard of rugby was amazing and Edenbridge's performance was outstanding. The boys worked collectively as a team and their efforts paid off. They made their coaches very proud.



Congratulations also go out to Sam H and Ethan W who picked end of year award at the Edenbridge Rugby Club. Sam received the players' player's award and Ethan achieved the coaches' player award. Both look pleased with their achievements and rightly so! Well done boys.



The Year 8 prefects enjoy an early morning breakfast meeting with Mrs Louw and Mr Lloyd. They discussed a wide range of school topics whilst enjoying bacon sandwiches, fruit, croissants and lashings of hot chocolate.

Date for your Autumn Term Diary: all welcome to attend



Hazelwood School

The alphabest of Ha-zelwood's Senior Schools' Fair 2017

Saturday 9th September 10am - 12 noon

Ardingly, **B**edales, **C**aterham, **D**unnotar and **E**psom College are just **F**ive of the thirty-four Senior Schools who will be **G**athering at **H**azelwood School on Saturday 9th September. An **I**nvitation is warmly extended to all local families to **J**oin **K**ent, **K**ing's, **L**ancing and **L**ingfield Colleges and to **M**eat representatives from some of the country's leading Independent Senior Schools. Choosing the right school for your child's onward learning adventure is an important decision. **N**ever has there been a better **O**ppportunity to seek answers to your **Q**uestions from **R**eigate Grammar, **S**evenoaks (as well as Sackville, St John's Leatherhead, and Seaford College) and **T**onbridge in order to **U**nderstand how best a **V**ariety of schools from **W**orth to Whitgift to Woldingham to Wycombe Abbey alongside a Prep School's **e**Xciting **Y**ears 7 and 8 can give a student a **Z**est for life and for learning.

For more details, please contact Nick Tappin 01883 733841



Thank you to those families who have completed the Traffic Survey. You still have a week to visit the link below and share your thoughts on all things car parking, congestion and car sharing. Results will be shared with Tandridge Council during our Traffic Audit, a condition of the Baily Building Planning Permission.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Haztravel17>



What's New in Hazelwood Music?

Hazelwood Music is still buzzing from our stunning success at the 28th International Choral Competition in Verona. Our children have been truly inspired by our Gold award and 2nd place among choirs of all ages from across the world, and they have been arriving for choir rehearsals bright eyed and ready to engage as we continue to develop and extend our fine choral tradition.



New this term is the Y2 choir (run in the Summer Term when the children are sufficiently mature to work together as a team). This group has got off to a flying start with over 30 children coming for rehearsals on Thursdays. The choir will enhance and support our Singing Assemblies with Y1 on Tuesdays and will help prepare the Y2 children for the move up to the Prep School in September when they become eligible to join the Junior and Training Choirs. Musical games, warm ups and silly songs offer the children a fun and accessible route into choral singing.



On Saturday we continue our inspirational visits season with Amy Bebbington the acclaimed choral coach (Amy helped prepare the Military Wives choirs with Gareth Malone). This choral coaching morning will offer our choirs specialist teaching to follow and build on the fine work from Paul Smith of VOCES8 last November. Our choral masterclass will take

place in the Bawtree Hall from 10 am – 12 pm this Saturday 13th of May and, following the Chapel Choir auditions this week, will enable us to begin to build our choirs' skills for next year. Mrs Louw and I can't wait!

In class music there has been a wide range of activities taking place across all years. Robins have been working on rhythm and rhyme through finger play poems and song and preparing their concert of seasonal summer songs linked to the world around them. Skylarks have been singing songs featuring 'growing' to tie in with their class curriculum and have enjoyed music and movement and action songs designed to support coordination development. Oak have been singing songs with an extended note range focusing on 'minibeasts' to support their classroom curriculum work and they have also been working on subject linked poems with actions. I am delighted to return to Larks teaching and am continually thrilled by the excitement and engagement of the children as they work and sing together. Their enthusiasm is infectious and Mondays and Thursdays are very 'Happy Sun High' (a Robin's favourite song)!

Y1 have been focusing on pitch by developing their hand/eye coordination and aural awareness through playing glockenspiels and unturned percussion from graphic notation. They have also been singing songs about the environment and water, and playing looking and listening games to focus these key skills so vital for music. Y2 are working on their Summer Show, 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper' (!), and they have already committed half of their songs to memory: I am delighted with their diction and impressed with their tone and intonation (key learning words this term!). They are also continuing to explore the recorder on Tuesdays and we are very hopeful that we shall have an offering for Grandparents Day when everyone can show off their instrumental skills!

Y3 are exploring pulse, pitch and rhythm and how music can convey a thought, picture or action by varying the elements of music. We have an interactive display focusing on their key learning words in the Baily Recital Room and I have noticed children of all ages keen to tie the words up with their meanings. I have to come in early each morning to mix the words up again ready for the next group of children to correct my 'errors'! Y4 are continuing to explore the elements of music and this week learnt to write music notation and compose a two bar composition. Once again the children's excitement on hearing their ideas come to life from their whiteboards has been enthralling and it has been wonderful to watch their wonder at their own ability.

Y5 are working on understanding how Samba rhythms combine this half term and they are currently working on performing these complex but exciting patterns using tuned and unturned percussion. The beat is very compelling and we have been looking forward to hearing their group work as it evokes summer sun and fun through complex cross rhythms. Y6 are preparing to go to Hampton Court to support their History curriculum this year and so, to support them, we have linked our music curriculum to their classwork studying Tudor music and its influences this term. So far we have produced authentic Tudor fanfares and engaged in some 'bawdy' banquet songs in plainsong – Y6 have impressed in their group work by including all of the required elements with some innovative ideas.

Y7 are composing music for a special occasion using key criteria to inform their choices and pianos to explore their options. We shall be recording them this week and, as ever, their ability to produce music achieving the task set, both impresses and inspires me. Y8 have been exploring 'variations' and looking at the ways that composers vary the elements of music to produce variations on a single theme. We shall also be hearing their compositions this week but the rough drafts, both from children taking individual music lessons and those who do not have been innovative, unique and quite a revelation.

Elsewhere the music department is working hard in preparing our children for music exams with free aural provision on Tuesday lunchtimes. These sessions have proved popular and, statistically, make a real difference to the aural marks in the exams. We are also rehearsing our fabulous ensembles for the Summer Concert on June 30th. We are delighted that parents Mr Morgan, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Stuart Lee, Mrs Land, Mrs Ras, and Mrs Leach, and grandparent Mrs Dillon will be joining us playing alongside our children at the concert. This wonderful experience for adults and children alike sits well within our ethos of music for all throughout the Hazelwood community so please, if you play, join us!



I am very aware that we are particularly fortunate, not only in the wide Hazelwood musical family, encompassing pupils, past and present and their families and teachers, but also with the quality of our peripatetic staff. The performances from Ben S, Luca G and Henry A (voice) and Camilla S (voice and piano) at last week's Friday Informal Concert were breathtakingly beautiful and my warmest thanks go to Mrs Carew Gibbs for her inspirational teaching and Mr Doug Hewitt for his exceptional accompaniment – our children are very lucky indeed to work with such fabulous and very experienced teachers who apparently effortlessly extract the very best that your children have to offer.

And finally, I have been contacting providers preparing an inspirational programme for next year. I am delighted that Paul Harris of ABRSM will be offering the music staff Hazelwood specific music exam training on September 1st (for which we are grateful to Pauline Freer, a long time and much respected piano teacher at Hazelwood, who has made this session part of her leaving gift to the school) and am I am thrilled that we are able to continue to offer professional development to our staff to support your children.



I have been looking at instrumentalists and groups to bring to the school next year and am thrilled that some of the wonderful external musicians who worked with us this year are keen to return. One of the highlights of this year was, for me, watching our musicians talking to members of the Hayes School Concert Band after their stellar concert on March 30th: very different children with different experiences and backgrounds but one common interest – music.

Music crosses all boundaries and divides and we need more of anything that has the power to do this in our world, especially for our children and especially now. We wish you all a very happy week of music making at Hazelwood!

Sara Young
Director of Music



Reigate Festival Success

Our super singers have been in action yet again, this time at the Reigate and Redhill Music Festival where Mrs Carew Gibbs very kindly gave up her time to support our children in their solo classes. The adjudicators were very warm with their praise and commented that our children sang technically very well and with great artistry and expression. Mr Lloyd sang so well that he even won a cup in the Novice Category. He goes for the double when he sings 'Somewhere' from West Side Story in the Musical Theatre Category. Let's hope Officer Krupke doesn't arrest him for singing out of tune!

Warmest congratulations to all our singing superstars!

Benjamin S	Honours
Hope A	Merit*
Henry A	Honours
Amelie B	Honours
Camilla S	Merit *

Athletics season gets underway with grit, promise and success



The summer term is always a busy one. On Tuesday evening we started our Athletics campaign with a trip to Hilden Grange. The squad contained many new faces and some more familiar ones from previous seasons. Throughout the evening we witnessed some excellent sprinting, long distance running, jumping and throwing. All the pupils can be proud of their efforts.

As the evening progressed it was clear to see that the Hilden Grange boys were a strong outfit. We managed a few victories but they dominated throughout. With the girls the shoe was firmly on the other foot. In fact, there were very few events which Hazelwood did not win.

With a squad of over 60 it is very hard to pick out individuals for praise but there were certainly a few efforts worth mentioning.

- Ella D stepped up at the last minute to run the year 3 600m event. Despite having no time to prepare she fought hard for an excellent 3rd place and valuable team points.
- There were some very smiley Lawson parents in attendance. Everywhere we looked there seemed to be yet another Lawson sister winning a race. Are there just 2 Lawson girls? It seemed like at least 5!
- Jack J competed in a very tough 800m event. With just 300m to go it looked for all the world like he was going to drop from 2nd to 3rd. Jack showed true grit and resilience to secure his 2nd place and push hard for 1st which he missed by a matter of inches.
- Lucy L and Jas F. These girls seem to take everything in their stride. Literally! Lucy smashed our existing school shot put record by a MASSIVE 2.25metres throwing 8.85 metres on the night. Jas who never appears to move out of 2nd gear broke the Hazelwood hurdles record and then doubled her record tally by jumping 1.44 metres in the high jump. A full 9cm better than previously set.

Well done to all our athletes especially those making their team debut and let's hope for more successful performances as we prepare for the IAPS and Junior IAPS events next month.

Mr Reay



All hail the mighty C team!

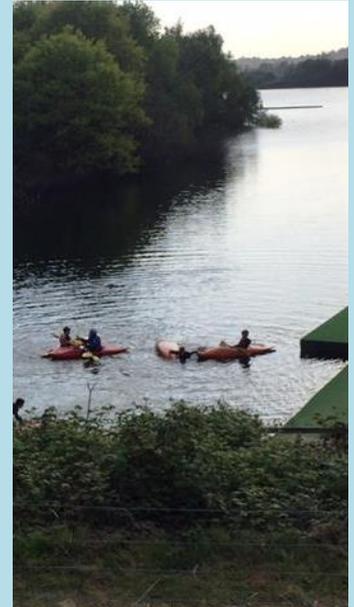
Never has there been so much grit and determination shown by a group of girls knowing that their time would come and how sweet the taste of victory would be when it arrived. Through no lack of effort or talent, the girls have found themselves too many times on the side of defeat. But that fortune, or lack of it, changed when the girls stormed to victory on Thursday. Rosie, Lucy, Camilla, Evie, Orla, Isabella, Ruby, Bethan, Scarlett and Lucie you did it! Well done for continuing to believe. We knew you could do it! True champions of the positive thinking kind.

The children of Year 1 had a wonderful time out at Chessington World of Adventure on Thursday. A full report will follow in next week's Nutshell. We couldn't resist however, bringing you this picture of Ryan with a long, long, long lost ancestor!





Thank you to Mrs Steele for sending through these images from the after school kayak Club run, for the first time by Mrs Bilbrough. In near perfect conditions the all-boys line-up thoroughly enjoyed getting out on the water, paddles in hand.



Oak Pretend to be bees!

Oak enjoyed a wonderful day at Nower Wood. They hunted for Minibeasts which were then placed under a powerful microscope and projected onto a large screen for the children to observe more closely. Other activities included a blind folded walk as a woodlouse, looking at the world through a slug's eyes and finding tiny natural things for a fairy house!



The children were given cards with a characteristic written on them; thin, light, smooth, bendy. Their challenge was to find as many things as possible in the woods which matched the description. They then had special eye glasses which pixelated their view turning it into a kaleidoscope of colour and shape. This is how a bee sees. It was an interesting exercise for them all!



Form, Individual and Siblings Photographs are taking place on Friday 25th May across both sites. More details to follow as well as a timetable for sibling pictures. Please make sure that your children are looking their best so that we can have some fabulous images for next year's Lupercus and for your family album!

Interhouse Debating

This week, pupils in the Upper School took part in our termly inter-house debate. The hot topic up for discussion was:

Should Hazelwood School be paper free?

Each House worked hard as a team to craft well-constructed and compelling arguments for and against banishing paper from our school. The judges enjoyed confident and well prepared performances by all those involved. Children had thoroughly researched the environmental, economic, social and even health implications of such a move, discussing both statistical and anecdotal evidence to support their points. Judges were particularly impressed with some of the persuasive techniques employed by debaters, including rhetorical questions, effective use of emotive language and repetition of key statements. Above all else, the audience was well engaged with confident, thought-provoking and, at times, humorous presentations which challenged our ideas about the limitations of technology and the usefulness of paper. Nevertheless, the suggestion that Mrs Tulett would be 'out of a job' prompted gasps of horror so I suspect our love affair with paper may continue for now.



Well done to Ethan, James and Eddie from Baily; Henry, Fred and Archie from Irving; Finlay, Hannah and Henry from Parry and Izzy, Artie and Annabelle from Dowling - great performances all round!

The over-all winners will be announced at the end of term assembly!



DESIGN A DAY-GLO DOGGY OUTFIT!



Hot on the 'heels' of the fantastic Christmas Cake competition the DT department launch their 'Dog safety outfit' competition in time for health and safety week.

Mrs Bean would like an A4 piece of paper with drawings and labelling of your best design for a road safety outfit for your (or any) large or small pooch. Please let us know on the design what size of dog your outfit is intended for. Perhaps you could include a winter warm aspect to your design or maybe it's intended to be worn home from the night clubs of Ibiza after a dance party? Who let the dogs out?

Please have entries completed by Friday 26th May, entries can be passed to Mrs Bean or left in the office of either site. Please remember to write your name and form on the back of your entry.

Entries are welcome from anybody in the school, Skylarks up! As long as you can draw your creation and label it.

The winning outfit will be made up in all of its reflective glory ready to be shown at Hazelwood's first dog show at the Summer Fair. Prizes will be given in each year group!

Don't delay, get pen to paper!

Mrs Bean

Highlights of Health and Safety Week: 22nd – 26th May 2017 Road Safety

- Return of the spot bonus Health & Safety Housepoints. Who will win this year's Cup?
- Road Safety Workshops for Years 1-8 on Thursday
- Mr Calver will man the crossing from The Chart on Wolfs Hill to the school
- Road Safety role play for Chestnut on Friday
- Design a Zebra Crossing (see later in the Nutshell)
- Bag weigh and Road Safety Petition Signing



Health and Safety week



JAZZ UP THE A ZEBRA CROSSING COMPETITION

One of the biggest parent concerns in the car park is that the zebra crossings are overlooked. People park on them, or drive across them without stopping and people don't feel safe as they should when crossing them.

This year's Health and Safety Week is focused on Road Safety and we want to jazz up our zebras so that they stand out and shout out 'STOP', 'TAKE CARE' LOOK OUT FOR PEDESTRIANS!

It's amazing what a splash of colour can do.

We would like you to design a zebra crossing which **KEEPS ITS BLACK AND WHITE STRIPES** but which uses colour and design around the crossing to draw attention and make it stand out from the grey of the car park's tarmac. You can choose to make it a jungle, a butterfly garden, an outer space scene or a walkway of brightly coloured shoes.

Draw your design on a sheet of A4 paper using the black and white crossing as your starting point. Complete your design and hand it in to the school Office by Friday 26th May. Designs will be featured in the Nutshell where parents and pupils will be asked to vote on the design which they will notice the most. The winning design will be painted over the summer holidays to be ready for the start of the new academic year.

All entries will receive a small prize and certificate.

Get involved in Health & Safety Week and add a splash of colour to a zebra!



If you go down into Chestnut today, you're in for a big surprise!



At the time of compiling the Nutshell, Year 1 were out on their safari trip to Chessington. Before they went, we were pleased to be able to catch 1A on camera with a safari of their own making. Animals, junk modeled out of boxes and paper found lying around at home and school, are held proudly aloft.

Roaming the savannah alongside the more familiar giraffes, snakes

and elephants are a hyena, an ostrich, a hippo and a meerkat. Well done 1A, a tremendous collection of wild and terrifying beasts (and the models are great too!)

The Chestnut Library gets a face-lift

The staff in Chestnut decided that the library was in need of sprucing up. They hatched a plan to turn it into a woodland full of wonderful fact and fiction books. What they needed was a knight in shining armour to turn their dreams into reality. Into the woodland glade rode Mr Steve Smith, Hazelwood's Facilities Manager with a passion, and a talent, for art and design.



In just under one week, the new library forest will have sprung up around the library book cases depicting the change of seasons compete with hidden wildlife for the children to find.

Miss Wilson has also been busy creating wall

displays which depict some of the children's favourite stories with a woodland twist. There is Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Bears and of course.... Frozen!



The Nutshell will bring you pictures of the finished woodland next week. The children seem to love the emerging woodland.

Our thanks go to Mr Smith for his skill and to the Chestnut staff for the idea! Team collaboration at its best! A request has been received to have a school volcano! Watch out for molten lava coming to a corridor near you soon.

If you are sitting comfortably, then we will begin with some stories written by our talented Year 8 story-tellers. Mood and atmosphere are evoked with their choice of description and setting. Each is on-the-edge-of-seat narrative. Enjoy if you dare...

The Cliffside – Emily

Gentle waves lapped against gleaming rocks. Moonlight flooded the landscape, illuminating vast crevices. The glassy sea reflected sparkles of light, dazzling me.



On this cliff, I was free. With bright stars above me, and gusts of fresh wind cooling me, there was nowhere to hide; nothing to hide.

Beneath me, warm grass tickled my feet. I guided me glance to a lone rock, and thought of the people there before me – some to absorb the heavenly view; some for a quiet place to think; some daring to fall to the waters below, swallowed by deep waters.

A breath of sea spray flowed into my lungs. I heard the strangled cry of a lone seagull, and imagined what it would be like up there, soaring above the world, falling through clouds of imagination, in front of that full moon, so perfect it seemed unreal. I wanted to reach out and touch it, feel the pure light between my hands.

A leaf fluttered down next to me like a pixie. I looked above me, the silhouette of a great palm, reaching over me as if to protect me. I was safe here, in a small bubble of heaven.

Lost – Zac

Lost. I was lost in a dark, lifeless wood. Aimlessly wandering through the moonlight labyrinth of trees trying to find a way out. In the distance I could see an old abandoned cabin; I trudged towards it. I could see I was being watched. As I got closer, the Moon disappeared like a fire being extinguished; it all went black.

The cabin was a small wood building with little puffs of smoke emerging from the chimney. The front porch was large but rotting and the big wooden door was left open a crack. Inside the first room there was an old decaying sofa, a huge stone fire place that looked like it had been there for centuries, and an old oil lamp that was still flickering against its dark background.



As I was walking round the room I found a trap door, I brushed off the dust and engraved in the steel were two words: 'The Room'...

I fought off my fear and steadily descended down the rusting and rickety ladder. As I touched the floor I wondered what awaited me in the dark and demonic room...

Silence – Kavi

Silence. I stepped forward, breaking the tension in the sharp winter air. I glanced behind me, trying to detect a glint of light from a buckle or shoe. Nothing.

I looked around to take in my surroundings. As my eyes became accustomed to the light I could make out looming figures, trees, their naked branches looked like gnarled fingers frozen in a dreaded act. In the distance, I caught sight of a glistening river, trickling in between cracked tree roots, pearls of moonlight bounced off it, distorted.

The swish of the river was hypnotic; above I could hear night owls' low whistle and the quiet rustle from the leaves beneath my feet. The forest had woken up. I took a deep rattling breath, relieved. I crept over to the shimmering stream, I saw the horizon turn a deep pink as the hero-like sun returned, illuminating the now welcoming forest.



The Clearing – George

The glistening silver river led to a clearing in the dense forest. A pool of azure-coloured water emerged in the middle of the clearing, surrounded by florescent plants and shrubbery. Rich green grass provided a soft carpet for my feet, the grass being predominant in the

clearing, and trickles of it flowing in different directions throughout the forest. The carpet-like floor felt warm, as though it was an animal's fur.

A perfect crescent of chalk white willow trees made a barrier around the edge of the clearing, saying gently in the breeze. Compared to the healthy grass, the trees looked almost sickly, representing the contrast of the clearing from the looming forest. The sweet smell of lavender mingled in the air of the clearing, relaxing my body and opening my mind. Roots of trees and piles of soft moss provided places to sit and sleep, huge toadstools shade if ever it rained.

The clearing felt separate from the world, a place to be alone and think. Although, you were never truly alone. Hares, foxes, toads and birds were always present, watching, waiting and listening. Out of the corner of your eye you always thought that you could see small, green humanoids, with pointed ears and fragile faces, but whenever you turned to look, there were gone.

The Moon and stars shed light upon the clearing, provoking the wolf's piercing howl which cut through the night like a knife. In winter, frost settled on the snow white branches of the willow tree, never penetrating the glade but producing a cool, crisp and clean feel to the atmosphere. However, in summer the Sun glowed down upon the opening, turning the grass scolding hot, and making the water like a bath. Finally, the temptation overcame me, and I delved into the deep pool, the walls swallowing me whole.

HPA

True Grit Summer Fair: Saturday 1st July

Thank you to the Form Reps for taking on the responsibility of staffing some of the exciting side shows that will entertain the whole family at the Summer Fair on Saturday 1st July (High Noon until 3.30pm). Please lend them your support by offering to take your turn behind the stall. Giving up just 30 minutes of your time will mean that there's plenty of time left to enjoy the show and to Ride the Bucking Bronco!

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 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.



School Ski Trip to Andorra 2017

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.

- Choirs: Choir Workshops Saturday, 13th May (Junior, Training & Chapel Choirs)
- Chapel Choir Tour: Photobook Information & Order form
- Years 2-7: Trips & Tours Information 2017/18 academic year
- Years 3-8: Richard Cairns, Head of Brighton College – Parent Presentation

Year 7: French Trip 2018
Year 7 various: Rome & Sorrento Additional Information request
Year 8: Information Evening (Leavers' Programme & Residential Trip)

Petrified YES! Well one of us is!

Neil and I will be Abseiling down St Thomas' Hospital THIS Friday, 12th May 2017.

It feels like a nightmare for me, but a mere 160ft is nothing in comparison to the dreadful reality some of my dearest friends have had to face.

This is for everyone that has ever been at the mercy of Cancer, be it themselves or their loved ones.

A small team of us named 'KEVIN'S HEROES' are raising money for the continued first class support, the care, the knowledge and the facilities offered by St Thomas' & Guy's Hospitals.



Please, Please support us and more importantly support the Hospital.

Every little bit helps! ££££££

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=NaomiDanby>

THANK YOU from the Danby family

The BIG 12 day, 2,000km cycle

Cycling helmets off to Mr Cooper who is undertaking his next mammoth cycle ride to raise money for the Northwood Charitable Foundation in memory of his brother Nick. To date he has raised, with the support of family and friends, an impressive £30,000. This time Jon has opted to cycle from Budapest (where he works) to Oxted (where he lives). It's the longest, and most demanding commute ever. In total he will cover 2,000 kilometres and is hoping to cover the distance in just twelve days. Mr Cooper sets off on 23rd May. His homecoming – as in previous challenges – will involve a welcoming party somewhere near a pub to reward his efforts and celebrate the monies raised.

Donations can be made by clicking on www.justgiving.com/budapesttooxted

Key Events for Next Week

All week Health and Safety Week (including HNEY Site)

Postponed until w/c 22nd May

All week Common Entrance Speaking & Listening Exams

All week Years 3-6 Exam Week

Monday 15

1515 Cricket: Colts A, B and C v Yardley Court HOME

1530 Athletics: U12 - U13 v Hawthorns AWAY

Tuesday 16

~~0835-~~

~~1300 Sports for Schools visit - Years 3-8~~

1430 Cricket: U8A, C and D v Caterham AWAY

Wednesday 17

All day Skylarks visit to Brighton Sealife Centre

1000-

1200 Oak Forest Schools - Group 2

1400 Cricket: Middle and Senior Inter-house HOME

1430 Rounders: U11 A, B & C v Caterham HOME

~~1500 Rounders: U10 A & B/C Cumnor House AWAY~~

1600 Rounders: U13 A & B v Woldingham AWAY

Thursday 18

0900- Oak, Years 1 & 2 Creative Arts Morning

1230 (Oak parents drop off at Hazelwood site)

1430 Rounders: U9 A, B & C v Micklefield HOME (~~Cumnor House~~)

1430 Rounders: U8 A & B v Hawthorns HOME

1400 Cricket: Junior Inter-House HOME

1930 Year 8 Information evening

Friday 19

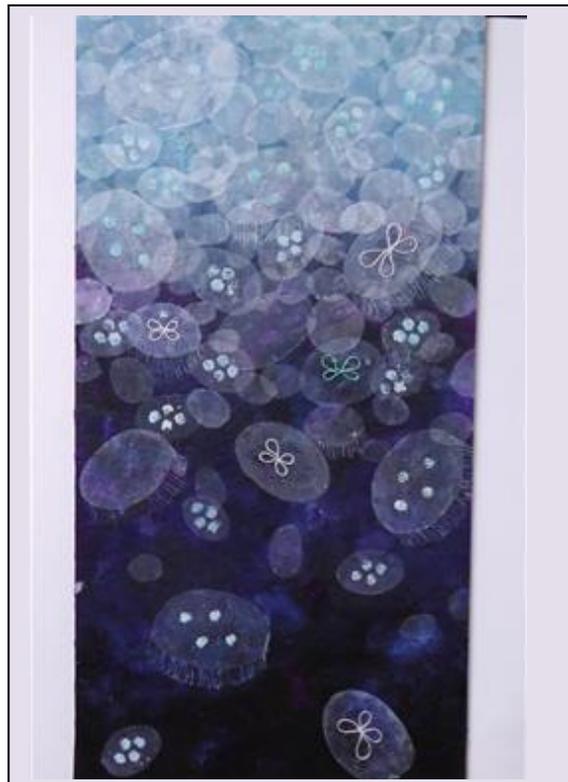
All Day 2W/1L Forest Schools

0930 Open Morning

Sunday 21

1000- Talent Show technical rehearsal

1600 (each act will be given a time slot)



This sublime picture is Emily K's (Y8) interpretation of the theme of 'Space'. The picture needs to be seen in the flesh to appreciate the delicate layering which has been used to build-up its overall ephemeral effect and impact. It is subtle and elegant in equal measure and packs an inter-galactic punch as a result. It is something quite special and seems to float a few centimetres off the display boasting an illuminating lightness of touch



Half Term Forest Skills Days
Tuesday 30th May 2017

Morning Session suitable for Years 1 – 4

9.00am – 12.00pm

Afternoon Session suitable for Years 3 – 8

12.00 pm – 4pm

<i>Safe tool use</i>	<i>Whittling</i>
<i>Outdoor Cooking</i>	<i>Fire Building</i>
<i>Den Building</i>	<i>Outdoor art</i>
<i>Tree identification</i>	<i>Wooden Tool making</i>

All equipment and food provided.

Please contact Mr Walton

waltonj@hazelwoodschoo.com

for more details or to book.

Cost: £30 morning session £40 afternoon

Numbers limited due to Health and Safety.



Kate Tulett's
Art Workshops
May Half Term
2017



“Art for All”

Tuesday 30th May

Wednesday 31st May

£40 per day

10am – 3.00pm

Wear old clothes, shoes and a coat for outside

Bring packed lunch, drink & snacks

NB – No nuts

Contact Kate Tulett on katetulett@gmail.com

or Tel: 07815 918511 for more details

Cheques payable to Kate Tulett, cash, or BACS



Big moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!



Edenbridge CC, Kent

Blossoms Park, Edenbridge, tn8 5dq

6:00pm - 7:00pm, Fridays (May 19th - July 7th)

Contact: vijay@vijayshah.co.uk

Includes Personalised Kit!

Starting from May 2017

For children aged 5 to 8

Register at allstarscricket.co.uk



Summer 2017 Half-Term Tennis Camp for Ages 4 - 16

Tuesday, 30th May to Thursday, 1st June

Ages 4-5 (Mini-Red): 9.30am – 11.30am
£10 members (£30pw) / £13.00 non-members (£39pw)

Ages 6-10 (Red/Orange/Green-Ball): 9.30am – 12.30pm
£15 members (£45pw) / £20 non-members (£60pw)

Ages 11-16 (Yellow-Ball): 12.30pm – 3.30pm
£15 members (£45pw) / £20 non-members (£60pw)

Numbers will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment!

PLEASE NOTE: BOOKINGS WILL NOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT PAYMENT.
ABOVE FEES APPLY FOR BOOKINGS MADE BY FRIDAY 26TH MAY,
THEREAFTER (SUBJECT TO SPACE BEING AVAILABLE) +£5 PER DAY or +£10 FOR ALL 3 DAYS

- 4-10 years - registration between 9.00am and 9.20am each day
- 11-16 years - registration from 12.15pm each day
- Please bring water and a snack for the mid-session snack break (or these can be purchased from the Bar)

Please complete the form below and return with payment (cheques to 'Limpsfield LTC') to the Club Office.
For further enquiries, please contact the Club Office on 01883 714079 or email Jenny at:
tenniscoaching@limpsfieldtennis.co.uk

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER CHILD AND TICK BOXES AS APPROPRIATE:							TOTAL £
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