

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

Finally the sunshine has arrived and with it the noise of excited, happy children enjoying their learning in the invigorating fresh air. How nice it has been for the Year 1 and 2 children to be making their way down to the woods for their Forest Schools sessions wearing sun hats and sun cream rather than wellingtons and cagoules! How lovely it has been for me to look out of my window towards the Baily Terrace and to see it filled with children playing and laughing. How brilliant it is that the boys and girls can enjoy games of cricket and rounders without fear of slipping and letting a wet ball fall through their fingers. I knew that if we were patient enough, our putting up with the last few weeks of rain and dreary grey clouds would be rewarded. I am so delighted it has come this week and not last week as the children were taking their annual end-of-year assessments. I hope that it will continue through the weekend and into the following week so that you can all enjoy a relaxing and wonderful half term break.

I cannot quite believe that I have only a half term to enjoy before my first year of being a Head is over. Being a Head is like being back at school. There is so much to learn. Every situation is different and evolving and every group of children requires a unique perspective and approach. It is part of what I love about the role. An affinity with the children in my care borne out of a love for learning and a real sense of satisfaction in seeing each and every one of them doing well. My end-of-year Prize Giving speech will give me a more formal and public time to reflect on what is turning out to be a monumental year for Hazelwood, suffice to say here, that I continue to be grateful for the support the children, staff and parents have shown me in my rookie year. I really want the mixed calendar of events next half term to bring the year to a rousing close, creating many more happy memories and points of notoriety for the whole school community.



Away from the higher profile scholarships, choral trophies and tournament successes, others are going about their daily lives at Hazelwood, working hard and seeking inspiration for the good of the children's learning. To some, these members of the team may appear 'unsung heroes' but I can reassure you that nothing goes unnoticed and uncelebrated. A couple of weeks ago The Nutshell shared news of the Chestnut library make-over that Mr Smith, our Facilities Manager (with the help of Mr Cartwright), had undertaken. The transformation is now complete and visitors are greeted by a woodland scene through the seasons as they enter the Chestnut Building looking for the library. There is winter snow on the ground, autumnal animals looking for suitable places in which to hibernate and a summertime ladybird climbing up an extended blade of grass. It is quite a special place and one which, we hope, will further encourage the children's love of books and of reading. However, the

transformation doesn't end there. Mrs Wisniewski, one of our two terrific librarians has done a thorough sorting and cataloguing of all the books in the library so that titles can be found, signed out and retrieved more easily. It not only improves the mechanics of the lending out of books, but it also introduces the children, at a very early age, to the way in which libraries work. This knowledge in turn makes them feel more settled when they enter Year 3 and begin to use and navigate the school's main library. Books have been sorted, new titles added and others sent to the dusty library in the sky! Mrs Wiz has done a wonderful job working tirelessly to complete the task. I would like to take this opportunity of acknowledging the contributions of all those who have been involved in this project. A labour of love which I hope will have the desired benefits. Thank you.



Finally I would like to confirm that hand held spinners are not welcomed at Hazelwood. Please can I ask that your children do not bring them into school as this runs the risk of them being lost or broken. Far from helping with their concentration levels, they have become a distraction.

I am sure the craze will soon pass and that they, like clackers before them, will be spoken of in time to children and grandchildren, puzzled and bewildered by what the attraction ever was!

Enjoy your half term break. Refresh those batteries and energy levels, we have a jam-packed calendar awaiting us all on our return!

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

The sun has shone and the children came out to play this week at the Nursery & Early Years Site. The sound of birds singing, children playing and laughing has rung around the site and filled everyone with a sense of happiness. As part of our Health & Safety week all of the children have enjoyed a talk from Michelle (HNEY Headchef) about healthy eating, the children have also spent time learning about road safety.

On a sad note, we said goodbye to Nutmeg, one of the Skylarks Guinea Pigs this week. Nutmeg enjoyed a wonderful life amongst the children of the HNEY. She passed away peacefully and will be hugely missed by all of the staff, children and her sister Petal.

Fledglings 1 have enjoyed lots of outdoor fun with sand and water play and have tackled a variety of soft play obstacle courses, mastering the art of climbing, sliding and moving over and under objects.

The Fledglings 2 children have been working on creating a giant fire engine for their display board, painting self-portraits for grandparent day and playing lots of sorting and taking turn games with their friends. The bake off crown goes to Sue's Fledglings this week with their melt in the mouth shortbread.

The Top Robins have a lot of time this week outside with water and soil play. They have been looking at people who help us and have utilised the small world play area to look at this, with the fire station and hospital.

Bottom Robins have also spent time in the garden this week. They have been putting into practice their road safety knowledge, creating sand and water potions and also painting self-portraits for grandparent's days.



Skylarks have remained upbeat, despite the sad passing away of Nutmeg. The children have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning, focusing on measuring and looking at volume and weight. Mrs Young has been very impressed with the children's singing as they practice for their Summer Concert.

Reminders for next week and w/c Monday 29th May

HNEY closed – Monday 29th May – May Bank Holiday

HNEY open for monthly children

Half Term for Term Time Children

Term resumes for Term Time children on Monday 5th June



Sit still long enough in Skylarks this week and you will find yourself being measured. Mr Garlick's ties were the latest thing to come under the measuring microscope of the children. The challenge to find the length of a piece of string is a gauntlet yet to be thrown down!





Congratulations to Oscar and Alex who scooped two of the prestigious awards at the end of season Edenbridge U9 Rugby Presentation. Alex was named Most Improved Player with Oscar taking the title of Coaches' Player of the Year. Both look very pleased and uber cool. Well done boys!

Year Two children in stiches

This half term the children at textiles club have been making some bunting. They were very proud of their finished flags and couldn't wait to take them home. The children chose their own materials and then cut their flags from a template. Then, they cut their names out of sticky backed fabric and stuck them on so their bunting was personal to them. Some children were going to hang the flags above their beds. Miss Wilson leant a helping hand by sewing the flags onto ribbon. Do you like what we have made?



Gold Award Congratulations got his week to Daniel C and Leo B, both from Year 3 who have worked hard all year to secure their 300 house points with just enough time left to push on for their Diamond Award!



Ready for action: The Years 3 and 4 athletics team prepare to do battle with Aberdour



Following on from the huge success of the Give a Wig Event in 2015, we are looking to host another Give a Wig Event next term (possibly November).

This is a fundraising event to raise money for both the Little Princess Trust and Children with Cancer, by sponsoring pupils, friends and family who would kindly like to have a big hair chop (minimum 7 inches). All the hair will be donated to The Little Princess Trust to be made into wigs for children who have lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment. The wigs provide both physical and emotional support to these brave and courageous children.

More information will follow over the coming months about this event, but for now, if any of you or your children would like to participate, we thought you would like to know well in advance to cancel any big chops over the coming months.

Many thanks in advance for your support.



About the Little Princess Trust

The Little Princess Trust is a children's cancer charity and their mission is to supply real hair wigs to children suffering with cancer, for the duration of their treatment.

The charity provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment. As a result of treatment for cancer, most children will suffer hair loss as a side effect. Some boys and girls cope remarkably well but for others this can be very upsetting. Please visit littleprincesses.org.uk for further information.

About Children with Cancer

Children with Cancer UK is the leading national children's charity dedicated to the fight against childhood cancer.

Almost 4,000 children and young people are diagnosed with cancer every year in the UK. Children with Cancer UK's aims are to determine the causes, find cures and provide care for children with cancer.

The charity helps children (and teenagers) with cancer across the UK, by investing in essential research (into the causes, prevention and treatment of childhood cancer), welfare (to provide better care for children with cancer and their families) and campaigning (to raise awareness of childhood cancer to protect children and improve the lives of young cancer patients). Please visit childrenwithcancer.org.uk for further information.



Wow look at Phoebe's sunflowers.

She must have a special magic formula as they are the tallest reported so far. Let's hope she remembers to water them over the hot weekend!



Rounders Tournament Success for the U9s

Yesterday in the blazing sunshine, the U9 team were triumphant, winning the inaugural Aberdour rounders tournament. The girls played four matches winning every single one. Their hitting was incredible scoring 40 rounders in total and the fielding was tight, conceding only 13 rounders in four matches with a phenomenal catch from Poppy J out in deep field. The teamwork from these girls was outstanding, communicating to each other in order to get players out. Rounders is tactical and the girls have worked very hard to understand the intricacies of the game over the last 5 weeks.

Well done to Isla M, Grace S, Esme W, Eloise P, Eliza Y, Amelie H, Emmy B, Poppy J, Martha D and Sofia M.

Honesty is the best policy

I would like to acknowledge the honesty of one of our pupils here at Hazelwood.

I had the misfortune to lose a certain amount of money at school. I only realised it was missing when I got home and I knew it must have fallen out of my back pocket and thought there was a very slim chance of it being found as it was the weekend and lots of people come and go for various clubs. On Monday morning, I went to the office to explain my loss, still holding on to a glimmer of hope that it had been reported.

To my amazement, a parent had emailed to say that her son had found the money outside the Willow building and wondered if anyone had lost it.

I would like to thank Tom C and express my heartfelt gratitude.

HAZELWOOD'S DOG SHOW



SAT 1st JULY!

Does your darling dog have the LOVLIEST EYES? Is it the SCRUFFIEST DOG? Are you the best JUNIOR HANDLER? Does your Mum or Dad look just like your dog (MOST LIKE OWNER) or could your dog be a winner in a basic agility course?

Enter one or more of our ten categories to show off your prize pooch at this year's Hazelwood Summer Fair! Entry (and further information) will be by PRE-REGISTRATION. Forms will be available after half-term but do start practicing over the half term! There's a category for every dog so come and let us see what you and your dog can do!



THE CATEGORIES:

1. Scruffiest Dog
2. Best Trick
3. Waggiest Tail
4. Most Like Owner
5. Dog Judge Would Most Like To Take Home
6. Most appealing eyes
7. Best Junior Handler - girl/boy
8. Prettiest Bitch
9. Most Handsome Dog
10. Basic agility



Miss Clayton was so impressed with these two pieces of writing, penned by Morgan and Marcus from Year 8 that she wanted them to appear in the Nutshell. Both were written under exam conditions as the boys prepare for their Common Entrance exams after half term. Impressive stuff.

Leaving the city behind - Morgan R

Don't you ever want to go to the peace and quiet and not get killed and choked by the city pollution and the stress of the city? Do you ever want to leave the city behind?

The noise deafens me because the builders gnaw away at the foundations like beavers at a tree. From six to six everyday I get woken every working morning by pneumatic drills eroding my sleep. The trucks clog up the roads and strangle us with their horrible killer black fumes. I feel I will never escape the clutches of the city. I can see countryside in the horizon. Empty. Wanting to be filled. I envy the birds and their clean air, the trees swaying in the breeze of the countryside.

The infestation of people causes me to be claustrophobic. Streets are filled with people trying to get to work. Tourists don't help either, stopping in the middle of the path trying to

take pictures. The streets are impassable as the black taxicabs are filling the roads like a sea of dead fish.

Buildings are blanketed in a black horrible chemical that comes from pollution. The buildings lean over, covered in soot, and watch over the city, wondering when it got this bad. Black smoky cloudy lingering mist traps you in, as it creates a box that suffocates you.

The stress, the horrible vibe you get when walking down the littered streets with everyone pushing and shoving, trying not to be late for work. They are like robots, they walk in a straight line and expect you to move out the way; all they think about is themselves. In the morning when you gasp a big breath to try and get the air into your weakening polluted lungs, you wonder why you are still in the unbearable city. All the trees are cut down to make space for more flats. You can't see great for miles.



None of this occurs in the beautiful countryside.

Eventually you reach the old dirt tracks which take you into the trees. You weave in and out of the little rodents that scurry across the road, without a clue what could happen. The clean air that surrounds you and floods you with every breath. The amazing views at the top of the trees where all you can see is green. The beautiful gargantuan green great blossoming trees make your heart melt, as the clean breeze washes through you. The leaves on the trees sway elegantly from side to side in the light clean breeze.

Birds sing a beautiful harmony where there is always a reply. The sun beams radiantly through the brightened green leaves and the flowers all look at it as if it is their master. They feed off of the sun and their petals open. They then close. The sun gets pushed away by the bright shimmering moon. The red and orange sun settles on the horizon and then the fire ball is gone until the morning. For now all you can hear is the sound of owls speaking, trying to get each other's attention

My house sits there (with the windows open as nobody is around to steal your things) alone with only trees to keep it company.

Finally leaving the clutches of the city.

Chosen task - Write two contrasting descriptions of a place you know well, one when it is busy, and one when it is quiet - Marcus L Year 8

Dorset. In the morning. It is as still as the rocks that hold up its cliffs. You can hear nothing more than the water washing the pebbles on the beach; the clear sea pushing up and falling down along the small stones that hold it away from the dry land you inhabit. As you look out the window you see a robin, no bigger than the palm of your hand. Its head erect, and in its

mouth a freshly caught worm ready to be fed to the miniature bird's miniature chicks. The robin flies away as you open the balcony door, and look out over the English Channel, then up, as you cast your gaze into the sky.

The pink, orange yellow and green sky. A real spectacle.

A flock of seagulls perching in the grass outside, get up and try to teach their young to fly. However, you then see a black cat, a wild cat, closely followed by a fresh litter of kittens, creep up on the birds, pressing their bodies into the ground, out of sight, silent as the night. The cats disappear into the grass and then, suddenly, the seagulls spring into the air, all but the unknowing babies. Without flight, but full with curiosity, the young chicks approach the cats, too close for the mother of the birds comfort. Then, a mother seagull swoops in. Only to be swatted by the mother cat. The kittens pounce on the chicks, and finish them off.



Mid-afternoon. The beach is busy. Children splash about in the rock pools, picking up crabs and collecting shells. One boy, a large baby, clumsily grasps a crab in his massive paws. Only to get snipped on the thumb, by a rather strong pincer. The boy immediately drops the crustacean, picks up a nearby rock and smashes it to a pulp, spreading, what he thought was a killer's insides, on the hard edge of the stone beach.

As you look over to the left, you see tourists taking pictures of every animal they pass. Adult men share a barrel of bear as their young play in the sea, splashing about. A surf-boarding instructor teaches visitors, on the sand, how to stand on their board, before taking them into the sea.

Sad Farewell

After arriving at the school only in September to temporarily cover Mrs Powell in the School Office, the school is finally letting Mr Calver go after his time as Bursar's PA. Mr Calver has landed himself a very prestigious two-month internship at the Bank of England using his understated charm and composure to see off competition from a very extensive and intense field of applicants. We wish him well. He will be missed, as will his taste in ties, his top knot and his skills in ultimate Frisbee throwing!

Competition Deadline extended

Thank you to the pupils who have entered either the Doggy Day Glo or Jazz up a Zebra Health and Safety Week competition. Your entries have been very creative and much appreciated. We have decided to extend the deadlines for entries so that children have the half term holiday to pull together their ideas. Details have been sent home via email.

TRUE GRIT SUMMER FAIR


SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2017
FROM HIGH NOON UNTIL 3.30PM

Ride the Bucking Bronco



Conquer the Western mega slide



Pin the badge on the grumpy sheriff

Hoopla the prickly cactus



Sling a stetson



Shoot down tin can alley

FUN FOR ALL THE ROOTIN' TOOTIN' FAMILY!





Last week, the children of Year 2 were challenged in Forest Skills to make dens from materials foraged in the woods. There were some sturdy looking shelters built which was just as well as they needed to hide from the heavy downpours which plagued their outdoor learning.

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.

Team	Opposition	Result	Other info
1 st XI	St Michael's	Won	James Harding took a lovely hat-trick
2 nd XI	St Michael's	Won	
3 rd XI	Handcross Park	Won	
4 th XI	Handcross Park	Lost	
Colts A	St Michael's	Lost	
Colts B	St Michael's	Lost	
Colts C	St Michael's	Won	
Colts D	St Michael's	Lost	
Colts E	St Michael's	Lost	
U9A	Solefield	Won	
U9B	Solefield	Won	
U9C	Solefield	Won	
U8A	Solefield	Won	
U8B	Solefield	Won	
U8C	Solefield	Lost	

Boys

Monday Aberdour- U10 A, B & C and U11 A

Wednesday U13 A & B Notre Dame Cobham & U11 A, B, C and U10A, B, C Micklefield

Thursday U9 A tournament @ Aberdour U9B & C Caterham U8 A & B Holmewood House

Team	Result	Score
U11 A	Won	21-3
U10 A	Won	9-3
U10 B	Won	
U10 C	Won	
U13 A	Won	10.5-9
U13 B	Lost	12.5-10
U11 A	Won	8.5-7
U11B	Won	18-13
U11 C	Won	7.5-3
U10A	Lost	13-9
U10B	Won	16-7
U10 C	Won	10-7.5
U9 A	Won tournament!!!	
U9 B	Lost	8.5-1.5
U9 C	Lost	5-12
U8 A	Lost	9-5.5
U8 B	Won	

Girls

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.

All school (excl Oak)	Grandparents' Day
Music pupils	Trinity Aural Test
Year 4	Visit by Helen Hancocks visit –
Year 3:	Coffee Morning Invitation

Key Events for Next Week

TERM RESTARTS

5th – 30th June Golden Boot Challenge

All week HNEY Maths and Technology week

All week Common Entrance Exams start Year 7 Mock Exams Start

Tuesday 6	1430 Rounders: U8 A & B v Caterham HOME 1430- 1630 Governors' Nursery Board meeting
Wednesday 7	All day Cricket: U11 Sutton Valence 6s AWAY 1000- 1200 Oak Forest Schools - Group 2 1430 Rounders: U12 V Rosehill HOME 1430 Rounders: U11 A & B/C v Hawthorns AWAY 1430 Rounders: U10 A & B triangular with Hawthorns and Reigate St. Mary's HOME 1330 Rounders: U11 C U10 C Derwent Lodge tournament AWAY 1430 Cricket: Colts B & C v Russell House HOME 1430 Cricket: Colts E v Handcross Park HOME
Thursday 8	1430 Cricket: U8 A, B & C v Sevenoaks Prep AWAY
Friday 9	All Day 2M/1L Forest Schools
Saturday 10	0930 Rounders: U13 A & U11 A Hawthorns tournament AWAY 1900 HPA Summer Ball, Effingham Park Hotel



Year 2 get expert advice from Mr Sone, the school's Gardener, as they replant sunflowers.

Join us at the

Limpsfield Village Fete

The Glebe Meadow,
off Limpsfield High Street

Saturday 10th June 2017
from 12.00 - 3.30pm

Tea & Cakes Silent Auction
Music & Dancing Grand Raffle
Rugby BBQ Dog Show Football
Tug O' War Punch & Judy
Selection of Stalls Sports
Tennis



Fete Sponsored by Jackson-Stops & Staff



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Half Term Forest Skills Days Tuesday 30th May 2017

Afternoon Session suitable for Years 1 – 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.

£40 afternoon

Numbers limited due to Health and Safety.



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@11am

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