

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

News of the silver medal in the U10 netball tournament reached my office a little too late for me to include in my opening paragraphs of the Nutshell last week. The marvellous achievement of the girls and staff involved was covered within the sports' section but I want, this week, to elevate it to the front page and to extend my warmest congratulations to the team, the coaches and the supporters who must have braved some bitter conditions to come away having achieved so much. From my discussions with Mrs Lowe, I know they showed indefatigable team spirit and unwavering grit on their way to the final. I also know that they smiled and showed true sportsmanship in victory as well as in ultimate defeat. They were true ambassadors of Hazelwood, and of their cohort, and shining examples of what we set out to install in all of our pupils; a can-do attitude which is individually strong but which is far more compelling when pulling together as part of a team. I am frequently told that the talent and focus extends right through all the Hazelwood teams, at all ages which is good to hear. I hope this early term success will inspire others to do well and look forward to hearing more welcomed news from across all our sports teams. There are opportunities this weekend in both netball and rugby for further team success.

This weekend also sees the school's gymnasts back in action. You may remember the amazing performances delivered last year which saw a number of the school's pupils secure themselves regional champion status. On Saturday these children, along with new pretenders to the crowns of suppleness and strength, attempt to reclaim their Regional titles in a bid, later in the term, to go one step, cartwheel and forward roll further with the National Finals. We wish them all the very best, confident in the knowledge that Molly C, Georgie L, Edward M (U13 team – a new category of competition), Charlotte P, Emelia S, Eliza Y and Daniel H (Under 11 squad) have focussed on their preparation and have put themselves in the strongest position to do well. News and pictures will feature in next week's Nutshell.



Year 4 take to the turrets and gangways of the castle keep next week as they perform their play, 'What a Knight'. Taking a break from rehearsals, King Arthur told the Nutshell that the play was 'very, very funny' and that the audience were in for a treat. The Thursday evening performance is **SOLD OUT!** Tickets still available for Wednesday at 9am.

I was reminded this week that the Nutshell is a great vehicle for sharing the successes of the extra-curricular aspects of the school day but is perhaps less proficient at proclaiming the

merits of the academic sides of school life. It is remiss that the balance that we strive to achieve through our varied timetable is not reflected in the end-of-week news round up. I will ask our Heads of Department and Heads of Year to send through snippets which may be of interest for future issues of the Nutshell. Suffice to say that as I do my walks around the site, calling in, both unexpected and announced, into classrooms, I see plenty of evidence of exemplary and differentiated learning. This week Year 5 were discussing the differences between third and first class cabins on board the Titanic with such relish and eagerness it was quite clear that the topic had them hooked. Elsewhere the children in Years 1 and 2 were using our new Phonics scheme to develop their proficiency and confidence in reading. Working in small groups the children were helping each other out, providing encouragement and clues when the odd stumble halted the story telling. Much of the thrust for school inspection is focused around children taking ownership of and responsibility for their own learning. The knowledge shown by the Year 5 children, stemming from their own research at school and at home, is evidence enough to suggest that our pupils are able to work independently as well as with guidance and tutelage from their class teachers.

And finally, now that the deadline for applications for the position of Deputy Head (Pastoral) has passed, I am delighted to share with you the news that we received twenty-eight applications for the position. I am equally confident that from this very strong field we will find an individual who will join me, and the rest of the Senior Leadership team, in taking the school forward with energy, commitment and always with the welfare and progress of the children very much at heart.

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 grey misty skies of this week have not put a dampener on the enthusiasm of the children on the Early Years Site. Phase 1 of the playground refurbishment is now complete and the children had the opportunity to walk the wobbly bridge, set sail on the pirate ship and practice their balancing and sliding.

Fledglings 1 have been having lots of fun with squidgy soap and farm animals – exploring and talking about the different animals they can find. They have also made a giant sponge painted giraffe and continued their fruit collages using different textures and materials.



Fledglings 2 have been investigating symmetrical patterns and making butterflies. They have been looking at paper dolls and making cardboard cut-outs of themselves. The room was full

of the smell of gingerbread men during the week – the children are thoroughly enjoying their cooking sessions – watch out Mary Berry!



The Robins rooms have been concentrating on Chinese New Year with a host of dragons emerging, Chinese lanterns and some beautiful blossom tree art. Matt's Robins tried noodles and thought they were very tasty. They then did messy play with coloured noodles. Lacie's Robins had fun exploring rice play.

The Skylarks children have stepped back in time and started their new topic about Dinosaurs.

There has been shape recognition using dinosaurs to create a dinosaur world; listening to dinosaur stories and predicting what is going to happen next; sorting dinosaurs by where they live and what they eat and last but by no means least – a dinosaur volcano role play area where there have been some fantastic story creations.



Reminders for next week:

We welcome Adele Saunders to the Admin team. Adele will be working in the office from 1-5 every day.

Thursday 2nd February – Oak Trip to the Polka Theatre to see Babe.

Friday 3rd February – HNEY Open Morning – we have lots of families visiting the site. Please can Oak children come in to school wearing their PE kit.



The children of Oak Reception enjoy their first exploration of the new play area, taking great care on the rope bridge not to fall into the roaring river below! At the time of the picture, the trolls were out for tea!

Thank you from St John’s Church, Hurst Green

“Steve has done an absolutely marvelous job and we’re thrilled with the result. The new paint has brightened the room considerably and the new colours provide a far more welcoming atmosphere. As I say, we are absolutely delighted and want to thank you so much for helping us out with this project – it really has made a big difference.”

Lost Blazer

At the start of the new academic year, Finn in Y4 returned to school the proud owner of a pristine blazer. It disappeared pretty much on the first day and, despite scouring the school, and home, from top to bottom, it hasn’t been seen since. Clearly the family are keen to find it. Could we ask all families to look at home and to check the name on the blazer that has been hanging, undisturbed, on the coat peg since September. It would be great to be able find the garment (no questions asked) and return it to the Luck family before they are compelled to invest in another one. Currently the family feel Lucky by name if not by nature! Thank you for mounting a search!



These great action shots were taken during last week’s impressive display against Solefield. Capturing the U9B team on camera the boys are showing strength and commitment as they burst through their opponents ranks to leave them standing. Well done boys, a fine display!

Open Morning across both sites

The School and Nursery are holding their Spring Term Open Morning on Friday 3rd February between the hours of 9.30am and 12 noon. If you know of any neighbours or friends who may be thinking about Hazelwood for their children in the future, please do pass on our warmest invitation to attend. Places are still available in the school's Year 3 for a September 2018 date of entry. Thank you for passing on the invitation. Interested families can contact Nick Tappin on 101883 733841 or via bursar@hazelwoodschool.com



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O is for Open Morning

☐ Places available for 2017 and 2018 entry ☐ Q&A session with the new Head
☐ Register your interest by calling 01883 733841

The alphabest of Ha-zelwood School

Congratulations to the 1st XV Rugby team and the boys from the U10A rugby team both who came from behind on Wednesday to overthrow very powerful opposition from Hilden Grange. Leading from the front the school's first team turned around a deficit of 25-15 to emerge the eventual winners with an impressive score line of 50-35. The younger boys were trailing 10-0, subsequently scoring all the match's remaining points to be crowned victors 15-10. Well done – lots of grit, self-belief, composure and team support.



More fabulous rugby against Hilden Grange. This time it is the 2nd XV powering through and keeping their cool against tough opposition. Some strong running with the ball and a positive attitude saw the Hazelwood side home and day with a scoreline of 35-15. #reasonstobecheerful3



PLEASE TURN ENGINES OFF!

At pick up some cars are left running for 45 minutes! This is damaging to everyone's health and the environment. Thanks



Painting pictures with well-chosen words

Last week, Year 6 started drafting their own poems after three weeks of studying the structure and language choices of a variety of poems. The children had three criteria to meet: it must be written in rhyming couplets, it must have a clear theme, and figurative language must be employed to support this theme. Here are some examples of their brilliant and emerging work...

Floodlights by Callum Murray

On one stormy September night,
Oxted Town plays Nottingham Knights.
Fierce floodlights illuminating all;
The pitch, the players, the fans, the ball.
The lights multiplying the players by four,
But these 2D shadows can't alter the score.

Rain rocketed down to the ground.
Hopeful fans cheering all around.
Now, came a million eyes.
Here are the attracted flies.
Quickly, searching for the light.
Swarming, like a wolf pack in flight.
Completely oblivious to the game,
Looking up to the floodlights' fame.

The wind relentlessly bullies the rain.
Refusing to let it go down again.
cutting shapes of unique forms,
creating a shouting, scary storm.

Peep, peep, peep the final whistle blows
Now all the away fans go.
The home ones cheer a bit more,
Very satisfied with tonight's score.
Soon they go to their waiting bed,
Knowing there were good rimes for Oxted
ahead!
Now the switches are hit, click click, click.
And the floodlights have finished doing their bit.

The Sunset by Annie Verdier

The sun sets under the clouds,
Upon the Earth it bows,
A ball of orange, amber and red,
Making a bed for its tired, hot head.

Watching he birds flock to their nests,
The sun sighs, knowing it must rest.
Fishing boats docking into the bay,
As the sun gives out its final ray.

Silently it slips, lower and lower,
Slowly falling, slower and slower,
Until it winks, and vanishes from the sky,
Hovering over the horizon, as if to say
goodbye.



The Candle by Annabel Leach

The candle gleams bright,
On a cold winter's night.
As if we watch the flickering flame,
A hush falls over our peaceful game.
I watch as the molten wax,
Dribbles down the pillar, making tracks.

The candle gleams bright,
On a cold winter's night.
The room feels warm and right,
And fills our hearts with calm delight
As I sit there so peacefully,
I wonder,
What would I do without family?





Hazelwood Music News

We were thrilled to welcome Moriarty Winds to the Bawtree Hall at Hazelwood on Wednesday 25th of January to offer our children some 'wind inspiration'!

This fabulous Wind Quintet demonstrated their instruments: flute (Amy), oboe (Amy), bassoon (Angharad), French horn (Joel) and clarinet (Matthew) for the Prep School playing a varied programme of Ligeti (6 Bagatelles: No3) Arnold (Sea Shanties No 1) and the Neilson Quintet (1st movement).

Very few of our children had experienced the sound of the oboe, bassoon and French horn and they were 'blown away' by the variety of sounds, tones and textures that this accomplished group were able to produce so effortlessly. Each instrument had a short solo and brief introduction and then the group finished with a performance of a whole movement from the Neilson Quintet which demonstrated the range and subtlety of their instruments perfectly.

After the performance our own Hazelwood 'wind and brass stars' got to meet these amazing young musicians. A real inspiration for our young Wind Band which has grown from 3 members last September to 21! Moriarty Winds generously encouraged our children in their musical journey before the group sped up to London where they were appearing at a wind workshop.

With our warmest thanks to Amy Roberts and Moriarty Winds for a wonderful start to the Hazelwood Day! If your child was inspired and would like a taster on clarinet, saxophone, brass or flute do contact me on youngs@hazelwoodschool.com and we shall organise one for you.

Sara Young
Acting Director of Music

Better late than never: Autumn term photos

Please find below the encrypted link to view and order the photographs online that were taken at Hazelwood School in the Autumn term.

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If your email programs stop the link from working, simply copy and paste the link into your browser.

The preference is for orders to be placed online. If parents would prefer to order directly with Bentley Photographic, they can contact them directly on **01206 395888**, during normal office hours.

Apologies that the link has only just been made available.

Should advertising junk food be banned?

This was the 'hot topic' being contested in the most recent of our inter-house debates, held this week. Each House worked hard as a team to craft well-constructed and compelling arguments for and against the ban. The judges enjoyed confident and well prepared performances by all those involved. Children had thoroughly researched the health, social and economic implications of such a ban, 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 preconceptions on the topic.

Well done to Alice, Richard and Kavi from Baily; Callum, Fred and Archie from Irving; Charlotte, Hannah and James from Parry and Erin, Max and Charlie from Dowling - great performances all round!

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

SR INTER-HOUSE DEBATING



Oak, Year and Year 2 enjoy a Perform theatre workshop



Oak enjoyed their visit to the main site on Monday. They participated in a Perform workshop around the theme of fairy tales, explored the site and drew a portrait of a friend in the new Lower School Art room (they seemed to enjoy the floor rather than the tables and chairs!)

They also enjoyed the experience of having lunch at Hazelwood. The choice of puddings was a highlight! Oak are looking forward to being on the main site in September.



Come back and see us all again soon!



Harry Potter



As next Thursday is Harry Potter Book Night, when children are encouraged to get together, read their books, colour pictures, dress up and play games in the spirit of Hogwarts, Mrs Ford aka Professor McGonagall is inviting all wizards and muggles into 3R at lunchtime on Thursday 2nd February for a Hagrid-fest of all things magical and wizardous. Children should apparate into the classroom at 1.30pm for the remainder of the lunchtime. Harry Potter is celebrating an incredible 20 years this year. The Book Night is in its third year but worthy of celebration and participation nevertheless. The theme this year is the Professors of Potter so roll up all you wannabe Sprouts and Snapes, you're in for a spell-binding time!

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.



With the Chinese New Year of the Rooster strutting its way into 2017 on Saturday, Dave, Helene and the catering team will be tempting and teasing our taste-buds with food from the Orient on Monday. Who knows the fortunes which lie within the cookie? Maybe a few pupils will be cock-a-doodle-doo with what wise words are revealed.

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.

Match Results w/e 27th January

Rugby Results

Opposition: Hilden Grange

Team	Result	Score
1 st XV	Won	50-35
2 nd XV	Won	35-15
U11A, B and C	Cancelled	
U10A	Won	15-10
U10B	Lost	30-70
U10C	Lost	

Team	Result	Score
U9A	Won	70-15
U9B	Won	50-15
U9C	Lost	0-5
U9D	Won	20-15
U8A	Won	30-20
U8B	Won	15-10
U8C	Drew	15-15
U8 Dragons	Won	15-5
U8 Lions	Drew	25-25

These are the best results against Hilden Grange for a good number of seasons.
Well done everyone!

Netball results

Opposition: Caterham

Team	Result	Score
U8 A	Draw	2-2
U8 B	Lost	
U9 A	Lost	2-6
U9 B	Won	6-1
U9 B	Won	5-1
U9 C	Draw	2-2
U9 D	Lost	0 -7

Opposition: St Michael's

Team	Result	Score
U11 A	Won	18 – 7
U11 B	Won	8-6
U11 C	Won	8-0
U11 D	Lost	1-10
U10 A	Won	10-7
U10 B	Draw	5-5
U10 C	Draw	8-8
U10 D	Lost	4-8

Hilden Grange

Team	Result	Score
U8 A	Draw	2-2
U8 B	Lost	1-8

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.

Year 1-8 Helen Arkell Course of Workshops
 Year 2-7 Gym Squad Assessments
 Year 4: Coffee Morning
 Year 6 Year 6 Play update
 Whole school HPA Ball: Raffle Prize Request

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2017

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CHINESE CELEBRATION LUNCH
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MONDAY 30TH JANUARY

Nanny Share wanted!

We have recently moved to Oxted and our daughter Alice attends Skylarks Monday-Wednesday. We are finding it hard to find after school childcare which we ideally need from 5pm (pick up at Hazelwood Early Years) until 6:30/7pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and the occasional Wednesday. We were previously lucky that another local mum with a daughter of a similar age was able to assist but she is no longer available. So, we are looking for a childminder based in Oxted or possibly a nanny share which we have done very successfully before (and would be happy for any additional children to be looked after at our house if that worked better). If you know of someone who may be able to assist it would be great if you could get in touch. Many thanks, Hannah Larkin. Email: hannahcane@gmail.com. Mobile: 07795 124402.

Key Events for Next Week

- Tuesday 31 0900 Year 4 Dress Rehearsal to Years 2, 3 & 5
 1220 Y8 Careers Talk and Lunch
 1645-
 1815 Y6 Play Rehearsal – How to eat like a child
~~1700 — Lower School Parents' Evening~~
- Wednesday 1 0900 Y4 Play
 1330 Netball: U11 B Hawthorns Tournament Away
 Netball: U10 A and C v Caterham Home
 Netball: U11A and C v Caterham Away
 1430 Rugby: U11A, U11B, U12A, U12B, ~~Mixed Senior~~ v
 Sevenoaks Prep Home
 Rugby: U13A, ~~U12/13 mixed (touch rugby)~~ U10A, U10B v Sevenoaks
 Prep Away
 1600 Netball: U13A and B v Woldingham Away
- Thursday 2 ~~All Day Oak trip to Polka Theatre~~
 ~~1330 Verona Choir performance at St Andrews Church~~
 1800 Y4 Play
 1430 Rugby: U8A, B, C and D v Sevenoaks Prep ~~Away~~
 Rugby: U9A, B and C v Sevenoaks Prep ~~Home~~
 Netball: ~~U9A, B, C, D~~ v Hawthorns Away (~~Triangular~~)
- Friday 3 0930 Open Morning
 1645-
 1815 Y6 Play Rehearsal – Emily's Incredible Illucinations
- Saturday 4 1300 Rugby: U11A Solefield 7s Away
- Sunday 5 1000 Rugby: U9A and ~~U10A~~ National Qualifiers at Hurstpierpoint Away

Kids Taekwondo

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LIME YOGA - Yoga Philosophy Course

Includes a section on Astrological Birth Chart Interpretation

9 weeks, max 9 participants

Start Date: Friday 3rd Feb
Half Term Break: Friday 17th Feb
End Date: Friday 7th April
1:15pm - 2:45pm

Week One:

- * Short Yoga Flow & Pranayama to settle in
- * What is Yoga?
- * Patanjali's 8 Limbs of Yoga
- * Yoga in Our Lives (not just on the Mat)
- * Yamas & Niyamas
- * Short Relaxation/Meditation

Week Two:

- * Short Yoga Flow & Pranayama to settle in
- * Pranayama
- * Role of Mudras
- * Yoga Nidra
- * Short Relaxation/Meditation

Half Term Break Week 17th Feb

Week Three:

- * Short Yoga Flow & Pranayama to settle in
- * Chakras Introduction (to continue into next week)
- * Base Chakras
- * Heart Chakra
- * Short Relaxation/Meditation

Week Four:

- * Short Yoga Flow & Pranayama to settle in
- * Chakras Continuation
- * Upper Chakras
- * Purpose of Chanting
- * Short Relaxation/Meditation

Week Five:

- * Short Yoga Flow & Pranayama to settle in
- * Maya – the illusion
- * Chitta Vrittis (monkey mind)
- * Antar Mouna
- * Short Relaxation/Meditation

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Week Six:

- * Short Yoga Flow & Pranayama to settle in
- * Moon & Sun in Yoga
- * The Masculine & Feminine
- * Introducing the Astrology Chart
- * Short Relaxation/Meditation

Week Seven:

- * Short Yoga Flow & Pranayama to settle in
- * Astrology & Karma
- * Saturn & Saturn Aspects
- * North & South Nodes
- * Karma in Relationship
- * Short Relaxation/Meditation

Week Eight:

- * Short Yoga Flow & Pranayama to settle in
- * Fluid to incorporate anything participants would like to explore
- * Short Relaxation/Meditation

Week Nine:

- * Short Yoga Flow & Pranayama to settle in
- * Fluid to incorporate anything participants would like to explore
- * Short Relaxation/Meditation

Total Investment:

£150

Early Bird £130 (Payment by 20th Jan)

Payment in installments available if needed

Other Information:

Supportive written material provided

Mats & blankets provided please bring own cushion or bolster if possible – can provide a link if you'd like to purchase your own bolster

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