

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School



Today marks the end of an era. Jane O'Keefe, Nursery Manager, is taking her leave of the Hazelwood Nursery and Early Years after nine years of dedicated and loving service. Jane has been with us since the beginning of the Nursery and has influenced the lives of so many of our youngest pupils and those staff who have been lucky enough to work with her. She is loyal, patient and has an endless capacity to empathise and be compassionate. At the same time, Jane's vast experience makes her astute and commanding when it comes to the running of a Nursery setting. She has passed so much onto those whom she has worked alongside. The love shared at the recent events staged to mark the change in the pace of her work life (Jane is not retiring!) is testament to the high regard in which she is held by so many. Current and past colleagues, children and parents have joined together to bid her the fondest of farewells. We wish her all the very best and hope that she will keep in touch. Vicki Rhind, her colleague and friend, wrote the poem below to share with Jane at her party last Friday. It sums Jane up so perfectly that all other words are superfluous.

Rather than a speech, I've decided on a ditty, I hope you find it heartfelt and bordering on witty.

Our story begins in 2009, so I hope you're sitting comfortably, with full glass of wine.

It's all about a lady called Jane and now that she's leaving, things will never be the same.

She started The Larks with only just 40, and no child that came was ever too naughty.

To over 150 we now have grown, without counting Peanut, our dog with a bone!

From those in their nappies, to those that are chatty, with a smile on her face, Jane has always remained happy.

At Sports days and Fun days, she keeps kids amused, she just keeps it simple and never confused.

Our pet days and nativities were a roaring success, whilst the various inspections were nothing but stress.

Jane's love of donkeys is widely known, but Mr Garlick cannot be shown,

So the delight of the stick insect, guinea pig or gerbil, in future I fear, may only be verbal.

There's been the good and the bad and occasionally sad, but with Jane by our side, we've never gone mad

It's not just the children, but the parents as well, from the cleaners to the caterers, we all thing she's swell.

It's the team at the Nursery that will miss her the most, so I really should draw a close to this and raise up a toast

Thank you for listening and lending your ears, I will try, without tears, to say bottoms up and cheers!



The nursery enjoyed an indoor farewell picnic for Jane. She presented them with four hand painted woodland stools.

The sense of community which Jane embodies so well was very evident on Sunday afternoon as the Bawtree Hall was filled to the rafters with families and friends eager to join us for our Tanzania Charity Concert. The children played and sang incredibly well considering the relatively short time we had all had to master some quite tricky compositions.



However, what stood out for me, was the level of support and interest that was shown for our Tanzanian project. I was keen to come away from the concert having shared our vision and the news that the school has finally taken the momentous step towards fulfilling the 'global community' statement within our School Promise. As ever, such somewhat conservative ambitions were blown out of the water by the response of our pupils and parents to our message.

A phenomenal £6,000 worth of pledges have been made towards providing much needed resources for the children of the Songwe District. 100% of this money will be spent on exercise books, pencils, chalks, chalk boards, football and netballs for the children. What's more, it has created a positive buzz amongst our parent and pupil body with conversations

happening all over as people seek more information and answers to some inevitable questions. Do please keep your questions coming in. Myself or Mr Tappin are pleased to answer them and to receive further offers of support or help.



It is thanks to the support of our partner, Shanta Gold, that the school's teaching staff are able to visit Tanzania, to be accommodated and kept secure during their time there at no cost to the school. This allows us to focus on what we can best offer – expertise and support in teaching and learning. We are lucky to have found a partner whose aims and ambitions for the communities that they serve so closely match our own. All the planned visits will be happening during the school holidays. There will therefore be no impact on the smooth running of the school; only benefits to be enjoyed from expanding our own pupils' horizons to the challenges faced by, and overcome, by the resilient children of Tanzania. We have chosen to raise the funds to supply school resources as this directly links with our role in the classrooms and gives us a tangible vehicle through which families and friends can get involved. It shows we are committed to the future of our four partner schools.

“Wow! What a fabulous concert, so much energy and a great atmosphere all for an amazing cause. I had goose bumps hearing the children sing with the wonderful photos in the background, they are all very lucky to be a part of such an amazing project. All the speeches brought it alive and made everyone in the room understand how important this project is, it could turn the lives around of so many children. A truly wonderful start. Thank you and well done to all who took part, it was a pleasure to be a part of the initial stages of the journey”

“Just wanted to say how lovely it was yesterday. A few times it bought a tear to my eye”

“It will be so good for the schools sense of community to get involved with this, not only for the children but the parents and teachers as well. We have so much to be joyful for! As parents we tell our children how lucky they are all the time and that they should be grateful for what they have but doing something like this will hopefully really help make it more real to them”

“Just brilliant, so glad we could be there and what an amazing result! I am genuinely excited that the school has chosen to do something like this.”

“What a great start, amazing. It was a very good concert and am sure the Tanzania Project will cause many to be moved by their experiences out there too, which clearly Duncan and Roma were, and many congratulations. The schools are absolutely like the one I taught out years ago in Kenya, and it certainly brought back memories to me, of my time living in very basic conditions in remote rural East Africa, but with pupils so eager to learn”

I had the absolute pleasure to enjoy Mrs Smith-Chandler's Oak Reception class' assembly on Wednesday morning. It was such a wonderful experience, made all the more captivating by the apparent engagement of the children not only in their presentation to their parents but also in what they have been learning throughout the spring term. So much of the topic has clearly resonated with them and has given them a base to learn so much. We speak frequently about the progress made in phonics and numeracy, but what was equally on show was their confidence, their artistic talents and their ability to work as a very young team in unfamiliar surroundings. On every level it was a triumph and staff, and pupils, should be warmly applauded. The spring term started off at a high level of learning desire on the Nursery site. The assembly demonstrates that this fever pitch has been maintained, ending, for Easter, with a seasonal BANG!



So all that remains for me to do is to wish you all a Happy, peaceful and restful Easter. I hope those of you who are not travelling abroad in search of some sunshine, will find it here and that the threatened return of the Beast from the East will be no more than a storm in a teacup!

For a list of communications hosted on the Parent Information Portal (PiP) each week please see the 'Notice Board' further down the Nutshell.

News from The Nursery & Early Years

It is with a small tear in my eye that I write in my last Nutshell as Nursery Manager at HNEY. Since joining Hazelwood one month before the Nursery opened in 2009 I have watched it grow from 40 children and 7 staff into the vibrant and successful enterprise it is now. It has been a delight to get to know so many of your lovely children over the years, watching them grow from shy and unsure little babies and toddlers into confident, well rounded little people who are more than ready for 'big school' and beyond.

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the wonderful staff team at HNEY for their amazing dedication to the well-being and education of so many children over the years – we could not have done it without you! Looking to the future it is good to know that the Nursery will be in the very safe hands of Vicki, Matt and Howard going forward.

However, although I am seeking a slightly slower pace of life, I am not quite ready to retire completely, so will be starting a small childcare business with my daughter in the school holidays as well as taking on voluntary work at Great Ormond Street Hospital and as a governor of a primary school in Kent. 'No peace' as they say!

It may have been a shorter week but the children have had an action packed four days. Please see below for a roundup of activities from the rooms.

This week in Fledglings 1, we have continued with our doctors theme with 'Maisy goes to hospital'. The children were very intrigued when exploring their body outlines on the floor,

they also enjoyed giving each other a check over with the doctor's equipment. We also enjoyed playing some simple ring games.

In Fledglings 2 this week, the children have again been focusing on space! They have sorted stars in sizes stars and have made number and Pizza rockets. We have also been making our Easter cards by cutting sticking and painting. We finished the week off with an Easter egg hunt!



Upper Robins have thrown themselves into messy play activities this week, using sand, water and pasta. We have been focusing on shapes and have used chalks to create our very own shape houses. Unfortunately we have had to say a sad goodbye to one of our friends in Robins this week, to celebrated their time at HNEY we played some party games and made 'Gruffalo' biscuits.

This week the Lower Robins' children have been focusing on Easter and the rescheduled World Book Day. The children delighted in dressing up as their favourite story book character on Monday and spent the rest of the week preparing for Easter celebrations by creating an Easter card, making chocolate Easter egg nests and even their own individual chocolates.



The children in Skylarks enjoyed World Book Day and were excitedly telling us about their chosen characters. We shared some of their books that they had brought in and some children drew self-portraits in their costumes.

Mr Tappin visited the children and was soon helping to make sandwiches with our home-grown cress. The children sat beautifully for a visit from Peanut and some children noticed that she has grown. We have also been ordering numbers using numbered Easter eggs and making Easter cards.





With Easter only a few days away Oak's learning focus was based around the Easter theme. There was huge excitement when the Easter bunny left the children a letter! They all wrote their replies independently and with enthusiasm. The Oak parents also organised an Easter egg hunt for the children on Monday so dressed in their wonderful

costumes they searched the playground for eggs!





Room to Read: World Book Day

THANK-YOU ALL so much for supporting our charity promoting reading in some of the poorest countries in the world. We raised nearly £500 for Room to Read through your generosity and your children's enthusiasm on World Book Day! Absolutely wonderful!

Awesome Readers!

We would also like to mention our thanks to the Year 5 and 6 pupils who volunteered to read for the Awesome Book Awards. The following pupils have read five books over the past few months, all new fiction by new authors, and they will then vote for their favourite book. The pupils have done so well and we look forward to taking some of them to the Awesome Book Awards ceremony at Cranleigh School on the 3rd May.

Matthew F, Ella H, Jacob de W, Lola B, Michael K, Barney F, Scarlett R, Camilla S, Jennifer M, Nicola T, Eve K, Charlie Y, Hugo C-F, Olivia H, Michelle M, Ed J, Brea M-S, Amelie B, Georgia P, Lily W, Beatrice de H, Eliza B, Oscar N, Hope A, and Hannah B.

Our thanks to Thomas H and William H in Year 7, who have been helping us in the library over the past two terms for their HECA. Well done, boys!

Special thanks to Lucy H also in Year 7 for her consistently well-written reviews of the books she reads - always interesting and full of insight and very mature observation.

Chiddingstone Literary Festival takes place over the first May Bank Holiday Weekend. Do look at the website for details. A great location to hear authors speak about their work.

Happy Easter and Happy Reading too!

Mrs Dymoke and Mrs Wisniewski, Librarians





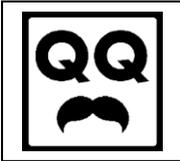
There were so many brilliant costumes it made it difficult to choose class and year group winners. The following children, after much deliberation, emerged as winners. Many congratulations to them and to all who took part in the most wonderful of literary days. 1A Sebastian H, 1L Harry D, 1M Isabelle H, 2R Ayesha C, 2W Henry BH, 3F Leonardo BG, 3K Bea D, 3T Ethan M, 4K Trinity A, 4M Holly H, 4P Jacob G, 5C Phoebe H, 5J Evie M, 6K Claudia G, 6C Oscar D





Blackboards for Africa!

Children from across the schools helped prepare the mini blackboards which, thanks to your pledge, will be heading out to Africa this Easter holiday. Thankfully, most of the paint ended up on the boards. It was a great way for the pupils to get involved in the school's Tanzania project.



QUESTION FOR THE QUEUE



**Food plays its part in the Easter story and therefore this week we asked:
'What is your favourite meal and who do you like to share it with?'**

Some of the most popular responses, all of which were shared with friends and family:

Shepherd's pie
Fish pie
Sushi
Lasagne
Pizza and chips and garlic dough balls and mayo!!!
Sausage and mash!
Steak – medium rare (no mustard)
Noodles



And some of the sweeter answers...

Chocolate cake
Deep fried chocolate
Easter Eggs

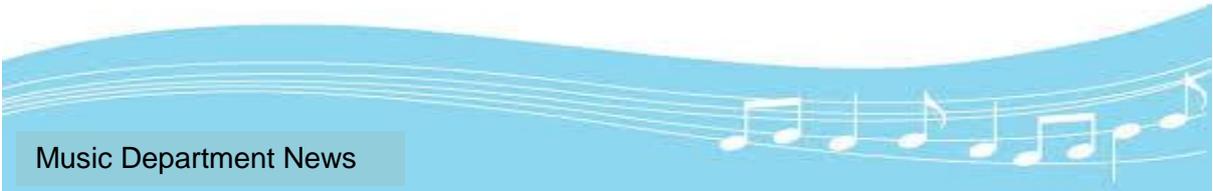


... Surprisingly the children decided that they did not want to share their sweet treats with anyone!

Happy Easter!

Mr Walton

Apologies to parents driving into the car park on Wednesday afternoon for the apparently poorly parked mini bus. The vehicle was there purposefully. Primarily to slow traffic down as it enters the school and secondly to draw attention to the newly painted 'no parking, yellow chevronned' area in which there should be no parking. Thank you for all the pictures highlighting the school's poor parking!



Music Department News

Huge congratulations to our exam candidates who, in the Trinity Board Examinations last week achieved 7 Distinctions from 11 exams taken - a fabulous haul and testament to the children's hard work and our exceptional peripatetic team at Hazelwood who work so hard with our children. We are awaiting our ABRSM results with 'bated breath'!

On Friday 23rd of March Hayes School Concert Band joined Hazelwood School orchestra in a joint performance of 'James Bond' to open their concert for the school in the Bawtree Hall. Last year Hayes gave us a super concert prior to their European tour to Spain but this year we decided to 'move the educational learning experience along'. Consequently both schools worked independently on the parts throughout this term and Hazelwood really rose to the occasion sitting alongside and amongst senior school age children for a terrific joint performance. A particular highlight was watching the two percussion teams working together and having trombones and French horns in the band as it makes such a huge difference to the sound. Mrs Young could not have been more proud of Hazelwood's achievement as she conducted the joint orchestra, ably supported by Jane Werry Director of Music at Hayes and her terrific team. Hayes then gave us another band concert before they tour Germany next week.

Hazelwood children continued to 'wow' with their instrumental performance at the concert for Tanzania on Sunday. The String Band and Flute Group both performed admirably (according to my spies - sadly ill health at the last minute prevented me from attending) and I would like to particularly thank our newest String Band and Flute Choir members, who only joined the ensembles at Half term and then worked hard on their parts with their instrumental teachers to ensure their performances were worthy of the cause they were supporting. Sharing music for the benefit of others, whether in performance or in a concert to raise awareness is at the heart of our department and we were all thrilled with the children's commitment to the concert. As ever however, warm thanks must also go to our parents who nobly support the ensembles each week - their involvement and playing makes a profound difference to the children's learning and experience and we are indebted to them.

On Tuesday 27th of March 3T finished the term with a wonderful Brass demonstration from Alice Yelf our superb peripatetic brass teacher to conclude another Half term of PBUZZ as we continue to give all the children in Year 3 the opportunity to try a brass instrument (now that they have their front teeth!). Let's hope some decide to continue their brass exploration and sign up for a brass taster next term.

Wishing all our musicians a very Happy Easter...keep practising!!

Sara Young

C'est quoi, l'écologie?

Following last week's assembly on oceans, waste and a particular emphasis on the worry caused by plastic, Year 7s have devoted some time pondering on the issue...in French!

Well done to Red class who have made the most of this cross-curricular activity to reflect upon the ethical and moral issues raised in Science.

What consequences do our actions have on our planet?

How is this awareness going to change your behaviour?

Madame Le Floch

« Mieux vaut réfléchir avant d'agir que regretter après avoir agi. »
 Démocrite

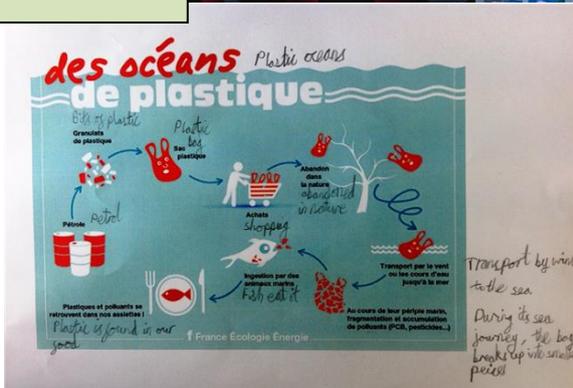


By Hannah



By Callum

By Dylan



By Harry

By Thomas

Interhouse Sports

Well done to all the teams who took part in the Interhouse Sports events. The weather did its best to derail the event but with Hazelwood grit and determination, the children competed alongside and against their school friends to provide nail biting matches with results hanging in the balance until the final whistle. As the Nutshell went to press, the only congratulations to be passed on are to Baily who won the Middle/Senior netball. All other results will be announced in Final Assembly.



Let's hear it for the boys!



And great shots captured by Mr Powney earlier in the week of a determined run leaving the chasing pack in his wake. Great running Martin!





Lucy's Mum is running the London Marathon for Limb Power

Fitting in training for the London Marathon when life is already full-on and the weather has been terrible is not an easy task. But Caroline, mum to Lucy in Y7, has juggled the past few months to make sure she will be lining up in April with the other 50,000 runners to take part in the greatest race on Earth. Such dedication and commitment deserves our support. Just follow the link below if you wish to give Caroline a huge pat on the back for her efforts. She will be running for Limb Power, a cause very close to the hearts of many of the Hazelwood community.

Limb Power was launched in November 2009 to engage adult and child amputees and individuals with limb impairments in physical activity, sport and the arts to improve quality of life and to aid lifelong rehabilitation. In July 2014 LimbPower became a National Disability Sports Organisation, sitting alongside WheelPower, Cerebral Palsy Sport (CP Sport), Dwarf Sport, British Blind Sport (BBS), UK Deaf Sport, Mencap Sport and Special Olympics Great Britain (SOGB). Through this association and our work with the English Federation of Disability Sport, Sport England and the Department of Health LimbPower help amputees and people with limb impairment reach their physical and sporting potential. LimbPower also run arts based activities including dance workshops, a confidence workshops and a photography club. We also administer the Children's Prosthetic Fund through which 220 children have received activity and sports limbs in the last 10 months.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caroline-bennett-london>

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.

The children were fascinated by the fresh pasta-making workshop which took place on Wednesday. The winners of the Bush-Tucker Trial eating contest were treated to a silver service ribs lunch on the same day.



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.

Notice Board

Communication sent home this week

The following letters have been hosted on PiP (main site only) this week. If you need a duplicate copy, please contact the School Office.

Years 4-8 - Parent Online Survey

Years 1-7 - TED Easter Project (For completion by Years 1-6/optional for Year 7)

Year 6 - Y7 Hazelwood Scholarship Parent Letter

Year 6 - Y7 Hazelwood Scholarships Detail

Year 6 - Y7 Hazelwood Scholarship Application

Year 1 - Chessington Trip

School Council - Houses of Parliament Trip (an invitation letter is being sent under separate cover to individual parents)

Ski Trip - Reminder Information

Chapel Choir - London Sangerstevne Music Festival

Key Events for Next Week

Monday 23 April

All day Staff Training Day

Tuesday 24 April

Bus Services start (am)

All Early Rooms, Clubs, Dance, Late Rooms & Breakfast Club start

Early Morning Swimming starts

Music Groups start

0830 Term starts for Years 3-8

0900 Term starts for Years 1 & 2

[0900 Term starts for HNEY \(term time\)](#)

[2000 HPA Meeting](#)

Wednesday 25 April

1100-1230 Oak RS Forest Schools – Hazelwood site

1430 Cricket: 1st XI v Copthorne (H)

1430 Cricket: 3rd XI & 4th XI v Hurst Prep (A)

1430 Cricket: Colts A, B & C v Copthorne (A)

Thursday 26 April

All day Years 6, 7 & 8 UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

0835 House Meetings

Friday 27 April

0800-1700 Year 5 Trip to RAF Hendon

1200-1700 Cricket: Hazelwood 6's Tournament (H)

1630 Football: Girls' U13 v Hawthorns (A)





Forest Schools Skills Day



Friday 20th April
(last day of the holidays!!!)



Morning Session suitable for Years 1 – 4

9.00am – 12.00pm

Afternoon Session suitable for Years 3 – 8

12.00 pm – 3pm

<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.



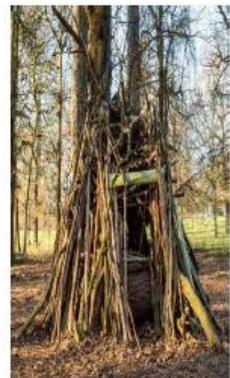
Please contact Mr Walton

waltonj@hazelwoodschool.com

for more details or to book.

Cost: £40 per session

Numbers limited due to Health and Safety.





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