

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

The Beast from the East did its best to deter our spirits. And we tried even harder to wrestle ourselves from its freezing clutches. However, to protect the children's safety and to maintain the quality of care in very difficult circumstances (we were not alone in facing this dilemma), we did take the very regretful decision to close the school and nursery for some parts of this snowbound week. However, before, during and after the snow and ice, there was time spent learning and having fun!



Six against one. The odds are stacked for Mr Kemp. The man in shorts with no gloves, stands his ground!



Brrr Miss Dancy takes a snowball down the neck!





“As ever, I am so impressed with Hazelwood's planning and communication around snow day. I also saw staff clearing the car park this morning and getting children safely into school.”

“Thank you to all the staff who made today a great day for the children. They clearly had so much fun sledging and playing in the snow with all their friends, as well as doing some work 😊. A great snow day.”

“Thanks - a helpful approach to those of us working, much appreciated.”

The period of disruption seemed to play into the school's strengths bringing out a real sense of community and adaptability as the week unfurled. The car park may have been frozen, but we never let go of our can-do attitude. For Thursday's limited hours' opening and 'off-piste' curriculum, we had 216 children in attendance across both sites. Parents shared lifts to and from school, children shared toboggans up and down the slopes and staff shared their food with those whose lunch boxes got left behind! The only thing that wasn't shared was the mid-morning hot chocolate!

The weather has dominated the week. It will be no surprise that pictures of it dominate this week's Nutshell. I hope you are reading it somewhere warm and that its images will soon be a fond memory as we quickly return to 'business as usual' next week. Thank you to EVERYONE who, in their own way, contributed to making this week less unbearable than it could have been. Particular words of gratitude go to the Estates Team and other staff members who cleared sites from very early in the cold mornings. My thanks also go to those members of staff who were able to get in safely allowing us to open, to Mr Shepherd who masterminded cover and curriculum and to the children whose behaviour in difficult circumstances was, whilst excited, mature and considered.





Looking like something growing out of the Cheddar Gorge, something tells us that there is a blockage in the downpipe outside the locker room entrance. This amazing ice formation grew overnight on Wednesday creating this spectacular and stalactite-esque display. Best not to stand underneath it when the ice begins to melt. There could be a lot of water looking for something to drench!

ICE AGE

For a list of communications hosted on the Parents' section of the website each week please see the 'Notice Board' further down the Nutshell.

News from The Nursery & Early Years



Life at the Nursery and Early Years has continued this week with approaching 100 children in on both of the reduced timetable days. Mr Garlick and his team of dedicated professionals are to be thanked for managing to keep the children happy and safe. The challenges of our youngest children being greeted by a face other than their own key worker is not to be underestimated. The breaks in the weather has allowed plenty of opportunity for some exploration of the white, cold stuff. For many it was the first time of encountering snow in this country! Thank you to the staff, parents and children for not giving in to the Beast!





Huge thank you to all the staff and teachers who have battled in this week and braved the cold to welcome in the children and keep the roads and pathways safe with grit, it's been hugely appreciated!

News from Hazelwood



Multiple System Atrophy Trust
Founded by Sarah Matheson

Maddie and her Year 8 friends will be running a **cake sale on Monday 5th March**, in aid of the MSA Trust (msatrust.org.uk). MSA is a progressive incurable neurological condition, which Maddie's grandfather was diagnosed with in 2016. It is very rare and little known, and Maddie wanted to raise some money for the only charity supporting victims and their families. (£1) per cake, only one per child. The cakes will be available to enjoy from the Chapel Courtyard at fruit break, weather allowing. With time away from school due to the snow, expect some amazing baking on display. Maddie and her friends have been keeping warm, and keeping busy, in the kitchen!



Year 7 & 8 Netball trip to PGL Liddington

Last Friday 23rd February myself, Mr Reay and Miss Parkinson took 18 Year 7 & 8 Girls away to the PGL site in Liddington, Swindon. We departed school on Friday afternoon and arrived at the site at 5pm. After an initial welcome and settling in, we went straight into a fish and chip supper followed by an evening netball challenge. Girls had to take part in a range of activities including; identifying England netballers and their positions, netball shooting, a test of the netball rules and a small possession game against the PGL staff. After this, the girls headed to bed ready for the Netball tournament that began on Saturday morning.

We were greeted by very cold but sunny weather and the two netball teams had to compete in four initial round netball games. Hazelwood Team 2 had an excellent win and they finished two other games extremely closely, just missing out on a victory by one goal. Hazelwood Team 1, won three out of four of their games, which put them in a good position moving into the final stages of the tournament on Sunday.



During Saturday afternoon, the girls had a break from netball and took part in the PGL outdoor and adventurous activities. Girls enjoyed activities including; the Zip wire, leap of faith, climbing, abseiling, aeroball and archery. The highlight activity was the Giant swing. The girls were lifted high up into the air and then they released a small rope which meant the girls dropped and swung into the air. The facial expressions on some of the girl's faces during this activity were ones we will not be forgetting for a while! After dinner, the girls either relaxed in front of a film or enjoyed some dancing at the disco.

Sunday morning saw the continuation of the netball tournament. Both teams had two more games to complete, Hazelwood Team 2 had two very close games that they were unlucky to lose, and Hazelwood Team 1 won both of theirs, getting themselves into the semi-final of the tournament. After these games, the girls had the opportunity to take part in some more PGL activities before the semi-finals began. Members of Hazelwood group 2 were delighted that the queue for the giant swing was non-existent, so the girls got unlimited goes on the activity which they found very exhilarating. Team 1 had to keep themselves focused and ready for the semi-final which they went on to resoundingly win. This meant that the girls were through to the final. The girls came up against Chilslehurst and Sidcup Grammar school in the final, they had already met this team in the initial rounds and we lost the game by three goals.

The final game started brilliantly with the girls going two goals up. Chislehurst came back fighting though and they went onto win the game by two goals. Hazelwood Team 1 put up a brilliant fight and we finished in silver medal position.



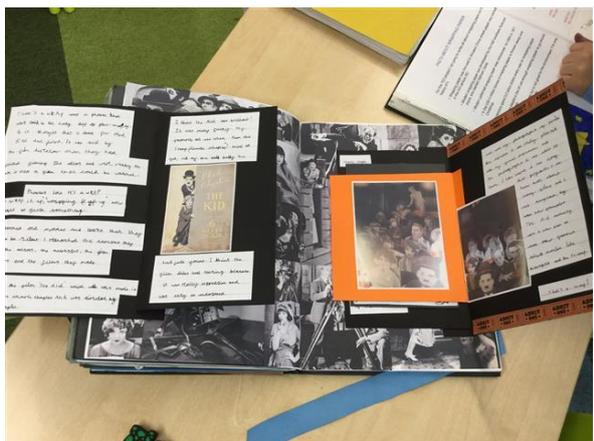
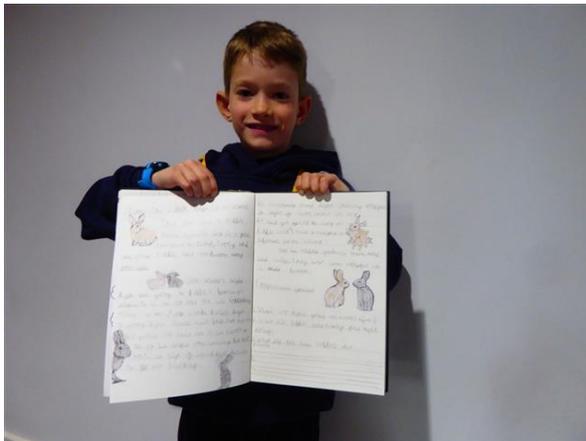
Throughout the morning, England Netballer Eboni Beckford-Chambers watched all of the girls in action. After the games, she did a question and answer session with the girls and we were lucky enough to get a photo with her. Eboni also handed out the medals to our girls.

Overall the weekend went netballingly well! The girls behaved brilliantly and we all had a great time. Big thanks to Mr Reay and Miss Parkinson for driving the buses and joining us on the trip.

Mrs Falconer

It's a Wrap! Year 3 TED Projects

Year 3 took time out last week to share their TED (Think, Explore, Discover) projects with each other. There was so much variety in how the children had chosen to interpret the Christmas themed subject. Whilst the school had been expecting some of the approaches, others caught them very much by surprise, demonstrating the children's ability to think laterally and creatively. Judging from the enthusiasm with which Y3 shared their work, the children clearly enjoyed thinking about and completing the project.



Thomas, Isaac and Woody can be proud of their TED projects. Isaac's movie camera, "It's a wrap" allowed him to combine TED with his *Black Box* art scholarship challenge to great effect.





The snow may have been howling outside but its roar didn't stop Max, Henry, Oliver H and Leonid from creating some stunning artworks in the style of acclaimed artist Mark Heard. What is equally impressive is that these masterpieces were created in just an hour's lesson with the equally celebrated Mrs Tulett!



As part of the **School Council's Community focus**, another group of musicians visited the David Gresham Care Home at the end of last week. They played beautifully to an appreciative audience gaining valuable performance experience. Mrs Young and Mrs Cochrane were proud of everyone.





EASTER FLOWER WORKSHOP

EASTER FLOWERS, WREATHS, POSIES, TABLE DECORATIONS

Thursday 22nd March - 10am-12 noon

Paterson Hall, HNEY

Monday 26th March - 9.30am-11.30am

TOSH, Hazelwood

Cost: £40 to include all materials

After the success of a wonderful Christmas wreath-making workshop at the Nursery site, Nicole from 'Flowers by Nicole' is holding two amazing Easter flower workshops.

Nicole will show you how to make a decoration either to be used as a centrepiece for your table or to hang on your door.

- All Oasis, foliage, flowers and some Easter decorations will be provided
- The cost of the workshop is £40 per person which will include the tuition and all the materials
- Tea and coffee will be available

Why not get a group of you together and instead of meeting in a coffee shop for a catch up, come and have a coffee together and do something creative in time for Easter!

Places will fill up quickly so, if you would like to book, choose which session you would like to attend

Contact Gemma from the HPA via email gemma1baron@gmail.com



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.

Our thanks go to the Catering teams across both sites who, on a skeleton staff, produced delicious lunches and teas on Tuesday in most difficult conditions. Thanks too to the staff who stepped in to serve the lunches so that the food reached the children's plates hot and in time for steady consumption ahead of more fun in the snow.

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.

All Parents - Invitation to Governors' Drinks Reception - please rsvp to headspa@hazelwoodschool.com by Tuesday, 6th March
All Parents - Weather Update & Site Opening letter 28/2 from Mrs Louw
Years 3-8 - Year 6 Play Ticket Booking form
Year 8 - Parents' Evening - reminder to book appointments
Year 7 - Geography Field Trip (also sent under separate cover)
Year 6 - Year 6 Play Email No. 2 (also sent under separate cover)

Key Events for Next Week

Monday 5 March

All Week HNEY – Science Week

0900-1600 Year 7 Geography Field Trip to Juniper Hall, Dorking

Tuesday 6 March

0830 Year 5 Residential Trip to Bowles Departs

1700 Year 7 Parents' Evening (Surname A-H) 2000 HPA Meeting

Wednesday 7 March

All Day Year 5 Residential Trip to Bowles

0830 Sue Eversden Bassoon Assembly (Years 3-8)

0900 Sue Eversden Bassoon Assembly (Years 1-2)
1430
Rugby: **U13A v Hawthorns (A)**
Rugby: **U13B v Yardley Court (H)**
Rugby: U11 A-B v Hawthorns **(A)**
Netball: U13 A Versatility Tournament at Copthorne (1400) (A)
1700 Year 7 Parents' Evening (Surname J-W)

Thursday 8 March

All Day Year 5 Residential Trip to Bowles
All Day Year 2 Trip to the Buddhist Temple
0835 House Meetings 1025- 1050 School Council Meeting
1330-1815 Year 6 Play Rehearsal
1430
Rugby: U9's v Russell House (A)
Rugby: U8's v Russell House (H)
Netball: U9 A-B v Derwent Lodge (A)
Netball: U8 A Hazelwood Tournament (H)
Netball: U8 B v Russell House (A)
Netball: U8 C v Radnor House (A)
1700 Ski Trip Information Meeting

Friday 9 March

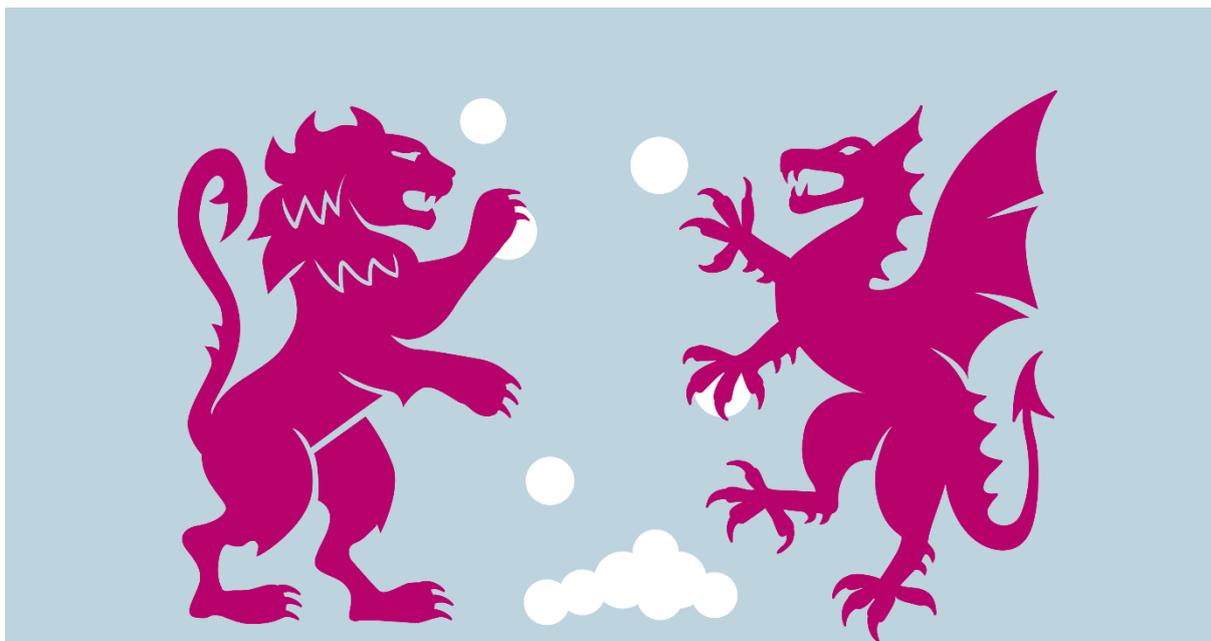
1220 Year 8 Careers Talk and Lunch
1700 Year 5 Residential trip to Bowles Returns

Saturday 10 March

0900-1200 The Inaugural Hazelwood Quidditch Festival (H)

Sunday 11 March

1300-1500 Cross Country: U11 National Prep School Finals at Malvern College (A)
1330-1800 Year 6 Play Dress Rehearsal

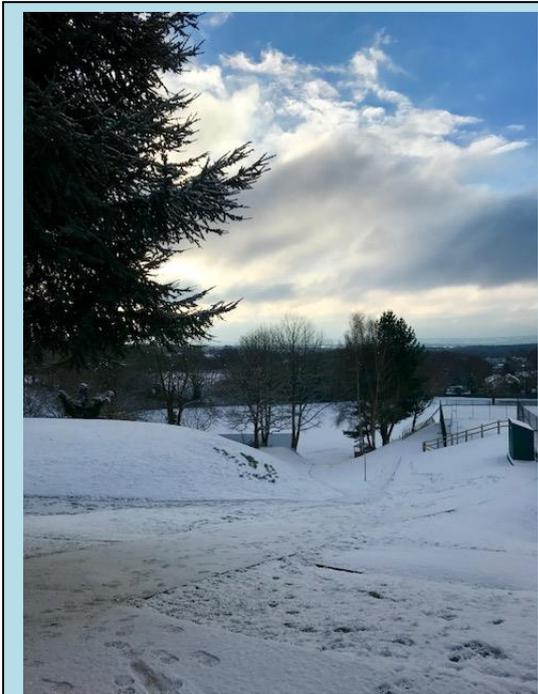


Even the lion and dragon took time out from the school shield to enjoy the cold weather!

“Just wanted to say a big thank to you all. You are doing a great job of keeping things going and keeping everyone updated. Obviously a lot of hard work and precise planning is going into this and I for one really appreciate it.”

“Thank you for all of the excellent communication and sensible decision-making this week and we hope you get to enjoy very well deserved weekends when they come later!”

“The way Hazelwood is managing the communication and the tone of the communication is outstanding. Bravo and thank you all for keeping us updated, our children and school staff safe (...and parents sane).”





Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society

Piatti Quartet

Nathaniel Anderson-Frank (violin)

Michael Trainor (violin)

Tetsuumi Nagata (viola)

Jessie Ann Richardson (cello)

This recital is generously sponsored by the
Cavatina Chamber Music Trust which enables us to
offer free entry for those between 8 & 25 years old.



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