

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

After last week's 'will it or won't it snow', a relative calm seems to have descended on the corridors and classrooms of Hazelwood. The children seem to have quickly overcome their disappointment of the less-than generous snowfall, to get their heads down for some concentrated and focused learning. This is the sound that schools should be filled with, along with that of laughter, music, encouragement and celebration. Hazelwood is full of all of this and more. Visitors to the school mid-week were treated to a five-minute Year 8 introduction to the world of simultaneous equations and the opportunity to solve the values of x and y by means of plotting them on a graph. The pupils' impressive grasp of what appeared a very involved concept was matched by their enthusiastic response in the affirmative when Mrs Phillimore, Head of Maths, asked the class if they enjoyed the subject. Who knew algebra could be so loud!

Special mention must also go to Daniel H from Year 6 who, when Wednesday's DT lesson was interrupted by a show round of a potential Deputy Head candidate, was able to confidently and expertly explain the concept of perspective. Mrs Bean was unable to get a word in edgeways as Daniel described, with humour and character, the pitfalls of leaning trees and the absence of the fence – an omission which was soon to be remedied. The candidate was inevitably impressed with the interpersonal skills and articulation of our pupils. We shall wait to see if the pressure of understanding perspective (or not) prevents or encourages him to submit an application! No doubt too, the resulting plan will grace the pages of the Nutshell sometime soon. I am delighted that the response to the advertisement has been so strong. A good number of candidates with a range of relevant and exciting backgrounds and experiences. I will keep you up to date as we chart our way through the interview and selection process.



I am continuing to really enjoy my visits down to the Nursery and Early Years site. The first stage of the playground refurbishment is great and I cannot wait to see the enjoyment on the children's faces as they climb aboard the new pirate ship, traverse the rope walk and climb over and under the bridge. The contractors have battled against perhaps the most unhelpful weather conditions over the past week and a half but they are confident that the installation will be finished and ready for play next week. Fingers crossed Phase II will not be too far behind. From my visits I too am developing my ever-widening range of character voices for my story-telling time with the children. It is some time since I was an owl baby and having boys, I have never really had to morph myself into Winnie the Witch. Thank you to the children for their patience. They always show their appreciation at the end of every story which sends me away each time, a little more confident, eager to further extend my repertoire.

I am looking forward to welcoming the children from Oak up to the main site on Monday. They are spending the morning with us and sampling, for the first (but not the last) time, the delights of the Baily Building. I am hoping that they will fill the Bawtree Hall with their excited giggles as they take part in a Drama Workshop and then equally raise the roof of the Lower School Art Room with their creativity. The visit is all part of the plan to foster a greater sense of unity across the school's two sites, to share resource and to build the children's sense of 'at homeness' for when the Nursery children transition across to the main site. If their confidence on swimming days is anything to go by, they will take the Baily Building very much in their stride!

And finally can I please ask that all parents refresh themselves with the contents of the Car Park Etiquette. I feel we are getting there in terms of the routine of drop off and pick up but there have been a couple of incidences recently, on both sites, where due regard for considerate manners and safe driving has not been shown. Thank you.

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

As another chilly week comes to an end the Early Years site has been a hive of activity with polar bears everywhere, too many polar explorers to count, some out of this world space exploration, some more under the sea fun and a little bit of fairy magic

Our Fledglings 1 room have been reading the story 'Handa's Surprise' and have been making giant fruit collages to display on their boards. The children really enjoyed using the 'Story Sack' to help to tell the story.

The Fledglings have gone number crazy this week with their hand print number boards and counting songs. The smell of freshly baked shortbread coming from the Fledglings room in the middle of the week made everyone hungry!



Matt's Robins have been making butterfly wings, a princess castle and have been exploring the small world fairy garden – they even had time to make a fairy potion. Lacie's Robins have been further exploring their room-made train and going on journeys around the world. They have also been painting using trains and focusing on shapes.



This week in Skylarks the children have continued to learn about animals that live in the sea. We also discussed what animals might live in different bodies of water. The children have enjoyed making playdough models of sea creatures and creating their own sea scene in a bottle. We have also been looking at repeating patterns this week. The children have shown good understanding and have created their own patterns.

Oak have been investigating how to free the animals from the ice. Would chipping at the ice with spoons or sprinkling with salt or sugar work best? We all agreed that sugar along with chipping at the ice freed the animals fastest! And some of the children have been moving onto our next topic which is 'All About Me'.

We have also been looking at repeating patterns using beads, shapes and colouring patterns as well as going on polar expeditions and packing our explorer bags with the correct resources.

In music, Oak began their journey into space and enjoyed blasting off in their rockets to the moon 'mooching' like astronauts to the music. I look forward to seeing where next will take us.....

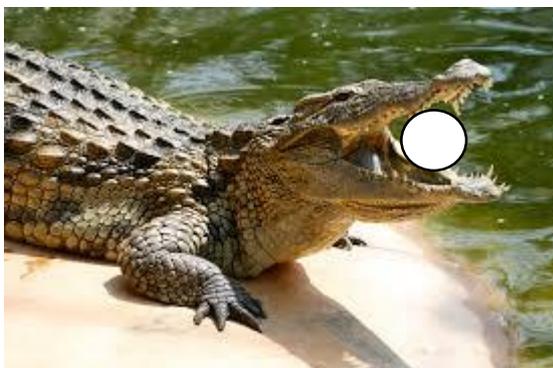
And finally, a playground update: Phase 1 of the playground development is coming along nicely and the apparatus is now fully built and we are seeing the soft surface being laid around it. It is very exciting to see it taking shape and the children cannot wait for the grand opening and to get playing on it!

Reminders for next week:

- Monday 23rd January – Oak Reception to Main Site for Art/Drama Morning & lunch.
- The Early Years site will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers – please save these for us and hand in to rooms or into the collection box in reception.
- Hazelwood Open Morning on Friday 3rd January – any parents interested in looking at the main site should contact Nick Tappin to arrange a tour.
- Fledglings 2 Drop Off Zone – this is primarily a drop off zone for Fledglings 2 only and should not be used for prolonged parking – please be mindful when pulling in to this area.

News from Hazelwood

Congratulations to James M who received news recently that his impressive golfing list of achievements is set to receive an additional boost. James has been invited to the States over the Easter holidays to play in the Hurricane Golf Tour Tournament in sunny Florida.



The tournament attracts the very best young golfers in America against whom James will be hoping for some success. As one of the events is a Junior Major, James could find himself on the invite for other such prestigious meets if he performs well. Best watch out for the water James, Florida is as famous for Mickey Mouse as it is for its crocodiles! Best make the round a snappy one and head for the safety of the clubhouse.

Good luck to all our pupils taking entrance exams over the coming weeks and weekends. Do your best and stay calm. We look forward to reading of your successful endeavours.



Steve Smith, Hazelwood's Facilities Manager, stands amidst the dust sheets and paint of the St John's Room in St John's Church, Hurst Green. The Church applied for a Community Fund Grant to help fund its refurbishment. While the application did not fully meet the requirements of the Fund, the school felt compelled to roll up its sleeves and to help where it could. Steve and other members of the Estates Team will be painting walls, skirting and doors in a bid to give the room a more welcoming appearance and homely atmosphere.

CYA Presentation on Mental Health

Thank you to all the parents who came along on Monday for the presentation on Mental Health in Young People. We hope you found it useful and thought provoking. Some parents have asked for a copy of the material that was shared on the evening. The school has requested the information from the organisers and will host on Halo or the school website as and when it is received. We will keep you posted.

Hazelwood Family Beetle Drive: Friday 27th January

The deadline for responding to the call for entries has been extended to Monday 23rd January. The Beetle Drive has been a great evening in the past and with Mrs Low taking up the antennae as Head Beetle, this year's event promises to be equally fast, furious and full of fun! Full details appear later in this week's Nutshell.

Senior School Open Mornings

We have received reminders that the following schools have their Open Mornings coming up soon:

Eastbourne College Saturday 4th March

Parents to arrive between 9.00-9.30am at the main College building and that they can pre-book their attendance via our website by using the following link; www.eastbourne-college.co.uk/Visiting-the-College

Box Hill School Saturday 28th January from 10.15am until 12 noon

Places can be booked on the website www.boxhillschool.com or by contacting Claire Jordan in Admissions: admissions@boxhillschool.com / 01372384240.

PLUS a date for your diary: Hazelwood's fourth Senior School fair will be held on Saturday 9th September 2017. Planning is already underway with invitations being sent out this week to our largest range of schools ever.

The cold snap continues in Oak

All things polar are still providing much food for thought, investigation and discovery as the children in Oak Reception enjoy another week wrapping up warm inside and out. When it's a race against time to see how many snowballs you can pick up in 60 seconds or you are out on the ice cap looking for penguins and arctic foxes, it pays to keep frostbite at bay. In Science Club too the young detectives were ready to help Tandridge Council with their snow and ice management. The children's experiments emphatically revealed that salt melted ice faster than sugar. Phew! A reverse result could have serious consequences for the road gritting team!



HPA Boden Party - Monday 6th March - 3.00pm - 5.00pm

The HPA will be holding another Boden Party on Monday 6th March. The new Spring and Summer ranges will be TOSH on that day for you to see and try on. Our special discount code will be circulated to all Hazelwood and Nursery parents and staff so you can enjoy the benefit of the discount even if you cannot get to the party itself. The code can be used on orders placed on 6th March and for several weeks afterwards.

Boden will pay free commission to the HPA on anything ordered using the party code so this is a great fundraiser for the HPA and a good discount for you too!

Please put the date in your diary and save up your new season Boden order until then as the discount at the party can't be beaten!

A vertical flyer for a Boden Party. The background is a light cream color with a decorative border of pink and red flowers and green leaves. At the top center is the Boden logo, 'Boden' in a script font with 'NEW BRITISH' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. Below the logo, the text reads 'You're invited to a' followed by 'BODEN PARTY' in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. Underneath that, in a smaller font, is '(ain't no party like a Boden party)'. The next line says 'See, touch, try and buy the NEW-SEASON range with...'. This is followed by '20% OFF' in large, bold, dark blue capital letters, and then 'plus free delivery and returns' in a smaller font. The date and time are listed as 'MONDAY 6TH MARCH' and '3.00 - 5.00' in bold, dark blue capital letters, with the location 'TOSH (The Old School Hall, Hazelwood)' in a smaller font below. There is a small logo for the HPA (Hazelwood Parents' Association) with the text 'Hazelwood Parents' Association' below it. The final line of text says 'Introduce a friend to Boden and earn £25 account credit when they place their first order at the party.' At the bottom, the website 'BODEN.COM' is written in bold, dark blue capital letters.

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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.

U9 B Netball Tournament at Rosehill - Silver medal winners!



The U9B netball team went to Rosehill on Thursday to play in a tournament attended by 9 other schools. We have had a few position changes over the last couple of matches but now the team is set and the girls are developing well in their roles, demonstrated by this fantastic result. We have been working on marking our players and defending the ball and this was certainly evident in all of the matches. In two of the matches the ball hardly went into the opposition's half as the girls were marking and intercepting passes. We

won our section resulting in us going into the final with the other section winner - Derwent Lodge. We knew we were going to have a tough match but the girls stayed close to the opposition and the game was very even with them scoring just 2 goals in the first half. The girls showed grit and fought on conceding just 1 goal in the second half, a fantastic result against a very strong school. The team of Ella Humphrey, Lydia Octave, Eloise Proctor, Amelie Higgins, Lola Bennett, Emmy Bax and Jennifer Mylet should be very proud of their netball and their superb silver medals. **Sarah Lowe**

Rugby Results – some excellent results from the U8's and U9's against Solefield

U9A won: 45-0

U9B won: 35-10 (Bs), drew 25-25 (C's)

U9C won: 25-20

U9D won: 20-10 (Cs), won 45-20 (Cs)

U8A won: 35-5

U8B won: 40-0

U8C won: 20-5

U8 lions lost: 35-40

(A return to Thursday form!)

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.

SEN SEN Information evening
Oak – Y8 Beetle Drive
Years 6 & 7 HECA

Babysitting and dog walking!

Hello! My name is Cecily Arris, a past pupil of Hazelwood, and I'm advertising for any babysitting or dog sitting that needs doing. I often babysit my younger brother (11) and sister (15) as well as other people who live locally. I am 17, turning 18 in February and am able to drive as well as have a first aid qualification. My number is: 07510490375 and email is arriscecily@gmail.com

Many thanks Cecily Arris

Key Events for Next Week

Monday 23

All day Oak Drama and Art Workshop at Hazelwood site (Oak children to be dropped off at Hazelwood site in the morning)

1800 SEN Information Evening

Tuesday 24

1430 Netball: U8A and B v Caterham Home

1645-

1815 Y6 Play Rehearsal – Emily's Incredible Illucinations

Wednesday 25

0830-

0850 Wind Quartet Assembly - Y3 - Y8

0900-

- 0930 1A Class Assembly
- 1430 Rugby: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U10A, B and C v Hilden Grange Home
 Rugby: U11A, B and C v Hilden Grange Away
 Netball: U10 A – C v St Michael's Away
 Netball: U10 D v Caterham Away
 Netball: U11A – C v St Michael's Home
 Netball: U11D v Caterham Away
 Netball: U13A and B v St Michael's Home

Thursday 26

- 0835 Inter House Debating
- 1430 Rugby: U8A, B, C and D v Hilden Grange Home
 Rugby: U9A, B, C and D v Hilden Grange Away
 Netball: U8 A and B v Hilden Grange Away
 Netball: U9 A and B v Caterham Away
 Netball: U9 C v St Michael's Home
 Netball: **U9 D v Hilden Grange Home**

Friday 27

- 0900-
- 1300 PSHEE Y7 – Animal Aid Talk and Workshop
- 1645-
- 1815 Y6 Play Rehearsal – Melons at the Vicarage
- 1800 **HPA Beetle Drive – Dining Hall**

Saturday 28

- 0930** Netball:U11A Tournament Hawthorns Away

Sunday 29

- All Day U11 & U13 Gymnastics Milano competition
- All Day Rugby: South East Festival – U9A, U10A and U11A, Tonbridge



If you have ever wondered what goes on in a child's mind, then think no further. Take a walk into the Chestnut Building and you will see straight into the minds of Y2 who have created literal mind maps of how they think and who they are. There is a lot of complex thinking going on behind those bright eyes and beaming smiles.



HAZELWOOD FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE

FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2017

6.00 PM – 8.00 PM

HAZELWOOD DINING HALL

BEETLE is a fast and furious game, which is very loud and great fun! The game is suitable for all children between Reception and Year 8, with some parental assistance required for the younger ages.

Mrs Louw is looking forward to being **BEETLE** Master for the evening, which will start at 6.00 pm with an introduction to the game and an explanation of Beetle House Rules.

A Sausage & Chip supper will be provided.

Please bring your own liquid refreshments if you wish to (water will be provided).

The evening will finish by 8.00 pm.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning children and adults!!

The cost of the evening is £3.75 per head (to cover costs), which will be added to your end of term account.

All families from Reception to Year 8 are welcome (As this is a family event, parents are required to attend, even if not participating with their children.). Please be aware that during breaks, parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.

If you would like to attend, please complete the booking application and return it to the School Office by Friday, 20th January. Additional booking forms are available in the School Office Reception area.

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GIRLS ATTACK!

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DETAILS

Netball Club, mini & junior girls 6-14

Term re-starts 14th Jan 2017



10-11.30am, Oxted School



1-2.15pm Caterham School

Feb ½ term Netball Camps

Feb 13th & 14th 2017, 10am-12.30

Hazelwood School, Oxted RH8 0QU (£35)

Email girlsattackit@gmail.com to book



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Info at www.pitchero.com/clubs/girlsattack
Contact Maggie & Lynn, your qualified, enthusiastic sports leaders!