

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

I cannot believe that we find ourselves at the end of another academic year. Nor that the 125th Anniversary celebrations have gone so well. This morning's Prize Giving was a chance to celebrate both and to bear witness to the many academic, sporting, musical and artistic achievements of all our wonderful pupils. Throughout the year there have been so many individual highlights – far too many to mention here (I will leave that job to Lupercus) – and a whole host of occasions where teams of pupils and staff pulled together to turn in exceptional performances and demonstrations of commitment, resilience and sheer brilliance.



None more so that the Gala Concert which thrilled a packed Sports Hall on Sunday night. Billed as the 'climax' of the 125 celebrations, the concert involved some 250+ musicians from across our current Years 1-8, past pupils, staff and friends of Hazelwood. With each crescendo, rallentando, bow change and intake of breath, the quality of the performance just got higher and higher until the roof was raised during the final orchestral piece, the 1812 overture, complete with confetti canons. The concert programme was brimming over with variation, showcasing the many talents of our singers, instrumentalists, soloists and ensemble players. There were also welcomed returns to the Hazelwood stage for some of our musical alumni who have taken their love of music, first nurtured at Hazelwood, onto another level at their Senior Schools of choosing. The evening was exceptional and easily equal to the Last Night of the Junior Proms. It was an absolute team effort, with Mrs Louw and Mrs Young leading from the front with customary energy and inspiration. The children rehearsed hard and their love of their art shone through. Even after a day of rehearsals and a week of special events (and no doubt the odd late and sleepless night -caused by the heat wave), when show-time came around the focus was faultless. I cannot praise everyone highly enough and have been delighted to receive so many commendations from parents and friends who were lucky enough to experience this most marvellous occasion. I am glad you enjoyed yourselves.

Enjoyment was high up on the agenda on Tuesday for a 125 event of a very different kind – the whole school trip to Legoland. Whilst the weather may not have been as kind as we may have wanted, and the M25 was up to its normal tricks on the journey home, nothing could dampen the smiles which filled nine coaches as all the children from Oak Reception up to

“Quite simply for me the highlight of the year. I felt so very, very proud of the school last night and truly privileged to be a part of the Hazelwood community. Thank you so much to all the staff team for the passion and determination to continually strive to deliver excellence.”

Year 8 headed towards the land of imagination and endless possibilities. I know the trip had filled some parents with dread and for some of the older children, a trip to Thorpe Park may have been higher up their bucket list of things to do on one's 125th birthday, however on the day all fears were ill founded. Everyone had a blast, bringing home with them so many different memories of favourite rides and moments during the day. The arrangements were meticulous and Mr Lloyd had left no stone unturned to ensure that the day was happy and safe. There was a real buzz around the park with groups of Hazelwood children meeting each other on and off the rides with high fives and cheers. Every group had a different experience depending on which rides took their fancy. What was common amongst all however, was the way in which the children behaved and the camaraderie which existed between them and their staff helpers. A joy and absolute pleasure to behold.



So we will be hanging up our birthday candles, balloons and party bags for another 125 years. But most of us will be back to pick up where we have left off and to throw ourselves into the 2015-16 academic year with equal gusto and enterprise. We will have the promise of a stunning new building in a year's time to spur us on and a host of new children and families to welcome to the school and to get to know as friends and colleagues over the coming months. For those children leaving Hazelwood, I wish you all the very best as you continue your learning adventure at new and diverse schools. It has been a pleasure

"That had to be one of the most amazing concerts I have seen at Hazelwood! Absolutely superb and very special. Mrs Louw is truly amazing. What she gets the kids to achieve is outstanding. A true night to remember and proud to be part of".

watching you grow and develop and you will be missed on all sorts of levels. I know that you all face successful futures and that you are armed with the resources and confidence to rise to new challenges with grace and determination.



And so it began with a street party on the Nursery site to celebrate the 125 birthday and to say a fond farewell to one very special lady. Surprise and surprise rendered the usually loquacious Mrs Weeks, speechless and very emotional.

Goodbye and good luck too to our departing staff especially those who after many years of service are seeking a different pace of life and have chosen to either retire completely or to wind down a little. As the Alumni Open Morning showed last week, once a Hazelwood teacher, always a Hazelwood teacher and part of an extended and happy family. We hope that you will come back and see us and to share with us news of your new lives, hobbies and interests.

The past two weeks have been full-on and fantastic and I think everyone deserves, and is ready, to savour a glorious summer everyone. Take time to recharge, relax and reload ready for September. See you on the 9th.

For a list of emails/letters/texts sent home each week please see the 'Notice Board' further down the Nutshell.

News from The Nursery

The final week of our celebrations was great fun. The children had a fantastic end to the year. On Monday Oak parents were invited in to the classrooms for a 'cafe'. The children baked cakes and served their parents refreshments; it was a lovely occasion and greatly enjoyed by both children and parents.

On Tuesday the trip to LEGOLAND was a huge success! The Oak children were so excited and had a wonderful day. They enjoyed the rides, despite the rain and enjoyed experiences as varied as a submarine ride to look at all the fishes, a balloon ride, working the fire engines and the storybook ride to name a few. They also played in the pirate play area and some even got their first driving license! The picnic was enjoyed and the children were very good, returning to school exhausted (hardly anyone was awake on the journey back!).

On Wednesday the nursery children enjoyed their picnic while Oak visited their new classes at the Prep school. We chose the theme Alice in Wonderland and had a 'Mad Hatters' lunch party! Once again we were dodging rain showers and the younger children had their party games in the hall, Skylarks went down to Master Park for their games and thank you to the parents who helped out. The children also enjoyed a 'cinema', showing Alice. We did, however, manage to eat our picnic outside around the Mad Hatter's tea party table. Mrs Weeks dressed up as Alice and all the children were given a book and a commemorative lapel badge to celebrate the 125 year anniversary of Hazelwood.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday if you are taking a break and every good wish if you are moving on. There are lots of exciting activities planned for your children over the summer in the nursery and the children will have a great time.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for their kind words, best wishes, presents and surprises, I have been completely overwhelmed! A separate thank you email from me is being sent today. I have loved working at Hazelwood and have been particularly proud of the way in which our Early Years has grown and developed!

News from Hazelwood



“And with a wave of my pantomime magic wand (and with a little help from bulldozers and demolition teams), I am going to make Cedar and Veranda blocks disappear!”



Farewell Cedar and Veranda – you have served The school well providing a place of learning for generations of Hazelwood children. But it's time to say goodbye and start your journey to the big portakabin in the sky! R.I.P.

Date for the diary: Saturday 12th September. Hazelwood's Senior School's Fair takes place from 10am until 12 noon. 30 Senior Schools will be in attendance and pleased to meet with you and answer any questions about life at their school.



Parent Handbook

An updated version of the Parent Handbook containing 2015-16 teacher listings and other useful information is now hosted on the Parents' Portal of the Hazelwood School website.

Hazelwood School Shop

The School Shop will be open on Mon July 13th between 9.30 - 11am for leavers to drop off good quality and clean new-style uniform items (including jumpers, tank tops, shirts and trousers). If in doubt, bring it in and Mrs Gildersleeve and her team will be able to assist you. The shop is opening on Tuesday September 1st and Monday 7th September 10-11.30am.

Please note that the shop can only accept cash or cheque.



Congratulations to Sam Hartley, Felix Curson, Oscar Powney and Jonny Naylor who helped their 6-a-side Raw Skills football team to victory in the recent U10 Jarvis Brook Junior Tournament. The Hazelwood trio helped score the much needed goals to see off the opposition, winning 3-0 in both the semi final and the final. Felix scored the free kick of the tournament – a 25 yard kick into the top left hand corner. Well done boys. Bring on next season!

“My daughter and I enjoyed returning to the school for the Gala concert. As a spectator, I can honestly say it was one of the best (if not the best) school concert I've been to. The standard of music was exceptional and it was so enjoyable. Katherine loved performing some of her old Hazelwood favourites as well as some new pieces”.

“What an amazing evening last night was. We're so proud that our children are part of The Hazelwood community and it was a great experience for my son to be part of the Gala concert. Seeing the choir has inspired him to want to join the choir in year 3. Is he too late?”

“The concert was uplifting, moving and mesmerizing in equal measure”

125 Anniversary whole school trip to Legoland



"I know it must have been a lot of hard work for all the staff - so thank you to each and every one of them for making such a wonderful day and memory for all the children to treasure."

"Thank you to everyone for such a wonderful experience today. I am well aware that today must have taken a lot of organisation, risk assessments and time to make it such a success".

"My boys haven't stopped talking about it and I picked them up an hour and a half ago!!"

"I hope you are managing to put your feet up with a nice cold beer now!!!!Thank you and well done to all the staff for organising and taking everyone"

"Just to say a huge thank you to everyone for making today happen. My daughter didn't stop talking all the way home telling me all the details of the day, how special for them all. Another very memorable day in the week of celebrations."



Please can you spare 5 minutes to read this - YOU could SAVE A LIFE.

Evie McClean is a close friend of a number of our pupils - she is not your average 9 year girl.....she is an amazingly brave and courageous young girl who has spent the last year fighting Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML). Throughout the year Evie has smiled and cartwheeled her way through all the treatments, including intensive chemotherapy. She has been an inspiration to all her family and friends. She has even managed to rock the short hair look with style and grace.

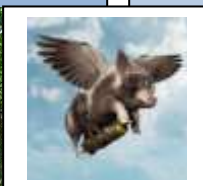
However, after lot of recent tests, Evie has just been diagnosed with Myelodysplasia. She now faces an even tougher and longer road ahead with numerous intensive treatments and she needs a bone marrow transplant to SAVE HER LIFE.

There are two charities who work to save lives of people with blood cancer and diseases like Myelodysplasia by finding and matching bone marrow donors:

www.deletebloodcancer.org.uk
www.anthonynolan.org

If you have ever thought about becoming a donor, or you know anyone else who has or might consider it - please go online and have a look at the sites and see how you could SAVE A LIFE and possibly you could save EVIE's life. (Some age restrictions apply).

Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you to those of you that do sign up to become a donor.



Perfect Car Parking Thank you very much to everyone on Thursday. At 9.10am in the morning the whole of Wolfs Hill was clear of traffic and New Field was positively overflowing. Just shows what we can achieve when we put our minds to it! Thank you too to everyone who completed the Travel Survey. More news to follow during the summer.

Running for Help for Heroes

Neil Cartwright, our Estates Manager and part-time traffic warden is running the London 10k this weekend to raise money for Help for Heroes. As an ex-serviceman this charity is close to Neil's heart, I know it would give him an extra glow if you were to lend your support by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/pimlicopainters> He will be running in full combat trousers, boots and CGB (more fool them!)



In celebration of Hazelwood's 125 Years, Class 2B have used watercolours to paint pictures of the old school building.





Watched by children, parents and Governors of Hazelwood, past Head, Mr Bawtree and Mrs Shaw dig the first hole ready for the school's new and exciting building project. Property Governor, David Hughes marked the auspicious occasion with a few well chosen words, saying how fitting it was that the project should commence in such a momentous year in Hazelwood's history.

"The 125 celebrations have been incredible and my children have had such a wonderful couple of weeks which they will always remember for the rest of their lives. I really appreciate all the hard work and effort that goes into making it happen by all the members of staff as I know it's no mean feat!"

"A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to look after the many bus loads of children today! It is a testament to the school that the children and teachers looked happy and relaxed (not to mention completely exhausted!!) on your return. The children had a brilliant time. My son enjoyed the submarine ride the most and my daughter thoroughly enjoyed shooting water at Mr MacDougall at the pirate ride!!"

"Please pass my thanks to all the staff for a fantastic day - I have 2 very tired, but very happy girls, competing to tell me about the fun they had today. What a great memory and a fun way to celebrate 125 and the end of term".

Day of Sport and Sports Day

The Sports Department would like to thank everyone who lent their support to both the Day of Sport and Sports Day itself. Both were blessed with amazing weather and saw performances of very different kinds. As part of the 125 celebrations, the children also enjoyed a day of attempting 125 different sports – an activity which seemed to grab their attentions and which revealed champions of all sorts of varied and unusual sporting past-times. More information and pictures to follow at the start of next term.

Congratulations to 3D, 4H, 5K and Tallen Harris for winning their respective competitions in the school's Sponsored Swimathon. Further details will follow in next year's first Nutshell.

125 Anniversary day of 125 Games & Sports



Wow and congratulations!

I am the product of a long line of teachers and thus know first-hand how much work goes into a school, just day to day, never mind the extra work, sweat and tears that goes into the productions that we have all enjoyed this year.

You know that I like life not to be too serious, but there is always a time and a place. So here goes:

I would just like to say on behalf of all my family, and this includes my parents who joined us on Sunday evening, a huge thank you and well done for a truly remarkable summer concert.

Lindie and your team, you are truly amazing.

You bring life, joy and vigor to so many people both in your orchestras, choirs and audiences. It is amazing.

On Sunday there was the right mix of fun, pomp, energy and show stoppers as well as some haunting tunes.

I liked the flash backs to the dawn of Hazelwood in 1890 - the same year that our house was built up on the chart!

It made me think of all the joy and performances that these bricks have witnessed and the joy that is still to come in the future.

My only slight point would be that the Mums need a little more work on tempo and timing in the firing of the cannons during the 1812 overture!!!!

Initially the sight of a violin coming through the door at home in the hands of a 6 year old, filled me with fear. I thought that surely a firearms licence is needed for such a dangerous weapon!

Within no time, however, with the skill and dedication of Lindie and the entire music department, my daughter now has confidence, a "Grade 1" and enjoys a quick shanty or two to wake us up at the weekends!

So on behalf of all of us and I dare say all of the parents, Well done and thank you for your time, skill and passing on your passions to our children in such a wonderful Hazelwood way.

I'm limbering up and stretching for Thursday and look forward to having a glass of bubbles with you all.

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.

Contracts signed. Check! Temporary classrooms liveried in Hazelwood blue. Check!



Project CAVE is underway. 56 weeks and counting until completion!

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Sports Department

Match Reports should be put in the folder on the wall in the PE office. They are then collected by the captain on Monday morning to be read out in assembly. 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

Communications sent home

Chapel Choir 2015/16:	Information and Dates
Years 3-8 (Sept):	Mouthguards & OPRO Visit
Year 8 (Sept):	Big AI Email No. 1
Years 3-6 (Sept):	LAMDA Tuition

If you have not received a copy of any of the above letters, and would like a copy, please contact the school office.



Sports day is in full swing in glorious sunshine. It couldn't have been more perfect with Baily fighting off stiff competition to hold onto the trophy for a second successive year!

Notice about parking

Surrey County Council is proposing to make changes to the parking controls outside school on Wolfs Hill. Full details can be seen at www.surreycc.gov.uk/parking/tandridge. Follow the signposts to *2015 parking review*. Comments can be sent via the online form to arrive no later than 23rd July 2015.

Hazelwood Sports Day 2015





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