The Nutshell



THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM HAZELWOOD

Compassion. Courage. Respect.

Dear Parents,

Our Christmas trees have arrived at Hazelwood, the decorations are up, and it's starting to look very festive and magical across the site. With only 2 weeks to go until the end of term, we have so much to enjoy and still look forward to, including our Carol Service, the Christmas Concert, Skylarks' Nativity, the Christmas Fair and Gift Shop and Wellbeing Day. What an exciting few weeks ahead!

We held a very successful Open Morning last week, with many prospective parents enjoying a typical school day in action. Parents met with teachers and were impressed with our Year 8 tour guides, who never fail to act as fantastic ambassadors for our School. As always, it was incredibly satisfying to share with parents what makes Hazelwood so special, and we had wonderful feedback from those who attended.

Reception and Year 1 performed their Nativity brilliantly to the lower school and parents this week - it was such a treat! They performed with such confidence and energy that impressed us all. Well done to all of our younger pupils for learning their individual lines as well as the song lyrics and actions. Thanks also to our Year 1 and Reception teachers for all their hard work in bringing the production together.

The Year 5 Giving Project went from strength to strength this week, as pupils held a sale of their homemade Christmas cards and decorations for staff. It was wonderful to see all the hard work that had gone into making these items and the pride with which the pupils took in selling them. The remaining items will be sold at the Christmas Fair, and all money raised will go to their 'Care Home Cookie and Chat' Project before the end of term. Well done, Year 5!

Finally, the HPA Christmas Fair is being held tomorrow between 12 – 3.30pm. Please come along to support the HPA and indulge in some festive fun and shopping. There are plenty of stalls and entertainment for everyone to enjoy!

With best wishes,

Lindie



HPA

HAZELWOOD CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30th November 2024 12:00 – 15:30

Cafe, gift stalls, festive games and raffle with exciting prizes!

Santa's Grotto Tickets: £7.00 https://buytickets.at/hpa Password: SANTA

Hazelwood Parents Association





Charity in the Community

We need your Christmas donations!

Holcot Charitable Trust is an award-winning charity in Edenbridge, currently supporting 115 disadvantaged local families. These families are amongst the hardest hit by the current cost-of-living crisis and, without the charity's help, they are facing a miserable Christmas.



The charity's projects are underfunded and we would like to show our support by contributing items for their Christmas hampers to help spread some festive joy among these families.

The charity try to ensure that every family is treated equally and are requesting either a tub of chocolates or a box of biscuits. If you would like to contribute, please donate the following:

• Nursery, Reception, Years 1 - 3 - Family Circle Biscuits (400g).



• Years 4 - 8 - Chocolate tub (550g) of Heroes, Celebrations, Quality Street etc.

If you're unable to provide the items listed above but would like to donate something else instead, that would be fantastic! All donations will be gratefully received!

Please bring your donations in on Friday 6th December at drop off:

Nursery - Nursery front office Prep School - Outside the sports hall.

Thank you so much!



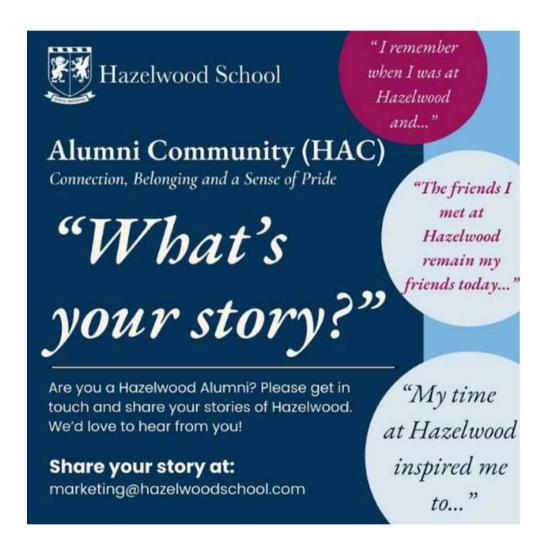


Hazelwood Alumni Community

What's your story?

What is your favourite memory? What did your time at Hazelwood mean to you? How did Hazelwood help shape you?

We'd love to hear your stories and memories and any photographs you might have of your time at Hazelwood.



We are excited to announce the relaunch of the Hazelwood Alumni Community (HAC) programme, in celebration of our 135th anniversary this year. This milestone offers a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with former pupils and staff.

If you know anyone who would like to stay in touch with Hazelwood, please encourage them to sign up via the <u>Alumni Sign-Up</u> page on our website or by emailing marketing@hazelwoodschool.com.

Student Spotlight



Raif has been selected for Sevenoaks Swimming Club.

He is a perfect role model of someone that has just been working hard and getting better and better.

We are so pleased for him - well done Raif!



The Student Spotlight aims to showcase the remarkable achievements of our pupils, both within and beyond Hazelwood.

Please nominate your child if they have accomplished something wonderful - we'd love to hear about it! Email: marketing@hazelwoodschool.com

Staff Spotlight







Mr Towner Games Teacher & Year 6 Form Tutor

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The thing I love most about my job is how different every single day is. It is so fun to work with children with different personalities and ideas! From my nursery PE sessions, all the way up to Year 8 games, I love being able to support students of all ages and try to help them as best as I can.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

I am mostly motivated by the students. I try my best to push each of them to challenge themselves in their lessons and encourage them to be who they are. I am also often motivated by my colleagues, especially when I see someone else run a good games or PE session, which sets me off with some new ideas.

HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S LIVES?

This is a tricky one! I think that I am always encouraging towards the pupils, whether that's encouraging towards their ideas, or just trying to make them feel confident in themselves. I would like to think that pupils feel comfortable and supported by me, and that I lead with a good example.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR?

Professionally, I am currently in my final year of my ECT, after doing my initial teacher training at Hazelwood in the 2022/2023 school year, so I am really looking forward to having all my documents and observations done! Personally, I am looking forward to seeing Arne Slot lead Liverpool to the quadruple in his first season at the club, and a cheeky Everton relegation would be the icing on the cake!



Wrens

The last few weeks the Wrens room have been doing activities based on 'Stickman'. Wrens enjoyed exploring a 'stickman' themed tuff tray as well as ice play. Wrens made their own edible stickman which they enjoyed eating for snack. Wrens have also been getting ready for Christmas! We have been making salt dough playdough using our feet, making Christmas tree hands and making a wreath for our door.

Starlings

Oh no it's the Gruffalo! Starlings have been having a fab two weeks exploring the Gruffalo story and his friends. We have been super busy making a snake by threading pasta, making a mouse using a handprint, salt pictures of leaves, making an owl fork picture and lots more! Starlings have been hunting for characters around the room, playing with cloud dough, pouring and scooping roasted fox lentils, making yummy Gruffalo crumble and scrambled snakes with spaghetti! We have also done lots of building of houses with wooden blocks, Duplo and mega blocks as well as listening and reading





the Gruffalo story.







Wagtails

The wagtails have had so much fun learning about colours and shapes. The children have been making their own shape rockets, sequencing shapes and shape sun catchers. Wagtails have had fun doing shape yoga in the hall. The children have been sorting different coloured bears into the right coloured bowls and making patterns with the magnetic shapes. We took the children on a shape hunt in the hall to see what they could find. In the messy tray we have been shape printing, finding shapes hidden in hay and exploring coloured shaving foam. We have also been busy practising our Christmas songs for our singalong next week.













Lower Robins

This week, we have embraced the Christmas spirit by starting to create festive items to take home. We've been playing Christmas songs to spread cheer, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed practising for our Christmas concert. We also made decorations for the classroom, which will be sent home at the end of term. Additionally, the children found joy in water play, where they added carrots and Brussels sprouts for the reindeer in preparation for Christmas Eve.



Last week, the children ventured deep into the forest to search for the Gruffalo and his child. They enjoyed crafting paper plate Gruffalos and using old cardboard tubes to create their own versions of the Gruffalo's child. The children made lovely Gruffalo headbands and experimented with various materials to shape Gruffalos out of play dough.















Upper Robins

Last week the children had an enjoyable time exploring the Stick Man story and the Winter theme. They listened to the story and engaged in a fun activity where they filled in the missing words and phrases. Additionally, they went on a winter walk to gather sticks to create their own Stick Man characters. They also made polar bears using painting and cutting techniques. It was a wonderful week where they explored the natural world and their resources. This week we have started a very exciting theme: Countdown to Christmas, the children have been so busy doing their Christmas arts and crafts as well as helping to decorate the room and playing in the small world table (winter wonderland and Christmas). They have also been rehearsing their Christmas songs for the concert next week with great enthusiasm.













Skylarks - Green

The Skylarks' Green children finished off their 'Transport' theme by concentrating upon emergency and working vehicles last week. We matched professionals to their vehicles, played imaginatively with the cruise liners and had fun manoeuvring the diggers and trucks in the tuff tray, picking up and transporting different loads. This week saw the start of our eagerly awaited 'Countdown to Christmas'. The children were very excited to see the role play area transformed into 'Santa's Workshop', complete with Santa dangling down from the chimney!! The 'small world' table was set up with a very 'Christmassy' house, with plenty of 'loose parts' and characters with which to build up festive storylines. The craft table was a hive of activity as Christmas goodies took shape and we have been practising our Christmas concert songs enthusiastically too. The children have also been captivated by enchanting Christmas stories during circle time, listening attentively and with increasing recall and comprehension.











Skylarks - Orange

The children thoroughly enjoyed the final week of our transport activities. We created traffic lights and counted various modes of transport, and then they independently matched the numbers to the corresponding quantities of vehicles. The discussions about how we travel to school were particularly engaging; some children walked, others came by car, and some used their scooters.

This week has been incredibly busy as we work on our Christmas crafts, which the children will be bringing home for their families to enjoy. They have been crafting a delightful variety of items and are eager to share them with everyone.











Reception

Maths









Teamwork - jigsaws





Reception

Wind Experiment













Nativity

Year 1 and Reception put on their brilliant Nativity 'Hey Ewe'. The children wowed everyone with their singing, dancing, and acting. The colourful costumes brought the story to life, and the children's smiles, energy and enthusiasm made it a truly memorable performance. From the first note to the final bow, they captured the spirit of Christmas in the most joyful way. Well done to all the children for a fantastic show!











































Nativity

































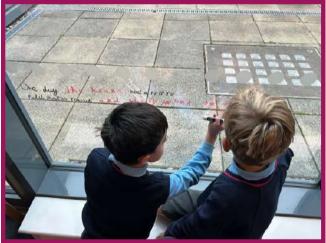


Writing

Year 2 have really enjoyed leaning about London with the original story of Paddington as their literacy text. The pupils especially enjoyed writing the story...working in teams, talking through the plot and then writing on glass, desks and whiteboards! A super productive morning!









Diwali

All of Year 2 have just completed their beautiful Diwali lamps! Whilst Diwali was a few weeks ago, the children have spent time carefully creating their lamp in two stages and as part of their learning around this celebration.





Forest School





















Bug Hotels

Year 6 have made some splendid bug hotels and we were so lucky to be asked to do the hiding! Jan taught us about insects in the garden and together we thought carefully about placing the bug hotels. As you can see, we had a great time thinking, collaborating and then executing the task!















Music

Year Three have written their own versions of a song we learnt as a class.

3N

My Dragon lives at Hazelwood School, He has infinite scales and multiple tails, And likes swimming in the pool.

My dragon, loves chilling in the fridge, When the dinner ladies start to bake, He always eats the cake.

Everybody wants to meet my dragon, ooh Everybody wants to see him fly....

Up to the Bailey, then the astro,
Chilling in the outdoor box.
Down to the forest for a play,
Then to the Chapel for the rest of the day.
Round and round flying in the sky,
High above the cars,
He does loop the loops, above the netball hoops,
One day he might reach Mars.

My dragon, isn't all doom and gloom, When Mrs Louw, doesn't know, He curls up in her room.

My dragon is even bigger than Riff! They love to play, every day, But the dragon tickles him!

Everybody wants to meet my dragon, ooh Everybody wants to see him fly....

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3R

My dragon, has wings that glow in the dark, He eats golden stars, and music bars,

He eats golden stars, and music bars, You can see him in the park.

My dragon breathes electric sparkling dust, He's full of love, like a cuddly dove, And he goes to sleep at dusk.

Everybody wants to meet my dragon, Everybody wants to see him glide...

He flies up to people's homes,
And waves at the windowsill,
Down to the football stadium,
Loop the loop around a windmill.
Racing high up into space,
To play with the aliens,
He flies back down to Oxted town,
It's such a special place.

My dragon, has fur just like a cat. It's green and blue, with tattoos, And leathery wings all flat.

My dragon, has a sparkly pet pony, They like to play, every day, And have bacon for their tea.

Everybody wants to meet my dragon, Everybody wants to see him glide...

He flies up to people's homes,
And waves at the windowsill,
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Music

3M

My dragon loves to eat cheese as a snack, It has yellow wings, and claws and things, And red scales down his back.

My dragon, is the head of Hazelwood, He has super speed, he's fast indeed, I'd race him if I could.

Everybody wants to meet my dragon, Everybody wants to see him fly....

Up to saturn and round and back,
Higher than the sun,
Round and round the milky way,
It must be fun flying all day.
Up to the moon for a cheesy snack,
With the aliens,
He lives with a mouse, in a very old house,
Eating cheese with his favourite pal.

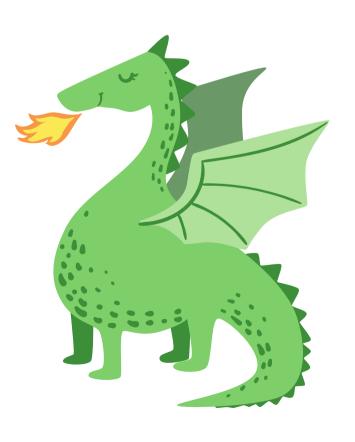
My dragon likes to boss everyone around, But he's also kind, and he doesn't mind, If you lose something on the ground.

My dragon likes to listen to children read, He uses his fire, to cook and inspire, He's a good head teacher indeed.

Everybody wants to meet my dragon, Everybody wants to see him fly....

Up to saturn and round and back,
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Maths

The Year 4 children have been learning about bus stop division on the desks.







Digestion

4H were both enthralled and slightly disgusted whilst squeezing a wet biscuit through a pair of tights to show how the digestive system works! Hopefully, they won't forget this lesson!









Forest School

4H began their second rotation of Forest School whittling sticks and learning how to use the fire-starters. Watching their perseverance with the fire-starters was amazing, many were brand new so it took a lot of effort to create some friction and sparks!









Art







Trip to Royal Observatory

On Monday we took the Year 5's to Greenwich to visit the Planetarium at the Royal Observatory.

We watched an amazing show about our Solar System and looked at Mars and Saturn in detail.

We also found the Greenwich Mean Time, Meridian line which is 0 degrees longitude and stood on it to have our photo taken.







Art















Art Elective



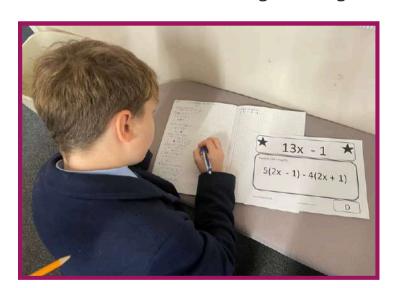






Maths

Collaborative maths working with algebra.









Descriptive Writing

On a stormy winter night a storm violently battered the coast and ominous sea. The ragged cliffs shot out of the ground creating a gusty wind tunnel down below on the beach. Cows howled, petrified by the storm while birds circled up ahead trying not to be blown away by the strong winds. The smell of the rain wafted through the air creating a delightful aroma around the area. After being smashed against the rocks violently down below, the salty spray of the water splashed around making the rocks just as slippery as an ice skating rink. Trees rapidly swung from side to side like an awkward dancer at a party. As the trees collapsed, a deafening, crunching sound erupted around the valley.

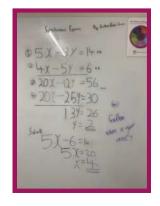
Out at sea, the wailing sirens from the lifeguard boats wailed loudly creating an apocalyptic atmosphere. The fishermen were making their way back to shore almost as if they were caught in a crossfire. The storm was playing with the boats like a child destroying their toys. The gigantic swell created mini mountain tops; a surfer's dream. The tiny boats were at a very large mismatch compared with the aggressive, tumbling, white water waves and swell. Flashes of light shot across the sky striking the ocean with millions of volts of energy. The heavy, gloomy dark clouds were quickly hurried along by the sudden, inconsistent gusts of wind. Followed almost immediately by the beams of light were the deafening growls of thunder. The repetitive combination of lightning and thunder was nature's firework display just without the attractive colours.

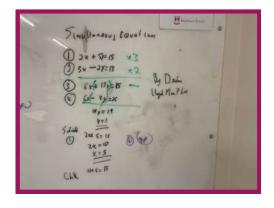
The relaxing pita-pata of the rain finally started to ease, gently fading away. Flashes of lightning and screams of thunder became more and more rare and the clouds gently rolled over and away. The elegant stars and bright moon were finally visible again. It was a sigh of relief **by Aiden Z**

Maths

Some great wall work on simultaneous equations!









Graphics

Exploring Brand Variations in Year 8









This week, our creative Year 8 students dived into the world of branding and design. Their task? To invent a fictitious brand and bring it to life visually using Canva. The project focused on the importance of brand consistency across multiple elements while encouraging artistic exploration.

Each student had to design:

- 1. Primary Logo the main identifier of the brand.
- 2. Secondary Logo a variation to complement the primary design, offering flexibility.
- 3. Submark a simplified version for smaller spaces or quick recognition.
- 4. Icon a standalone graphic element, perfect for social media profiles or favicons.

Through this activity, students not only learned about the key components of branding but also gained practical experience in adapting designs to different contexts while maintaining cohesion.

The results were fantastic! From an american steakhouse to a sports drink, each creation showcased individuality and attention to detail. This hands-on project proved to be an exciting way for students to explore the interplay between creativity and strategy in design.

We're so proud of their efforts and can't wait to see how these budding designers start to add colour schemes to their designs.









LIBRARY

Ready Steady Read sponsored reading challenge

Congratulations to the following pupils who took part in the half term sponsored reading challenge. By reading over the half term holiday and getting sponsored each and every time you read, you have helped our chosen state junior schools (Bletchingley, Godstone and Tatsfield) to be able to choose around £700 of new Usborne books for their libraries and pupils.

As soon as all the monies are collected your child will be awarded with a well-deserved prize.

Many thanks Mrs Wisniewski

Reception - Year 2

Emilie L, Thomas S, Melody S, Olympia P, Emilia L, Georgia D, Sophie B, Aryana O, Rachel M, Oliver P, Max R, Poppy F, Kiran P, Alexander J, Jude D-K and Leo C

Years 3 & 4

Sienna C, Lauren S, Lily H, Imogen Z, Isla S, Maya T, Isabelle S, Harper S, Luke B, Violet H, Molly T, James E

Years 5 & 6

Clara J, Chloe C, Max U, Evie Y, James P and Isabella CR

Well done to you all.

Christmas recommended reading book suggestions

Looking for a children's book to buy for Christmas, then come along to the Christmas fair and see what we have on the Travelling Book Fair book boxes or browse through the selection from Usborne Books on display. Alternatively, you can get ideas from using the <u>Love Reading for Kids</u> website. Happy shopping.

Winter Reading Challenges & Bookmark entry forms

We will be running the normal reading challenges over the Christmas Break as well as the Bookmark Competition and all entry forms and challenges will be out in the next two weeks Pupils can pick up the forms at the end of next week or they can be found on google classroom.

Happy Reading!



Hazelwood School Recommended Reading Lists

Scan the QR codes below to access recommended reading lists for each year group and also search more widely by genre, helping you find books to match your child's individual interests.





Notices

Edenbridge RFC is a grass roots family-friendly club, and believes in the key values of rugby, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, ENJOYMENT, DISCIPLINE & SPORTMANSHIP. The team enjoys having 3 coaches (backs and forwards), with coaching taking place on Wednesday nights (6-7pm) all year round, and Sundays (10am-12.00), which are alternated between training sessions, league matches and friendlies. Situated on the border of Kent/Sussex, we play in the Sussex league and due to our unique location, we also enjoy the benefit of being able to put forward players into both the Saracens and Harlequins U15 development programmes, of which we have 3 in each at the moment.

For anyone interested, please look at our website www.edenbridgerugby.co.uk or contact Nigel Lawson U15 manager, Edenbridge RFC nigel@acumen-da.com





Years 4-8



Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December

HAZELWOOD SPORTS HALL 10am -12pm

> Please contact First XI coach Mr Jarvis to reserve a place. Tel: 07725 026329 jarvisj@hazelwoodschool.com





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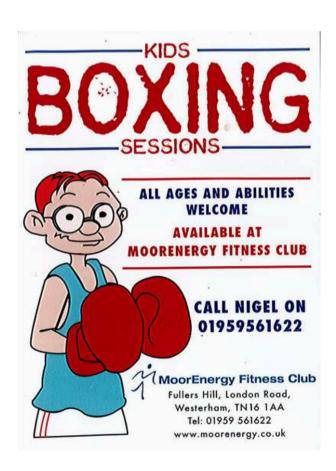




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NOTICES



Brighton College are holding an Open Morning on Saturday 25th January.

Fantastic condition Cube Agree GTC Race Carbon Fibre Road Bike (56 cm)

Cube Agree GTC Race Carbon bike. Perfect condition and works perfectly - crisp gear changes and sharp brakes. Estimate about 600 miles ridden. No damage or accidents, everything in perfect working order.

56cm full carbon frame and forks.

Comes with Shimano clip pedals and Cat Eye computer.

Shimano 105 shifters

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Shimano 105 brake calipers

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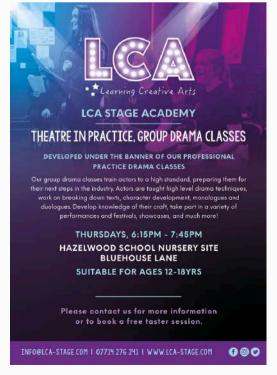
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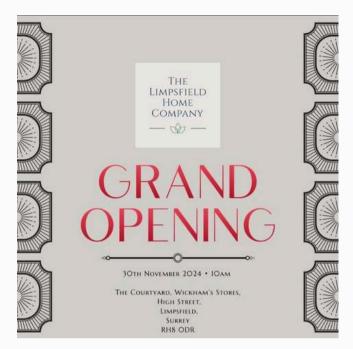






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Social Media

We have a new Hazelwood Sports Instagram account!



@hazelwoodschoolsport

Follow the Sports account to keep up to date with all the fixtures, after-school clubs and sporting achievements at Hazelwood.



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We love sharing the wonderful things happening at Hazelwood on our social media channels.

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