

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM HAZELWOOD

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

I hope you all enjoyed a fantastic, restful summer. It has been wonderful to see your children arrive back full of energy and enthusiasm for a new year of learning. An especially warm welcome to our new starters and their families joining the Hazelwood community; I am confident you will settle in very quickly to life in our amazing school.

The sun was definitely out to greet us on our first week back with temperatures soaring. The children coped very well in the heat, and the ice lollies on both sites helped to cool everyone down!

We are delighted to share with you that Hazelwood School passed the latest ISI Inspection Report held in June. The quality and standards of the Early Years Foundation Stage were judged to be Outstanding in every category.

Needless to say, as a School, we are incredibly proud of the report and all the positive comments that the inspectors made. The full report can be found on our website but here are just a few of the many comments made about the outstanding provision our youngest pupils have access to:

'Each child's needs are thoroughly met through the provision of high-quality care and curriculum practices.'

'Children learn important values in Nursery. They are extremely respectful of each other.'

'The enabling environment ensures children enjoy their learning and make excellent progress.'

There have already been some significant highlights during our first weeks of the new academic year. Year 2 enjoyed a delicious chocolate day. The introduction of the Active Planet topic proved a huge hit with our Year 4 children and it was great to see Year 5 making excellent use of the VR headsets in their new module on Earth and Space.

We have already enjoyed sporting successes in our hockey and football fixtures and tournaments; congratulations to all those that participated. Years 7 and 8 enjoyed their various walking expeditions and camp outs last Friday. The inaugural Hazelwood prize for 'Noisiest on-site camp out in history' is emphatically awarded to Year 7; there is no doubt that their singing would have been heard some distance away! We know that the children will always remember these special bonding experiences.

We are looking forward to hosting two open mornings this term:

- Year 7 & 8 on Friday 13th October 9:30 - 12pm.
- Whole School on Friday 17th November 9:30 - 12pm.

Please keep a look out for the events hosted by the HPA this term as we look forward to enjoying the opportunities to bring the whole school community together, in particular to see which year group will claim the coveted Quiz Master prize this year!

Wishing everyone a fantastic weekend.

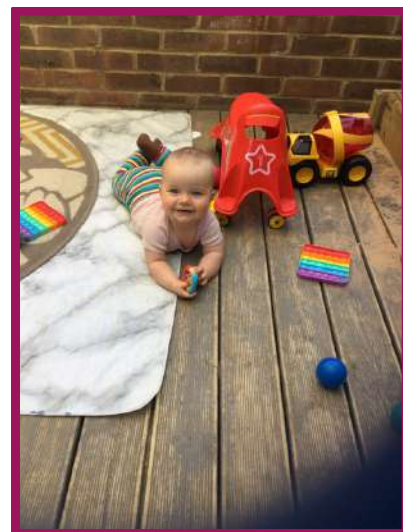
Best wishes

Lindie

NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Fledglings 1

The children have had a great start settling into Fledglings 1 and the new routine over the last two weeks. They have been learning all about "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" and the different animals. The children have been making their own puffy painted pigs and using tractors to make marks on pieces of paper. They have had fun exploring the mud and pigs in the messy tray. The children have also been exploring shaving foam sheep and making handprint chicks. Additionally, they have been using corks to print spots on their cows. The children have had so much fun pouring water down drainpipes and exploring different colored water. Fledglings 1 children have been exploring playdough and making marks on Old MacDonald's barn.



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Fledglings 2

WOW! A fantastic first two weeks for our new Fledglings 2 children as they get stuck into exploring! They have been busy on their new adventures, transitioning from home fantastically. We have had lots of different activities on offer for the children to choose from, such as shape sorting, sensory shapes, peg puzzles, talking to their parents on the pretend phone, sticking with glue sticks using different types of materials, animal printing using paint, and matching different colored objects. The children have enjoyed lots of play in the garden with the beautiful sunshine and heat, so we introduced water play consisting of ice, colored water, and lots of objects like boats, fish, pouring tools, and more. We have had free-flow activities in the garden with books, musical instruments, a sandpit, and a slide. To top it off, in Fledglings style, we have had lots of messy tuff tray play with shaving foam, oats, flour, sprinkles, mud, and hay.



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Lower Robins

We have had a lovely couple of weeks settling into Lower Robins. The children have enjoyed exploring the new environment and getting to know their peers and the adults looking after them. We have been exploring nursery rhymes; the children have been singing along to familiar songs and joining in with the actions, as well as creating some beautiful artwork. We have also been getting to know the children and what they like. They have enjoyed choosing and sticking some of their favorite things to make a collage with their key person. Some of the girls were very keen to tell us about the princesses they like the most! Lower Robins have also had fun splashing in the water during the very hot weather and exploring our outdoor area. Well done, Lower Robins, for settling into the room so well!



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Upper Robins

In Upper Robins last week, the children settled really well into the room and enjoyed exploring all the different areas both inside and outside. They enjoyed lots of water activities to keep themselves cool and have particularly liked creating a collage with their favorite things on it. Also, the children enjoyed their first music lesson with Mrs. Fryer. There has been lots of singing and exploring different materials in the messy tray.

This week in Upper Robins, the children have continued to settle well and explore all the different daily aspects of the room and the nursery. This week, they particularly loved making their family nests for our family board. They really loved looking at the different members of their families, pointing at the pictures with a great big smile. They have also loved making marks in the flour using paintbrushes and looking for shapes in the shredded paper.



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Skylarks - Green

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year on the Green side of Skylarks. Children familiarized themselves with their new environment, exploring the new resources and activities on offer, including the 'messy' tuff trays, the home corner, the cozy reading area, the large outdoor area, along with the 'small world' toys and construction resources. We focused on our 'All about me' topic, highlighting the children's personal, social, and emotional development and their understanding of their family unit and what makes them personally unique. We have created self-portraits, paper plate representations of our facial features, and have also started compiling our individual 'all about me' photo albums. We spoke about our likes and dislikes and tried to extend our vocabulary to describe how we were feeling and our emotions during circle time. There was also great excitement surrounding our first swimming session, and we look forward to the start of Forest School next week!



NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Skylarks - Orange

What an incredible start to the year for Skylarks Orange class! The children have been so happy and confident coming into the class, and we are very proud of how well they are doing! During our first week, we focused on settling the children, including a variety of familiar stories, games, and fun craft activities to encourage the children to explore the class freely. For our second week, our topic is 'All about... me!' and the children have been busy talking about their families, lives, and of course... themselves! All of the children have now created their own self-portraits, and we have begun making 'all about me!' books! We look forward to continuing this topic next week!



OAK



Getting to know you



Oak classes have had an amazing start to the term! We have delved into the story of *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas, exploring all of the emotions that are covered in the book. We have listened to music, created our own artwork and had meaningful discussions about how we feel and what we can do to regulate negative emotions such as sadness, worry, or anger. Oak has also discussed the Three Bears Rules, which help keep us safe and happy at school. We have had lots of time to explore our new classes and the decking area, playing with lots of different toys and accessing the resources independently.

Oak has started a new topic titled "Who is Super?" We have been reading superhero stories and creating mind maps to explore what the children already know about superheroes. Many children said that their parents are superheroes! We have also created pictures of ourselves as superheroes and started working on an artwork that illustrates our own superhero city.



YEAR 1

Descriptive Writing

The children had fun practising laying the table in preparation for lunch time. They then created food from plasticine and worked on using their knife and fork.



YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed their topic day, beginning to think about whether plastic is a good thing. This generated lots of interesting discussions. To begin the day Mrs Wisniewski read the children a story about a turtle who ate some plastic, but fortunately she was rescued. Following on from this, Year 1 enjoyed time in The BOX. They used VR googles to explore under the sea, created and drew machines and vehicles to collect rubbish from the oceans.

In the afternoon the children sorted lots of rubbish that Mr Messy had left in the outdoor area and enjoyed locating letters and rearranging them to make the word "litter". Thank you to Mr MacDougall for helping the children with this.



YEAR 2

Cadbury

Year 2 Chocolate Day

On Monday, Year 2 had a fun-filled Chocolate Day with cookery, chocolate art, a chocolate tasting and a quiz.



We made our own chocolate art using rice paper, melted chocolate, sprinkles, buttons and Smarties.

We had to work quickly, before the chocolate set. We were able to take a bite!

We tried to guess the different types of chocolate by tasting them whilst blindfolded! We found out about some of the first chocolate bars created. We also played a True/False game with facts about chocolate. Did you know, white chocolate isn't really chocolate! Did you know, mice prefer chocolate to cheese!

We made chocolate cornflake crispy cakes! We wrote out the recipe and then ate our cakes. Yummy!



YEAR 2

Year 2 took their maths learning outside this week and using chalk to make a Hundreds, Tens and Ones grid, made some three digit numbers using leaves, twigs and stones! A leaf represented 100, a twig 10 and a stone 1.

Super understanding, Year 2!



YEAR 3

This week Year 3 met with their Year 7 buddies and had a chance to share their books with them. It was a fantastic start to the morning and a lovely way to make sure that everyone had read out loud. The Year 7s did a fantastic job of asking interesting questions and helping with tricky words.



YEAR 3

Mrs Nash's maths group have had a wonderful start to the year and showed some excellent maths skills. They have worked really hard in pairs and small groups to make and read numbers to 10,000 showing a good understanding of place value.



YEAR 4

Topic Day - Active Planet

Year 4 started their new topic, Active Planet, with a brilliant topic day! The children came dressed in volcano-themed outfits and showed their fiery spirit throughout the day. They started with 'the floor is lava' team building games in the Outside Box and showed super collaboration and communication to complete the tasks. After that, they went to the Box and created volcanoes in a variety of innovative ways; with lego, through VR headsets and creating volcano sounds on an iPad. With excitement, they headed to the firepit and used their five senses to describe the fire.

Finally, they ended the day creating volcanoes through their artwork; blow painting, collage and watercolour.

An excellent day for the whole of Year 4!



YEAR 5

Science - What's really out there?

Year 5 have fully immersed themselves in our topic Earth and Space. Last week, they went on an extraordinary journey, one that took them beyond the classroom into the vastness of space. Our VR headsets allowed them to fully understand the sheer scale of Space. Continuing to understand the heliocentric system, we headed out of the class to understand the planets' orbits around the Sun - Neptune had a lot of walking to do!



YEAR 6

Geography

Year 6 enjoyed using the new VR headsets to help further their understanding of plate tectonics. During this week's lessons, the children were able to navigate their way down through the layers of the earth, giving them a true idea of the sheer size of each layer. They also were able to 'walk' around the four different plate boundaries and watch the processes occurring right in front of them.



YEAR 7

Year 7 Camp Out

Year 7 had a brilliant night camping out on the bank pitch last Friday. From splashing around in the pool to bags of sweets being won by the winners of the quiz, it was a brilliant way to start the year. Along with team building games in the sports hall, the pupils feasted on hotdogs for dinner in the Hazelwood Room and toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate at the teepee. But the highlight of the evening was hearing renditions of Backstreet Boys, YMCA, and the Moana soundtrack being sung at the top of everyone's lungs while bonding around the campfire. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped pitch and dismantle the tents and the staff members for overseeing the event.



Year 8

Year 8 Camp



Year 8

Year 8 Maths Extension & Scholarship

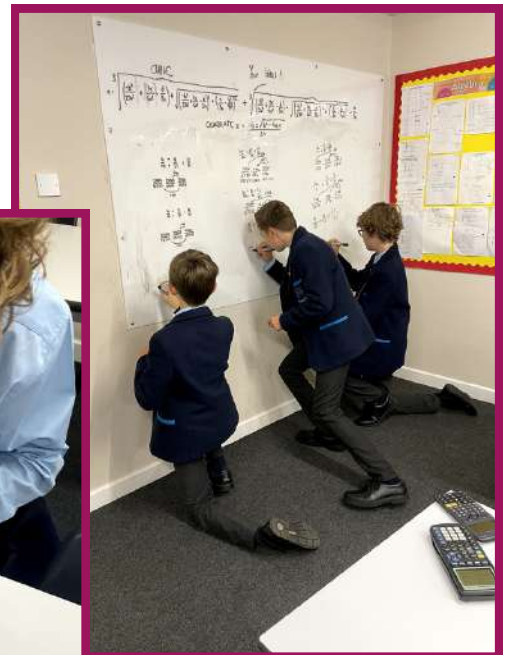
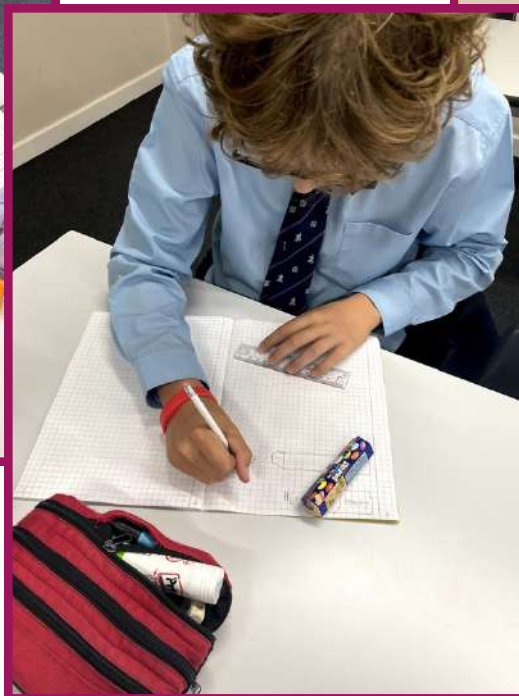
Already underway with thought-provoking problems, consider what happens when, contrary to usual teaching, the numerators and denominators of 2 fractions are added.

It is proving a rich task as we delve into the patterns of relationship at each level of addition. Can we perhaps see a reciprocal function emerging?

Do ask George N for more information!

Year 8 Maths

Year 8 have revisited their understanding of the volume of prisms and cylinders. Using the concrete, pictorial, abstract approach they have calculated the relative volumes of well known items, whilst also practising clear communication skills following the formula, substitution, solution model.



Sport

The hockey, football and swimming season are off to a great start! It's wonderful to see everyone back on the pitch under the sunny skies and back in the pool. The teams are showing excellent teamwork, skill, and gameplay. It is only week two and we can already see huge improvements from every single child. Please keep up to date with all things sport via MSP and SOCS and do follow the sports department on X (formally known as twitter) @HWD_Sport

We are looking forward to a wonderful season ahead filled with exciting moments!



OTHER NEWS

Here's a bit of news from the summer - Kit participated in the Guildford TriStar Aquathlon on Sunday July 9th. The event included a 200m swim followed by a 2km run and he achieved a remarkable 3rd place in the Boys 11-12 division!

Kit thoroughly enjoyed the experience and is eager to participate in another one. He is currently considering entering another event scheduled for Sunday October 8th.

Good luck Kit - keep up the excellent work!



A reminder that there is a drugs, alcohol and decision-making webinar on Thursday 21st September at 6:45 - 8:15pm to all parents and carers from the DSM Foundation.



Please click the link below to register for the event:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YBiVj9k2TIuIJLRoRS17TQ_

OTHER NEWS

In May, Polly Allen in Year 6 auditioned for an English Youth Ballet production. She was chosen to be part of the 80-strong cast of *Cinderella in Hollywood*. She was among 15 young dancers cast as Stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Polly and other young dancers experienced life as a professional dancer in rehearsals and performed alongside professional dancers in the production at The Orchard in Dartford in August.

It was an incredible experience for Polly and she loved every minute!

Congratulations Polly - what a wonderful achievement!

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Polly is a star on stage!

By Louise O'Costa

A Hazelwood School student has appeared on stage with the English Youth Ballet (EYB) at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford in August, after being selected to be part of the 80-strong cast of their production *Cinderella in Hollywood*.

Oxford resident Polly Allen, 10, attends the Liza May School of Dance in Ilford, Kent. She performed on stage alongside other talented young dancers from the local area, as well as international professional dancers.

Polly, who has been dancing since she was three years old, joined the EYB following a competitive selection process in May. She said: "It was an amazing experience. I loved meeting new people and dancing in front of a large audience. It was a privilege to be taught by professional ballet dancers and to be able to watch them perform their best in rehearsal. I thoroughly enjoyed the sense of freedom you get while dancing, as well as making new friends."

Her headteacher at Hazelwood, Mrs Louise, said the school is proud of Polly for her outstanding achievement: "To be chosen from over 150 young dancers shows Polly's dedication, hard work, and exceptional talent."

3 and 4 November. Find out more at englishyouthballet.co.uk. Polly will be appearing on stage at her ballet school's annual show at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks on Sunday, 26 November.

Polly (middle) on stage at the Orchard Theatre (Credit: English Youth Ballet)

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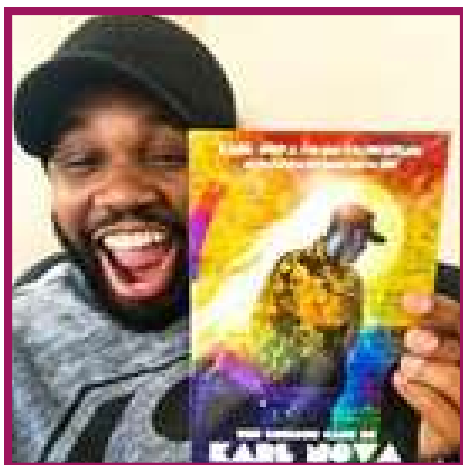
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LIBRARY

Reading Challenge and Readopoly

I do hope that you have all had a great summer and that you encouraged your children to take part in the Library reading challenges. With the weather not being so favourable, maybe, the alternative was reading! I have certainly had a great response so far with entries, so, thank you to those that have already handed the completed forms in; prizes and awards will be allocated when the closing date has past. There is still time for those that have not sent them in as the final day for accepting these is **Friday 22nd September** so please remember to get them in by that date. Please attach any photos of reading in strange places, book reviews, bug houses and of course, the Refugee poems. It will be great to see these and add them to the library gallery wall as well.

National Poetry Week - KARL NOVA - 2nd October



We have an exciting time coming up with Karl Nova visiting Hazelwood on Monday 2nd October to help celebrate National Poetry week. Full details will be sent out to you soon. Karl is a poet and rapper and from past experiences never fails to ignite the passions of the pupils.

LIBRARY

The Children's Book Project

We are again running the collection of new and nearly new (but in very good condition) books for the Children's Charity in the run up to Christmas.



Across London and the UK, 1 in 4 disadvantaged children owns fewer than 10 books, whilst 1 in 8 has none at all. This has an impact not only on these children's academic outcomes but also on their wellbeing, emotional development and sense of themselves as a reader.

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For more information visit www.childrensbookproject.co.uk

Please drop off your unwanted new or nearly new books that your children have grown out of and send them to me in the library from now until the end of October and I will ensure they are sent on to children who do not get/or have any books of their own. Let's help more disadvantaged children to enjoy the magic of books too!

The condition of books donated is very important. The charity cannot accept old, marked or tatty books since these are not suitable to gift onwards to another child. so please do not send any of the following :

- textbooks or revision books
- religious texts
- encyclopaedias
- DVDs or CDs
- torn, scribbled or dirty books
- ex library books or ex reading scheme.

HPA

Dates for the Diary



Autumn 2023/2024

Friday 29th September	HPA Food Bank Collection	7.30am - 9.00am
Thursday 5th October	HPA Quiz Night	7.30pm
Friday 13th October	HPA Halloween Movie Night	TBC
Saturday 2nd December	HPA Christmas Fair	12 - 3.30pm


Spring 2024

Sunday 14th January	HP Panto - Cinderella	TBC
Friday 26th January	HPA Disco - Years 1 - Years 4	TBC

Summer 2024

Saturday 9th June	HPA Summer Fair	TBC
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OPEN MORNINGS 2023



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