The Nutshell



THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM HAZELWOOD

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful two weeks back after half term! It has been lovely to see all your children back at school, rested and raring to go.

We held a very successful open morning today, with brilliant autumnal sunlight shining on both our sites; it was lovely to see such a large turnout of prospective parents enjoying their tours. Our Year 8 pupils were fantastic tour guides and did a great job of showing off our school.

As the excitement of Autumn term continues, I am particularly looking forward to this coming Monday, when we will host the first conference in our Empowering Young Minds series for Year 7 and 8 pupils. The goal is to give the pupils a place to talk openly with experts about topics which are relevant and important to them, equipping them with knowledge to understand to thrive in the wider world. For our first conference, sports psychologist Jack Hicks-Flynn and clinical psychologist Dr Mollie Higgins will lead sessions on managing worry, performing under pressure, and finding personal strengths. Through talks and discussions, pupils will receive tips and encouragement that will help build their confidence, resilience, and growth mindset. By having these important conversations in a judgement-free setting, we aim to support pupil wellbeing and inspire them to keep learning, asking questions, and broadening perspectives. We look forward to empowering Year 7 and 8 pupils through this first conference and more events to come. In January, the second conference will be held with a focus on Al with expert Ben Whitaker, engaging Year 7 and 8 pupils on Al's impact. Parents are invited to attend the evening session to understand the role of Al in education and support your child's learning.

As a school, it is important to us to support our local community. A recent grant from our Hazelwood Community Fund was given to a local primary school in Kent, to assist them in purchasing rucksacks and uniform for vulnerable children and to help ensure all their pupils had the opportunity to attend a residential trip.

With Christmas fast approaching, we would like to support this local primary school once more. Therefore, we are asking for Christmas hamper item donations to help those families who are struggling financially, so that they can enjoy a special treat this Christmas. If you would like to help, please donate non-perishable, Christmas food donations – to be dropped at the School by Friday 1st December. More detail on the following page. Thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

Lindie



Charity in the Community

We need your Christmas donations!

Edenbridge Primary School has a number of children whose families are struggling financially, especially in the current climate. 37% of their children are on free school meals.

Last summer, we awarded Edenbridge Primary School with a £750 grant from our Community Fund





The grant has directly helped pupils in a number of ways:

- A Year 4 pupil was delighted to choose a new school rucksack.
- A new uniform was provided for a Year 6 pupil who had been unable to afford one previously; she told us: "I feel so smart now."
- Funding places for three Year 5 pupils on a 3-day residential trip to Bewl Water, who wouldn't otherwise have been able to participate.

We'd like to help make a small difference to the lives of children at Edenbridge Primary School and their families this Christmas who are suffering financial hardship. The school hosts a Christmas social for families who receive pupil premium benefits. It is a joyful occasion where these families come together for a Christmas meal and the school distributes food hampers for them to enjoy over the festive period. Morrisons have contributed hamper items in the past, but unfortunately this year, they are unable to help.

We would like to show our support by contributing items for their hampers. We would be so grateful if you could donate any of the following non-perishable items: Christmas crackers, selection packs, chocolates, chocolate coins, biscuits, crackers for cheese, mince pies (long shelf life), Christmas cake, teabags / coffee, snacks (breadsticks/crisps) and jam/chutney.

Please bring your donations to school on Friday 1st December and drop them outside the sports hall.



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Fledglings 1

Autumn is finally here, and we're so excited! We've had a blast celebrating various events in the past couple of weeks. We kicked things off with fireworks, Diwali, and Remembrance Day. The children created firework pictures using cardboard tubes; they held the tubes and taped them onto paper, which they absolutely loved. We also had a messy, creative time splatter painting with hammers and blue and yellow paint to make firework pictures.

For Diwali, we got crafty with corks and paint to make beautiful patterns. We even had a sensory day where the kids had a blast playing with glow-up toys and fairy lights to celebrate the festival of light. On Friday, we got busy with various poppy activities, such as making sun catchers, painting, and sticking on poppies. This week, we're diving into the wonders of autumn. We've been making colourful trees with leaves of different hues, and we even went on an autumn treasure walk.























Fledglings 2

It's that cosy time! Leaves changing and falling allowing the children to explore! We have been using crispy leaves to make our autumn tree, crayon rubbing, using different types of sticks and leaves to make a collage, as well as making poppies using different materials. Fledglings 2 have enjoyed jumping in puddles with their wellies, jumping in leaves, comparing big and small leaves, enjoying a small assault course in the hall and counting. They have been provided with different mark making tools and lots of small world scenes to continue developing pretend play. The messy tray has also been a favourite, with lots of salt play making fireworks, scooping different materials such as pasta and oats as well as printing with leaves and acorns.

















Lower Robins

We have been having a fantastic couple of weeks, filled with exciting and engaging activities. We recently celebrated Bonfire Night, and the children have had lots of fun participating in various colourful activities. We made delicious sparklers using different fruits, and the children absolutely loved eating them. We also got creative with cardboard tubes to create vibrant firework pictures. Additionally, we explored musical instruments and tried to recreate the sounds of fireworks after watching a captivating display video.

This week, we have been learning about Remembrance Day and Diwali. The children thoroughly enjoyed making lollipop stick poppies and Diwali candles. Some of the children have enjoyed playing doctors with the dolls in the home corner and using their fine motor skills to unwrap plasters and place them on the babies. They are also thrilled to start practising their Christmas songs in music class for the upcoming Christmas concert!











Upper Robins

The children have loved looking at the book 'The Rainbow Fish' and learning about the celebration of Diwali. We have been exploring and playing with lots of different activities that involve a variety of colours. The children have enjoyed learning about colours and making new colours by participating in a mixing activity using their hands. The children have also enjoyed making their very own Rainbow Fish and then talking about what makes them and their friends happy. We have also focused on being kind to people and sharing our things. Also, this week we have started to get into the festive spirit by practising their Christmas songs for the concert and starting Christmas crafts.

This week, we have been exploring the topic of the weather. The children have particularly loved going on a welly walk and exploring the different types of weather they experienced on their walk. At circle time, we have been discussing what the weather is on the day, what types of weather there are from looking at different pictures and talking what clothing is appropriate for the type of weather. The children have loved exploring our rain cloud shaving foam and making marks using blue paint and cars. This week the children have loved continuing to learn our Christmas songs ready for our Christmas concert which is coming soon!



















Skylarks - Green

The children have been occupied in a variety of exciting and stimulating activities. Our autumn topic culminated in the completion of our literacy tree, exploration of our indoor sensory mud kitchen, colourful leaf printing and numeracy activities centred around conkers. We briefly looked at the life cycle of the owl too, as we reflected upon the 'Owl Babies' story.

Our understanding of the world and its diverse communities have been greatly enhanced by focusing on the festivals of Hallowe'en, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Remembrance Day. We played imaginatively in our 'Spooky Cafe', practised our fine manipulative skills in the giant spider's web, created Jack o' lanterns, painted beautiful firework pictures and fashioned Rangoli patterns from textured media. We made individual poppies to take home and learned about their significance at this time of year.

We had an interesting visit to both the indoor and outdoor 'Box' areas at the main site, with the children behaving extremely well, making both staff and visiting parents very proud.

This week we are focusing on different modes of transport, including role playing in the 'train station' area, 'junk' modelling, building up narratives around the 'small world' rocket and pirate ship and trying to use our numeracy skills to recognise numbered cars and park them in their corresponding parking space.



















Skylarks - Orange

What a busy few weeks we have had in Skylarks! The children made their very own Diva lamps by moulding the clay into a candle holder, and then painting and decorating the Diva lamps before taking them home for their families. We spoke about what Diwali symbolises - "victory of light over darkness," "good over evil" and "knowledge over ignorance." Diwali is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar.

We paid a visit to the Box and the children really enjoyed all the activities available. They made marks on special tables, creating some wonderful pictures and patterns, and enjoyed the interactive games. The children made some wonderful creations with all the Lego. We also went to the outside Box, where the children collected sticks and made their very own fireworks.

The children are really enjoying our topic about transport. We have held a poll of how we come to school: some children come by car, some by Daddy's van, a lot of children walk and some children scoot all the way to school. We have been looking at all forms of transportation: boats in the sea, planes in the sky and commercial vehicles tractors and buses.













OAK

The first day of term was an exciting pastoral day in Oak, that was all about firework night. The students had a blast making rockets and sparklers that they could eat, as well as creating a group painting of fireworks and exploring capacity through water play. They also had firework-themed toast that they painted and ate, and the children even danced and moved like fireworks. Overall, it was a really fun day, and the children enjoyed spending time in each of the three classrooms.

Oak class has recently started the new topic on Autumn and Winter. We've discussed the changes that happen outside during this season, such as the transition from water to ice, and we've even talked about how some animals hibernate. The children had the opportunity to go outside and collect various autumnal items like leaves and sticks, which we then used for different learning activities. For instance, we used the leaves to write descriptive lists and create leaf necklaces and leaf pictures. We also used the sticks to make the spikes for our clay hedgehogs. Additionally, we examined these items to make some still-life drawings; this helped the children to learn about the different textures and patterns of the items found in nature.

Mrs Keaton's class enjoyed Forest School this week. They learned about the base camp rules and got the chance to explore the beautiful nature area at the Nursery site. Following that, they were taught the fire rules and even used their senses to learn more about fire. To top it all off, we ended the afternoon by

enjoying toasted marshmallows!















OAK

In our mathematics lessons, we have been focusing on addition and shape. The students have been utilizing their knowledge of number bonds to 5 and their ability to find 1 more or 1 less. They have shown their learning with various materials and resources. Additionally, we have explored circles, triangles, and squares in various ways. We examined and sorted these shapes critically, despite some shapes not looking quite as expected.

During the last two weeks, we commemorated Remembrance Day by making our own poppies. We also celebrated Anti-Bullying Week by wearing and making odd socks to embrace everyone's differences.





























Following on from working as a team to fill the class marble jar, 1T enjoyed time in the Outdoor Box in the autumn sunshine.



The children enjoyed collecting data by using a tally, choosing to find out their friends' favourite colour, pet or fruit.





Year 1 have completed a wonderful Power of Me project. First, we learnt about abstract painters and created fabulous watercolour paintings wax-resists. Next, we wrote sentences relating to our own powers and what makes us unique and special. Finally, we put our project together with super black and white photographs. We loved completing this project!















The children enjoyed creating fireworks using a variety of media, including construction resources, plasticine and pastels.

After learning about acrostic poems, Year 1 had a go at creating their own on the theme of fireworks. It was challenging to think about words beginning with a specific letter. They also tried to include adjectives and similes.

Fireworks are very colourful.
I love fireworks.
Red and blue and pink.
Enjoy the fireworks.
Whizzing and popping.
Orange as the sun.
Rainbow and pretty.
Kids can't set off fireworks.





By Thomas P

Big and sparkly. A loud bang. November night. Gold and silver.

By Poppy F

Excited.
EXcellent firework.
Pretty as a rainbow.
Loud and sparkly.
Orange light.
Delicious hot chocolate.
Eating hot dogs.









Year 1 enjoyed their super starter day to introduce the half- topic of the Great Fire of London. Activities included role-play, creating Tudor houses and taking part in a bucket challenge!





















Diwali

Over the past two weeks, Year 2 have been learning about Hinduism during RS lessons. We talked about the story of Rama and Sita and its relevance to the Diwali festival. As Diwali was celebrated on the 12th November, we made 'diva' lamps out of salt dough and are looking forward to decorating them with bright colours once they have dried.

Paddington Hunt

To start our new topic, the Year 2 pupils arrived this term to find that Paddington had come to visit, but that he had wandered off around the school and was lost! We went on a Paddington Hunt, exploring the whole school. The children found clues everywhere - at the swimming pool, in the tepee, in the dining hall and even in the library, where he had been reading books about bears and had left muddy footprints! Apologies, Mrs Wiz, for all the mess he made! After much searching, we eventually found him up a tree in the Chestnut playground. We gave him some marmalade sandwiches and listened to the story of his adventures.









On Monday 6th November, Year 3 went on an exciting trip to Kent Life Heritage Farm. We went to learn about Victorian School and the jobs children used to do.

First, we were Victorian children and girls and boys had to sit on different sides of the classroom. We learnt that if you write with your left hand, your hand would be tied to your seat and you would have to write with your right hand!

We had a walk and went into some of the old buildings. One was made out of wood because it was cheaper than using brick.

After lunch, we learnt about what jobs would be like for Victorian children and found out whether we were small enough to be a chimney sweep.

We finished our trip in the farmyard and we were all super excited to meet Margot the pig and her piglets and Kassie had her coat chewed on by a goat!















Children in 3N were tasked with some free writing based on a picture of a field of poppies. Here are some beautiful poems that they wrote.

Remembrance Day!

Poppies,
Poppies as red as a heart
That glisten in the sunlight then flutter apart.
Soldiers died on a field full of them
and are remembered now
By the light of the stem
by Heidi K

Poppies poppies in the field make us remember that day of the war We sit in the field of poppies there and let us remember that day of the war.

by Scarlett P

Poppies red
Poppies red as the sun
Poppies white as the snow
A whole field of them
Peace and no sounds just poppies everywhere
All you could hear was the sound of birds singing
by William K





Trip to the Natural History Museum











Anti-Bullying Week

4H coloured in some fantastic socks for 'Make a Noise About Bullying!' The socks reflected their personalities, hobbies and uniqueness and looked brilliant on our Power of Me display board. In PSHE, they were incredibly thoughtful whilst learning about anti-bullying, and along with other year groups, developed their confidence if there were ever to face a bully. They identified their own fears and practised "comebacks" they could say to disarm the bully, as well as thinking about what support they could give to a victim and the difference between an active and passive bystander.





Order in the Court!

To kickstart our new Crime and Punishment topic and reinforce our learning in PSHE about fundamental British values, Year 4 pupils were treated to an exciting legal workshop day. They worked in teams, learning about the importance of law and democracy, as well as developing their listening and communicating skills, as they established new rules they would introduce on a desert island (cannibalism was quickly ruled out!). The day culminated in a fantastic courtroom drama, where every child had a role (including some passionate spectators in the public gallery!) and witnessed some intense questioning from the prosecution and defence barristers. Members of the jury were most impressive, patiently listening to the different statements then retiring to debate respectfully if the defendant was innocent. I think it's fair to say that all the children and teachers enjoyed the day, and we were most grateful for All Rise Workshops for coming in.











Year 5 have been doing order of operations jigsaws for their Maths homework. They were very creative and once they were made, they spent half of the lesson solving them.





English - writing samples

The Race

3...2...1... GO! As my kart whizzed from its starting position like a cat chasing a mouse, my best friend Jimmy, (who couldn't compete because of a broken leg), was enjoying his time being my cheerleader. I had to win this for him. I'd been waiting so long for my brother Bob's party and I wanted to prove to him that I was better at go-karting than him. Although my kart shot forward faster than a cheetah, I noticed that Bob was edging closer and closer to me and then, CRASH! His kart collided with mine and gave it a flat tyre. Oh No! As everyone passed my kart with immense speed, my heart sank. I could never win this race.

I sat in my kart, sulking, Jimmy shouted over; "You alright, John?" but I ignored him. I wouldn't be able to beat Bob. Suddenly, my prayers were answered. The pit crew! Three tall men in jet black jumpsuits came sprinting over with a new tyre for my kart. I couldn't have been more pleased. "Thank you so much!" I exclaimed. As I set off again with the wind in my face, I had a great feeling in my tummy. I could win this.

ZOOM! My kart accelerated to 60 miles per hour as I overtook one, two, THREE people and switched lanes. "WOW!" Jimmy shouted in admiration. "Go John! Go John! Go John!". I looked forward and noticed that Bob was in pole position and I was quite far behind, but I was still in second place! As I edged closer to Bob's kart, I could almost smell his fear of losing to me. Avoiding an oil slick at the last second, his foot slammed down on the brake pedal and shot backwards as if he was going to collide with me. I swerved to the right and passed the finish line with a joyful grin plastered on my face. Wow, what a breath-taking race!

By Samuel C



English - writing samples

The Angry Sea God's Mischief

Splash! went the waves as the almighty sea god shot up like a rocket ship launching into space. Like an avalanche, the rocks crumbled off of their rocky home into the crystal clear water. This sea god has some tricks up his sleeve.

and faster. the waves crashed against the "Hahahahahahaha" howled the sea god as he saw the unbelieving merchant faces. "So much power!" the sea god thought. What else could he destroy? Crash, went the merchants' boats into a sandy pit ,where they die. Splash, went the vibrant orange birds looking for their breakfast. The sea god persecuted all of the six remaining merchants. The sea felt like a thousand knifes if you fell in amongst its waves. It splashed and sprayed in every direction, roared furiously like a lion whose dinner had been stolen. The choppy waves shot the boats downback like a harpoon to the demolished dockyard. Shipwrecks with stragglers inside had drowned. "Aaaaaauuuuuuggggghhhhhh," cried the civilians, "tsunami!" The water disappeared. Splash, went a massive wave which caught hundreds of unlucky civilians.

Soon after the tsunami, the sea god gave peace too all of the remaining citizens by dropping his golden trident and submerged into the water onto the damaged sea floor. The almighty sea gods mischief.

The end (until he gets bored again)!

Zach P



Graphics

The Year 7 Graphics minors have just finished a logo design project. Choosing two random words from a given list, they were set the challenge of creating a pictorial logo by merging the two words together. Evidencing the design process, the class first needed to explore a variety of hand drawn ideas. These needed to then be developed further using design software and finally they decided on a colour choice for the final idea. The project concluded by using Artificial Intelligence to help come up with a name for their fictional company.

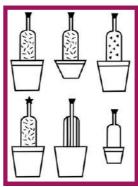
Here are examples from Lewis, William and Sophie. Can you guess what the two chosen words were for each logo?

















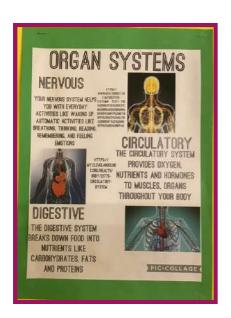


English

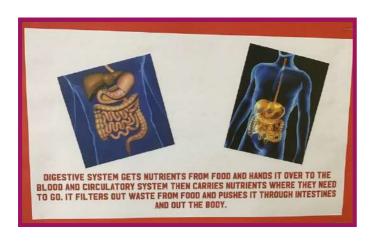
Our Year 7 pupils have been studying George Orwell's Animal Farm, and have picked up some top tips from Napoleon Pig for how to achieve world domination in 5 or 6 easy steps! Their Guide to Piggy Power gives inside information on how to manipulate the workforce (treat them mean - keep them keen!), control the food supply and make yourself seem superior in all aspects of life. They have illustrated their guides with pig-tures and have tried to be truthful - no porky pies here!

Science

Year 7 have been looking at different types of cells and organ systems.



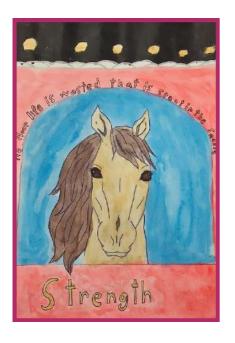








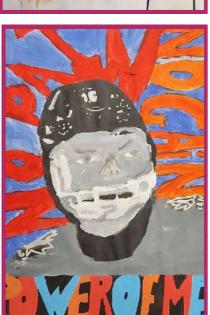
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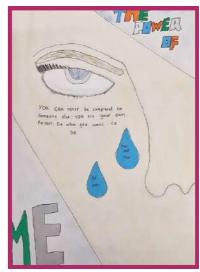


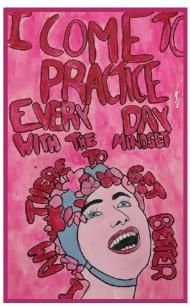














Year 8

English - writing sample

The Campfire

Time passed elegantly throughout the day, like a marathon runner over the forest of dreams. The easing atmosphere encased both the forest and the wonderful world. Like a crystal ball, the sun danced westwards slowly but surely. The crackling, comforting blanket of the sizzling, cosy campfire caressed the atmosphere of the lush forest. Among the gargantuan forest lay legions and legions of vast, viridian spruce trees. Swift waves of water splashed along the riverbank, on track to the beautiful basin of the winding, wavy water. Enclosing the appeasing fireplace was the consoling blades of hair-like buzzed grass.

As the easing close of day was as slow as a tranquil-feeling tortoise was in motion, the parting layer of clouds shifted into a shade of burnt sienna. While it took long, the fire's warm, blazing lifespan came to a relaxing finish. Alongside the fire's end also came the parting of critters from the landscape of forest green grass of the closing day. Birds, which were as tired as a marathon runner finishing the tiring run, swooped down to peacefully perch on their twig-ridden nest.

Hours after the blazing sun's pleasant, soothing presence came to an eventful close, it was replaced by the milky white sphere of the majestic moon. The luminous, light-reflecting shine of the moon reassured a sense of solace for the nocturnal animals of the night. The waves of the night were accompanied by fathoms of owl's hoots, and bird's calmful chirps echoed throughout the night. Slowly, the sweet squirrels, which were scavenging for nuts, manoeuvred through the rustling leaves. Packs of wholesome wolves howled through the pitch black sky as the night peacefully passed.

Charlie E



Year 8

Some amazing examples of writing from this week's Year 8 exams - all unedited and written under exam conditions...

The Storm, by Chiara T

The gale howled around me, its piercing cries of thunder slicing the sky like blindingly bright daggers. I sat, huddled under the shelter of a faded red bustop, clothes damp and clinging from the icy rain, and shivered. Flashing, the number on my watch changed from an uneven 9:17pm to 9:18pm, but its beep was drowned out by the thunderous call of the storm.

The rain continued to pour in torrents, thundering with deep drums against the rickety roof which was my shelter. Like hail, it didn't just hit the ground; it attacked it; droplets diving downards with the speed of bullets then bursting into showers of spray upon contact; a never-ending barrage of liquid spears. Previously, the spray had soaked my boots, sinking deep into the worn fabric and stealing the feeling from my toes, before I had had the sense to tuck my legs in against my chest; a perhaps feeble defense against the zig-zagging rain.

Teeth chattering, I turned my attention to the little row of shops packed closely together opposite me. A cafe chair had been ruthlessly wrenchted from its peers: a circular, transparent table which was missing it's parasol and a twin-chair which occasionally jerked violently in a random direction, courtesy of the harrowing gale. When I returned my gaze to the sky, I caught sight of a few trees against the horizon. Wearily, I took out my phone to text my family. It seems I would not be coming home any time soon.

Magazine article: 'How to survive a Family Holiday' by Freddie R

So I hear that your going on a trip with your family. Well here are some steps to make sure you can stay alive and maybe even have a decent time. So here are 5 steps to make sure you have a tolerable holiday.

- Step 1: So first of all you will need to bring these things to ensure you have enough things to not be boared. These things are: A phone, a charging cable and a portable charger, as you will likely be on your phone quite a lot.
- Step 2: When ever you can connect to the internet do it to make sure you have enough data for car journeys and the way back home.
- Step 3: Always ask for things like snacks or just simply say 'Mum can go back to the hotel room now.' This will annoy your parents into giving you the thing that you want or just something like wispa bar.
- Step 4: Always claim that you are tired or have a headache. This will make your parents let you not do things that are too active like playing beach football or going swimming.
- Step 5: Be moody. If your parents ask why you are doing this blame it on puberty, it works most of the time.



Drama

Congratulations to Year 8 on an outstanding play! It was brilliantly acted, very funny and hugely entertaining. The audiences of all ages loved the performances and the songs and comic timing. It was a blast from start to finish and the fun you were having on stage was a joy to see!









Art

The Art Department submitted pupils' work into an exciting art competition, organised in conjunction with clubs and schools all over the UK. Congratulations to those children whose artwork was selected by *Perfect Pets* to be featured in a published book. Each child received a certificate and stickers in assembly.



Perfect Pets is due to be published on 15th January 2024 and we will inform parents when the books are available.

Congratulations to: William C, Libby C, Caitlin J, Anna M, Millie E-H, Ellie D, Amelia J, Thomas C, George G and Robin L.

Sport

End of Season Boys Football Self Reflection

As the football season comes to an end, the boys have been creating their own Hazelwood Ultimate Team cards to assess their performance over the football season. Every card has a maximum rating of 100 and it has been brilliant to see the students reflect and assess themselves with honesty and self-awareness - well most of them!











Sport

UKSA Tournament - U11 winners!

On Friday 10th November, 10 girls travelled to Burgess Hill to play their last tournament of the season. After narrowly missing out on going through to Nationals at IAPS, we knew this was our opportunity to give it everything we have.

Our first game was against Bede's. Luckily we came away with a 2-0 win with Chloe making some fantastic assists. Our next game was against Reigate. After a slow start, the girls ramped up their game, and Flo scored a cracking goal. Amelia J worked hard to apply pressure to her opponent, and passed the ball up the line to her team mates.

Next we faced Royal Russel- the girls played tremendously from the first whistle. Sophia was excellent on the left, ball carrying with composure. Katherine scored a great goal, with the final score being 4-0.

In the quarter finals we faced West Kent. We dominated possession, and scored an effective goal early on. Our goalies, Bea and Clarice up until this point, hadn't let a goal in!

Through to the semis - we faced Ardingly. With a few minutes to go, we scored 2 goals in quick succession, taking us through to the final vs Dane's Hill. The girls were evenly matched, but Hazelwood didn't let the pressure take hold. They played well as a team. Ava was in a great position, often receiving and passing the ball quickly. Isabella in defence helped force her opponents out wide making some superb tackles. Esmeé was composed in defence, clearing the ball effectively. Flo made a fanatic assist and Katherine scored an awesome goal with 4 minutes to go! They kept possession, but with 30 seconds to go - Dane's Hill secured a short corner! An incredibly tense time for all. The shot came in, but Isabella and Katherine worked effectively to clear the ball off the pitch!

Hazelwood were announced winners!





Sport

Hockey Season

That's a wrap on another very successful hockey season. It has been amazing to have the astro for a full season and improvement in the girls' hockey game play and skill level has improved immensely. A huge well done to the U11A team who came away winners of the U11 UKSA tournament and to the U10A team who came away with the silver medal in The U10 UKSA plate competition.

Come rain or shine, the girls gave it their all and the coaches are super proud of their grit and determination throughout all their matches - well done!

The girls now move onto netball for the rest of the year and after Christmas.











Other News

On Monday 20th November, Hazelwood will host the first conference in our Empowering Young Minds series, for Year 7 & 8 pupils.

Experts will lead sessions on managing worry, performing under pressure and finding personal strengths.

We look forward to empowering Year 7 & 8 pupils through this first conference and more events to come.





Other News

Well done to all the children who completed the PADI Seal Team course. The next step is the Master Seal Team course, which will start on Friday 10th November.













Bella has been working hard on Saturday mornings and taking part in park runs. Last weekend Bella achieved a BP time of 29 mins 11 seconds, coming 1st in her age category. A huge well done to Bella -

keep up the good work!





Other News

The Voice Kids France



This summer my mom got a call from the Voice Kids France saying they wanted me to come for an audition. I was very nervous as this was my first singing audition in France.

I went to Paris at the end of August to meet with the producers (Bruno Berberes is the most famous musical producer in Paris) and music directors of the show. I had to prepare 3 songs and ended up performing all 3 - Don't Stop Believing, NoWay, Stand Up. I had to warm up with a professional vocal coach beforehand. Two weeks later, I got another call asking me to come back. I was really excited but nervous. The objective was to choose the song I would sing at the blind audition. I also met the show psychologist and got interviewed by a journalist.

On the 9th of September, I had the final audition "check in" with the orchestra in a professional recording studio in front of all the producers and musical directors. My vocal coach that day was new. I found out she was English and studied music in Guildford. This stage was quite-nerve wracking especially as I had a sore throat (too much of playing Evil Evelyn!).

At this stage there were only 80 children left (out of more than 50 000 candidates).

Unfortunately I didn't make the last round, e.g. the televised audition with the French judges. They said that they want me to audition again for next season as they love my voice and my style.

I truly enjoyed the experience working with professionals from the music industry. It gave a glimpse into the world I aspire to work in. Obviously I was disappointed but I know I tried my hardest and will continue trying....

This audition gave me the confidence to join a busker on the Pont des Arts in Paris to sing Alleluia while he accompanied me with his guitar. It was the best experience ever!

By Elise T Year 8





LIBRARY

The Children's Book Project

We are approaching the deadline for collecting new and nearly new (but in very good condition) books.



Please drop off your unwanted new or nearly new books to the library or the sports hall by Wednesday 22nd November please.

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 on these children's academic outcomes but also on their wellbeing, emotional development and sense of themselves as a reader.

The Children's Book Project tackles this_'book gap' and gifts donated books to targeted communities across the Capital. These schools and community groups put on celebratory book gifting events at which children are invited to choose a book to take it home and keep. The charity expects to gift upwards of 70,000 books this year.

For more information visit www.childrensbookproject.co.uk

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.



LIBRARY

The Week Junior and First News

Please consider <u>The Week Junior</u> or <u>First News</u> when buying Christmas presents for your child.

Both are so informative for pupils. They discuss current issues in this country as well as around the world. Information is shared in an age appropriate and engaging way. They also include pictures and books of the week, puzzles and competitions.

Both are currently offering great discounts in the run up to Christmas. So what are you waiting for?

Happy reading! Nicki Wisniewski





OVERDUES

Don't forget to return or renew all overdue books to avoid being charged £3 per book before we break up for Christmas. Please remember you can check the library management system Accessit (https://uk.accessit.online/hzl02) and use your child's library number to see what books they have out . All books taken out after Thursday 30th November will have a green stamp and therefore will be fine until we return back from the Christmas holidays.



LIBRARY

Travelling Fair & Usborne Books

The TRAVELLING FAIR & USBORNE BOOKS will both be present at Hazelwood School's Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December. Lots of new books like The Blunders (David Walliams) and No Brainer (Jeff Kinney) will be on the shelves, so make sure you pop by to have a look.

Pupils will be shown the selections when the books arrive at school on the 24th November and may very well bring home a wish list for you to consider!

Ages2+









OTHER NEWS

This year, Parry and Dowling are continuing to show kindness and compassion by putting together winter care packages to support Renewed Hope.

Renewed Hope is a local charity based in Redhill providing practical solutions and emotional support to the homeless, vulnerable and isolated of East Surrey.



If you would like to make a donation please choose an item(s) from the suggested list below:

Year 3 - Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Adult winter hat

Year 4 - Shower gel/Shampoo/Deodorant (please keep bottles and containers small enough to go into a rucksack)

Year 5 - Ault socks/Chocolate biscuits/Hand cream

Year 6 - Adult scarf/Flannel/Lip balm

Year 7 - Adult gloves/Chocolates

Year 8 - Razor (in a sealed package)/Shaving gel

Extras: pack of adult knickers/pants, sanitary towels, small torch and batteries, puzzle book and pen, large gift bag, large shoebox

There are boxes in both Mrs Keen-Ward and Miss Clayton's room to receive your donations. Please can these be brought in by Friday 8th December.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations!

Mrs Keen-Ward and Miss Clayton



HPA

Dates for the Diary



Autumn 2023/2024

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



HPA



Tickets for the HPA Christmas Raffle are now available to purchase using the form in your My School Portal. This can be found under General Forms. Tickets are on sale at £1 each, with a minimum purchase of 5 tickets. The cost will be added automatically to your end of term school bill.

Once again, the HPA are excited to give away some fantastic prizes, including:

1st PRIZE: Oculus

2nd PRIZE: Paddleboard

3rd PRIZE: Beats headphones

Plus, a variety of spectacular raffle trugs full of goodies.

Applications can be made up until 12pm on Thursday the 30th of November, before the winning tickets are drawn on the day of the Christmas Fair.

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.



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Year 7 & 8



Search by Genre







Schoolblazer will be running a flash sale from Monday 20th – Tuesday 21st November 2023. There will be 20% off ALL in-stock items online at schoolblazer.com during the sale period, while stocks last.



St Peter's Limpsfield Messy Church Come and join us for our last Messy Church of the year this Sunday 19 November at 3pm in St Peter's. There will be lots of crafts and activities followed by tea and cake. Everyone welcome. If you are coming please send a quick email to stpeterschurch.lttm@gmail.com so we have an idea on numbers. Thank you.

A new home is needed urgently for Teddy! He is a beautiful black and white cat with green eyes. He is extremely friendly, loves cuddles and enjoys to nap a lot!

Please email Olivia on eyleso@hazelwoodschool.com should you wish to invite a lovely, furry friend into your home.

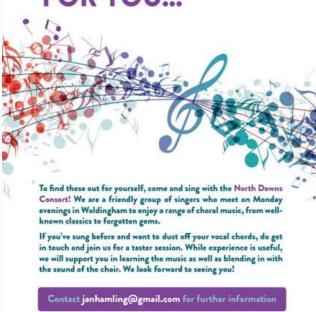


My name is Claudia Taylor (daughter of Mrs Taylor 1T). I am available for babysitting weekday evenings after 6.30 and anytime at the weekends. I am DBS checked as currently working in an afterschool club during a gap year.

Please contact me on 07393312573.



10 REASONS WHY **SINGING IS GOOD** FOR YOU...



northdownsconsort.org.uk



7.30 pm Saturday 25 November 2023

Songs Romantic & Modern



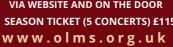


Felix & Fanny Mendelssohn

VIA WEBSITE AND ON THE DOOR CONCERT HALL
SEASON TICKET (5 CONCERTS) £115

HAZELWOOD SCHOOL RH8 0QU







Christmas Market Outdoor shopping

Friday 24 November 4.30-7.00pm

Eat, drink and shop Luxury gifts, fashion, accessories, handcrafted home decor, stocking fillers, artisan food & drinks and more...

Live carols and Christmas lights

Parking and Woldingham station shuttles operating

under 18s free £5 entry

incl. event guide Woldingham School, Marden Park, Woldingham, Surrey, CR3 7YA

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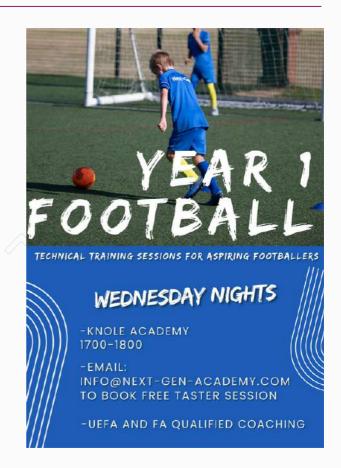


We really appreciate all your harvest donations, helping us to support local people Thank you!

Caterham foodbank provides emergency food and support for local people in crisis across the northern half of Tandridge District. People are referred to us by professionals already helping them in their situations and we rely on the generosity of the local community for food and funding donations.

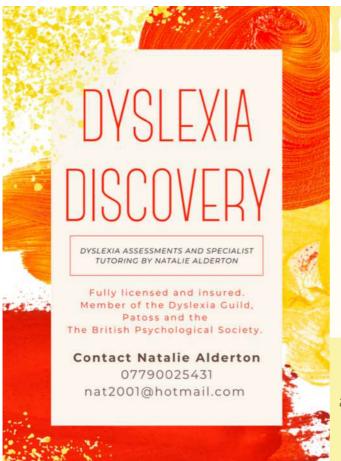
As part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks, we want to end the need for foodbanks in the UK

Registered charity: 1155330 www.caterham.foodbank.org.uk









Do you know someone that is struggling with reading, writing and spelling?

Is it a **challenge** to **keep up** with **school** assignments?

They may be dealing with **dyslexia**, a common **learning difference** that can be **effectively managed** with the right **support**.

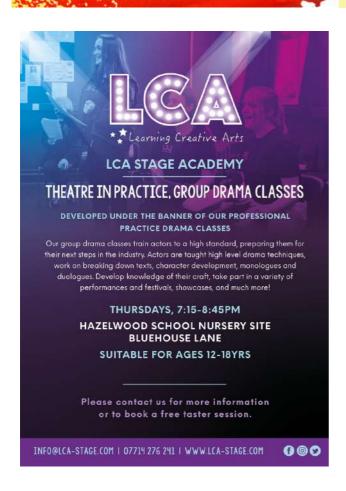






DON'T LET DYSLEXIA STAND IN THE WAY OF SUCCESS!

Contact us now to schedule an assessment and take the first steps to a brighter future!







Violin for sale

1/4 size violin - Stentor student 1 violin Outfit. Includes case. Needs a new bow. Had from new. Good condition except 2

small chips on varnish.

Cost £80.

Contact Mandy on 07768 040 611.









