

HAWLEY WOODS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE:

THIS TERM HAS BEEN FILLED WITH TRIPS GALORE, SPORTS EVENTS, CHARITY SALES, IRISH DANCERS (WHO WERE INCREDIBLE) AND MUCH MORE! A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR STAFF FOR MAKING IT ALL HAPPEN!

IT HAS BEEN LOVELY THIS HALF TERM SEEING PUPILS MAKING STRIDES WITH THEIR READING, CHALLENGING THEMSELVES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM TO ATTEND SPORTING EVENTS AND SEEING MORE PUPILS TRYING NEW CLUBS AT LUNCHTIMES.

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT WELCOMING OUR DEVELOPMENT TEAM BACK ON SITE TO COMPLETE PHASE 2 OF OUR SCHOOL, WHICH INCLUDES AN EXTENSION TO OUR SCIENCE AND FOOD BLOCK (ADDING TOILETS AND SOME NEW CLASSROOMS)

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMPLETION OF OUR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND WORK ON THE OLD NURSERY AREA OVER THE NEXT 6 MONTHS!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT MORE CHOCOLATE TUBS OVER EASTER, READY FOR COOKING IN SUMMER TERM, AND PLEASE DO RETURN YOUR BORROWED ONES, TO THE COOKING ROOM.

DO HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER FULL OF CHOCOLATE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL REFRESHED ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL!



KEY DATES:

- 30th March- EASTER HOLIDAYS
- 13th April- Return to school
- 17th April HPV Year 8
- 14th-21st April- Book fair
- 29th- 1st May- Pupil Residential Y8&9
- 4th May BANK HOLIDAY
- 11th May Sarah Billingham Parent workshop
- 18th- 22nd May Careers Week
- 19th May Parent Drumming Session
- 22nd May Last day of half term

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ST. PATRICKS DAY



EASTER EGG HUNT

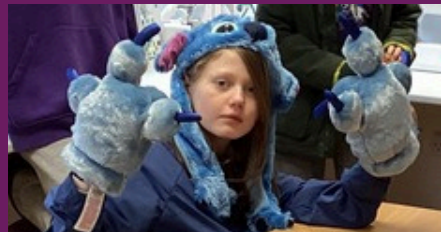
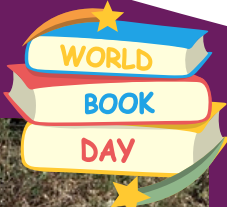


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WORLD BOOK DAY



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OUR LEARNING

WORLD STUDIES

IN YEAR 7 WORLD STUDIES WE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING THE WATER SYSTEM, RIVER EROSION AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON OUR LANDSCAPES



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

YEAR 7 HAVE BEEN LEARNING CORE WORKSHOP SKILLS BY DESIGNING AND MAKING THEIR OWN MDF CLOCKS, DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE WITH MEASURING, CUTTING, AND FINISHING MATERIALS. IN YEAR 8, STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN ON THE CHALLENGE OF CREATING STEADY-HAND GAMES, COMBINING PRACTICAL CONSTRUCTION WITH BASIC ELECTRONICS TO PRODUCE FUN, INTERACTIVE PRODUCTS. MEANWHILE, YEAR 9 HAVE EXPLORED TEXTILES AND ELECTRONICS THROUGH THE CREATION OF BATIK LAMPS.



IN YEAR 8 WORLD STUDIES WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON TECTONIC PLATES AND HOW THEY CAN MOVE IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS CAUSING NATURAL DISASTERS.



COOKING

THIS TERM YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ALL ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY AND THE EATWELL GUIDE. THE YEAR 9 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN EXPLORING PASTRY AND CAN INDEPENDENTLY CREATE A RANGE OF PASTRY DISHES.

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OUR LEARNING SCIENCE

THE YEAR 7'S HAVE GONE TO THE LOOKOUT DISCOVERY CENTRE IN BRACKNELL. THEY HAD A SHOW ON LIGHT AND SOUND AND EXPLORED ASPECTS OF FORCES, SPACE, LIGHT AND MUCH MORE WITHIN SCIENCE WITH HANDS ON INTERACTIVE LEARNING.



THE YEAR 8'S HAVE DONE A HANDS-ON EXPERIMENT MODELLING DIGESTION NAMED "FROM CHEW TO POO" THE PUPILS HAVE MODELLED MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL DIGESTION AND REPLICATED THE JOURNEY OUR FOOD TAKES THROUGH OUR DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.



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EHCP TIME

8B SENSORY STORY FOR YEAR 3

AS PART OF OUR EHCP PROGRAMME 8B HAVE BEEN CREATING A SENSORY STORY FOR THE BOOK 'SUPERWORM', THEY HAVE MADE A GIANT WORM, A BOX OF HIDDEN TREATS IN 'DIRT' AND LOTS OF DIFFERENT SENSORY ITEMS. WE HAD GREAT FUN GIVING THE SENSORY BOOK FOR YEAR 3 TO READ AND PLAY WITH IN THE FUTURE.



LOTS OF PLANTING BY EVERYONE!

IN FORESTERS LESSONS THE WHOLE SCHOOL HAS BEEN PLANTING TREE SAPLINGS, WE GOT GIVEN 105 SAPLINGS FROM THE WOODLAND TRUST, SO EACH STUDENT HAS PLANTED THEIR OWN TREE (HAWTHORN, BLACKTHORN, HAZEL, SILVER BIRCH OR ROWAN TREES) WITHIN OUR FOREST/SCHOOL GROUNDS.



CHICK UPDATE

THE CHICKS ARE NOW 7 WEEKS OLD AND HAVE BEEN GIVEN NEW NAMES BY MRS FEAR'S FAMILY. BLOSSOM, ANGEL, ALICE, NOVA, MATILDA AND NICKY ARE STARTING TO LOOK LIKE HENS AS THEY HAVE GROWN FEATHERS AND BEGUN TO DEVELOP COMBS ON THEIR HEADS. ALL OF THE CHICKS HAVE DISCOVERED HOW TO FLY, DUST BATHE (IN SHAVINGS) AND PERCH. THEY HAVE BEGUN TO DEVELOP DIFFERENT SOUNDS TO COMMUNICATE AND WILL MOVE OUTDOORS FULL-TIME NEXT MONTH.



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SPORTS NEWS

HWS CELEBRATED ITS FIRST EVER SCHOOL FIXTURE THIS HALF TERM. OUR YEAR 8 AND 9 STUDENTS COMPETED IN BASKETBALL, SECURING AN IMPRESSIVE 15-2 VICTORY WITH A FANTASTIC TEAM PERFORMANCE. MEANWHILE, OUR YEAR 7 AND 8 PUPILS TOOK PART IN A BOCCIA TOURNAMENT, WHERE 8A WERE CROWNED OVERALL WINNERS. A BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT ALL ROUND!



OUR STUDENTS HAVE WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD RAISING SPONSORSHIP AS PART OF OUR GREAT ATHLETE VISIT. THEY WERE INSPIRED BY OLYMPIC GYMNAST KELLY SIMM AND SHOWED GREAT DETERMINATION IN COMPLETING THEIR FITNESS CIRCUITS TO EARN SPONSORSHIP. AS A SCHOOL, WE RAISED OVER £700 AND HAVE RECEIVED £383 TO SPEND ON NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT—AN EXCELLENT EFFORT BY EVERYONE INVOLVED AND A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP!



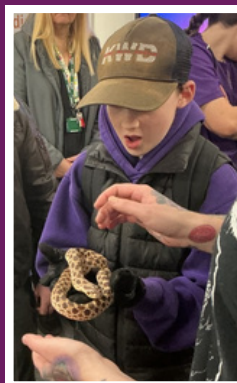
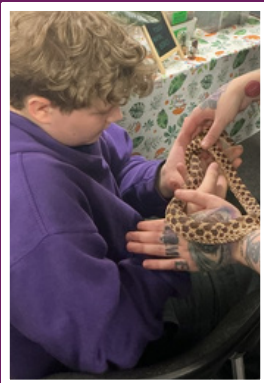
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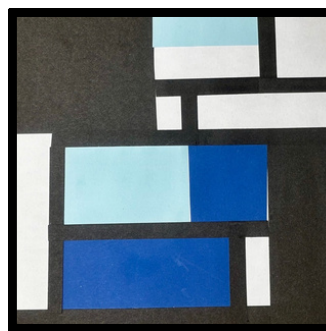
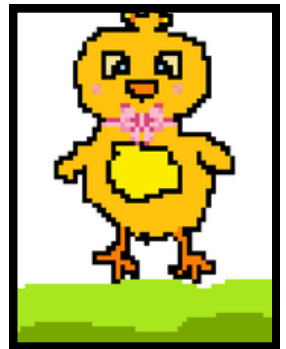
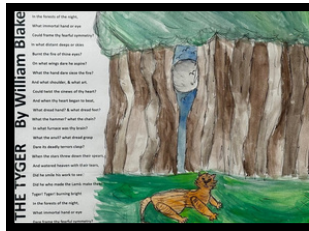
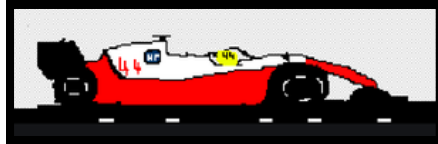


YEAR 9 VISIT THE HAMPSHIRE SKILLS FESTIVAL

OUR YEAR 9 STUDENTS VISITED BASINGSTOKE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR THE HAMPSHIRE SKILLS FESTIVAL THIS MONTH. THEY GOT TO EXPERIENCE A RANGE OF DIFFERENT JOBS INCLUDING BEING A PILOT, ANIMAL HANDLER, AIRPORT SECURITY AND AN ENGINEER. SOME OF THE FAVOURITES CAREERS WERE HOLDING A SNAKE AND SUCCESSFULLY LANDING A PLANE!



HAWLEY WOODS SCHOOL ART GALLERY



WORK COMPLETED THIS HALF TERM IN YEARS 7, 8 & 9

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POSTCARDS FROM KS2 TRIPS

YEAR 3 THE FARM

YEAR 3 WENT ON AN
EXCITING TO TO MEET THE
ANIMALS AT THE FARM!
THEY ENJOYED FEEDING
THE GOATS AND SHEEP
AND LOVED PLAYING ON
THE BOUNCY PILLOW.



YEAR 4 TRAIN TRIP

TOOK A TRIP ON THE TRAIN TO FLEET.
WE LOOKED AT HOW TO GET HELP AT
THE STATION AND WORK OUT WHICH
PLATFORM WE NEEDED TO BE ON.



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POSTCARDS FROM KS2 TRIPS



YEAR 5 RUNWAYS END

YEAR FIVE WERE AMAZING
DURING THEIR TRIP FOR
ADVENTURE AND EXPLORATION
AT RUNWAYS AND LEARNING LIFE
SKILLS OF TEAMWORK AND
COMMUNICATION IN ORDER TO
NAVIGATE THE LOW ROPES AND
NIGHTLINE COURSES.



YEAR 5 CINEMA

YEAR FIVE HAD THE TREAT OF
VISITING BRACKNELL CINEWORLD
TO WATCH DOG MAN AS THE FILM IS
BASED ON A TEXT, EXPLORING
ADVENTURE AND CURIOSITY
SIMILAR TO THE SPRING TO TEXT OF
IRON MAN.



CLUB FOR THE GROWN UPS!

WE RAN THE FIRST PILOT SESSION FOR OUR EXCITING NEW PROJECT, DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN AND CELEBRATE THE SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR CHILD. AS A SCHOOL, WE RECOGNISE HOW IMPORTANT POSITIVE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS ARE FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING, CONFIDENCE, AND OVERALL DEVELOPMENT. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE LAUNCHED A MONTHLY PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY CLUB.

THESE SESSIONS ARE INTENDED TO CREATE RELAXED, ENJOYABLE MOMENTS WHERE GROWN-UPS AND THEIR CHILD CAN LEARN NEW SKILLS, WORK AS A TEAM, AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER. EACH MONTHLY SESSION IS LED BY A MEMBER OF OUR STAFF AND OFFERS SOMETHING UNIQUE TO EXPERIENCE SIDE BY SIDE. THIS MONTH WAS COOKING!

THIS CLUB IS CURRENTLY BY INVITE ONLY. IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD, PLEASE DO LET US KNOW!



JUST PARENTS..... DRUMMING SESSION! COMING UP IN MAY....

DO YOU FANCY DOING SOME THERAPEUTIC DRUMMING WITHOUT YOUR CHILDREN AROUND? COME AND JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SESSION RUN BY NICOLA ARNOLD. GIVE YOURSELF 5 MINUTES TO BREATHE AND RECOUP WITH OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS AND ENJOY SOME MUCH NEEDED R&R.



STUDYBUGS APP FOR REPORTING ABSENCE

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP???



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



BUILDING WORK- PHASE 2

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE MOVING INTO THE NEXT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AT HAWLEY WOODS, THIS MEANS WE ARE GETTING A SUPERB NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FOR FORESTERS, A NEW BLOCK FOR ENGLISH AND MATH, AS WELL AS A NEW SPACE FOR KEY STAGE 2, INCLUDING A LOVELY GRASSY PLAY AREA ! WHILST THE WORK WILL START OVER EASTER, IT WILL BE IN PROGRESS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND READY, HOPEFULLY, BY SEPTEMBER!



External structure almost done....