

HAWLEY WOODS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MAY 2026

NOAH
TAKES OVER....

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE:



As the summer 1 half term comes to a close, I would like to formally introduce myself to everyone, My name is Noah and on the last day of this half term, I was appointed as 'Acting Head Teacher' as part of careers week! I will be doing the newsletter for this half term!

This half term has been very busy with lots of trips and visits to the cinema, bowling and soft play! This half term has culminated in a fantastic careers week, which has been organised by Mrs Edwards! A massive thank you to her and all the staff who have made it happen! We have had a range of visitors coming into the school including police (along with two dogs), a paramedic, aeronautical pilots, marketing and social media executives and even a forensic scientist! All the children have been amazing and engaged in all the different activities.

Well done to our year 6 children who have started swimming this half term! They have been very sensible and safe and have represented Hawley Woods really well .

Continuing on with sport, our key stage 3 children took part in a football tournament against Abbey School – the whole team was fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.

The building work has been gathering pace and we're really excited to see our new classrooms and buildings completed later in the year!

Have a wonderful half term holiday, enjoying the heatwave that's coming and we will see you all back on Monday 1st June!

NOAH'S TASKS AS A HEAD



Task
Speak to CEO to check in
Break duty (wearing a high-vis) please check all staff are equally spaced out around the grounds to supervise children
Complete the QACC report (Quality and Compliance)
Call parent regarding school uniform, collect uniform
Sign off invoices with Mrs Horwood
Draft a Headteacher note for the Newsletter about the half term
Lead assembly
Stand in archway and ensure all children leave with their parents

WHILST MRS STROUD HAD A LITTLE RELAX, NOAH WAS PUT THROUGH HIS PACES AS HEADTEACHER...

HE EVEN HAD TO DO A TEAMS CALL WITH THE CEO OF KEDLESTON GROUP, DISCUSSING HOW THE WEEK HAD BEEN, HOW THE BUILDING WORK WAS GOING, THE BUDGET, FINANCES AND STAFFING! AT THE END OF THE VERY SERIOUS PHONE CALL, PAUL (CEO) ASKED NOAH IF HE HAD ANY QUESTIONS, SO NOAH ASKED... "SO...WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE ICE CREAM FLAVOUR?"



OUR LEARNING



IN YEAR 3 THE BOOK WE ARE READING IS ABOUT AN EGG BOX DRAGON, SO WE HAVE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE OUR OWN EGGBOX ANIMAL

OUR LEARNING PERFORMING ARTS



THIS HALF TERM IN PERFORMING ARTS, YEAR 7 HAVE BEEN MAKING PUPPETS THAT THEY ACT WITH IN GROUPS OF 3. THIS HAS BEEN BRILLIANT IN BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND ENCOURAGING TEAM COLLABORATION TO BRING THE PUPPETS TO LIFE!

WORLD STUDIES

YEAR 7 HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND INVENTIONS, THEY WERE CHALLENGED WITH WORKING IN GROUPS TO BUILD A BRIDGE OVER A RIVER.



OUR LEARNING COOKERY

YEAR 7 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN EXPLORING COMMODITIES, FOCUSING ON FLOUR AND POTATOES. THEY HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE JOURNEY FROM FARM TO FORK AND HOW THESE INGREDIENTS ARE PRODUCED AND USED.



YEAR 8 & 9 CUPCAKE COMPETITION

THIS COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTED THE HAWLEY WOODS' VALUE OF CREATIVITY, WITH STUDENTS DESIGNING AND MAKING UNIQUE AND IMAGINATIVE CUPCAKES THAT REFLECTED THEIR INDIVIDUAL IDEAS AND STYLES! WELL DONE RUBY, ANNELISSE, SAM, CHRISTIAN, HOPE AND BRIANNA FOR YOUR GREAT WORK!



FORESTERS

THE YEAR 7S HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A HANDRAIL IN THEIR FORESTERS LESSONS. WE NEEDED A HANDRAIL TO GO ALONGSIDE THE STEEP HILL UP TO THE FOREST FOR SAFETY AND TO PROVIDE YOUNGER STUDENTS WITH SOME REASSURANCE WHEN COMING DOWN. THE FIRST WEEK WE USED A SLEDGEHAMMER TO KNOCK IN SOME POSTS, EVERYONE MANAGED REALLY WELL. THE NEXT WEEK WE USED THICK JUTE ROPE THAT THEY TIED TO THE POSTS USING A CONSTRICTION KNOT. THE END RESULT LOOKS AMAZING, AND THEY ALL HAD A PART TO PLAY IN MAKING SOMETHING THAT WILL BE FUNCTIONAL AND USED BY ALL THE STUDENTS



OUR LEARNING

DESIGN

TECH

**YEAR 8 HAVE
DESIGNED AND
MADE A SET OF
RESIN DOMINOES
WITH A
PERSONALLY
DESIGNED DRAW
STRING BAG TO GO
WITH THEM**



**YEAR 9 HAVE BEEN EXPLORING TEXTILE TECHNIQUES BY DESIGNING
AND CREATING THEIR OWN BATIK LAMPS, INCLUDING
CONSTRUCTING THE WOODEN FRAMES. THEY USED WAX-RESIST
METHODS TO PRODUCE BOLD PATTERNS AND VIBRANT COLOURS ON
FABRIC. THE FINISHED LAMPS SHOWCASE THEIR CREATIVITY AND
PRECISION, RESULTING IN STRIKING DECORATIVE PIECES.**



OUR LEARNING

P.E. HAWLEY WOODS RECENTLY TOOK PART IN THEIR FIRST SEN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT THE ABBEY SCHOOL. WITH EIGHT TEAMS COMPETING,

IT WAS AN ACTION-PACKED DAY FILLED WITH DETERMINATION, TEAMWORK AND GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP. HAWLEY WOODS REMAINED UNBEATEN THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT AND, AFTER SEVERAL CLOSELY FOUGHT DRAWS, WENT ON TO WIN THE PLATE COMPETITION IN A VERY EXCITING FINAL MATCH. THE TEAM DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENT TEAMWORK THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ALONGSIDE SOME OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES.



HOLE'S BOOK REVIEW



THERE ARE TWO MAIN PROTAGONISTS: STANLEY AND ZERO (HECTOR ZERONI). THE STORY BEGINS WHEN STANLEY IS HIT BY CLYDE LIVINGSTON'S SHOES AND IS WRONGLY ACCUSED OF STEALING THEM. HE IS SENT TO CAMP GREEN LAKE, WHERE BOYS DIG HOLES EACH DAY, SUPPOSEDLY TO BUILD CHARACTER BUT ACTUALLY TO SEARCH FOR TREASURE.

AT CAMP, ZERO—WHO CANNOT READ AND IS CALLED "DUMB"—FORMS A FRIENDSHIP WITH STANLEY, WHO TEACHES HIM TO READ. THE TWO RUN AWAY TO THE BIG THUMB, STAY THERE BRIEFLY, THEN RETURN TO CAMP TO FIND THE TREASURE. WITH THE WARDEN, MR PENDANSKI, AND MR SIR PRESENT, THEY DIG ONE FINAL HOLE AND DISCOVER A TREASURE CHEST.

I THOUGHT IT WAS GOOD STORY. IT WAS ENTERTAINING. IT WAS A CREATIVE STORY. MY FAVOURITE CHARACTER WAS ARMPIT BECAUSE HE WAS A FUNNY CHARACTER IN THE STORY. HE HAD A CHEERFUL PERSONALITY AND HE MADE SOME REALLY FUNNY COMMENTS.

IF I COULD CHANGE THE STORY, I WOULD HAVE LIKED THE CHARACTER OF SAM TO LIVE BECAUSE HE DIED. HE DIED BECAUSE HE KISSED KATE BARLOW. BACK THEN HE COULDN'T DO THAT BECAUSE HE WAS BLACK AND SHE WAS WHITE. KATE BARLOW WAS THE TEACHER WHO AFTER SAM DIED BECAME A ROBBER AND HID HER TREASURE. THIS WAS THE TREASURE THAT STANLEY FOUND AT THE END.

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YEAR 8 & 9 HAD A FANTASTIC COUPLE OF DAYS IN THE SUNSHINE COMPLETING PERSONAL AND TEAM CHALLENGES AT PGL. EVERYONE CAME BACK COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED BUT PROUD OF WHAT THEY HAD ACHIEVED.



CAREER'S WEEK 2026



WHAT A CAREERS WEEK IT HAS BEEN!

EVERYONE HAS LOVED GETTING TO EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT JOBS THROUGH THE SPEAKERS WE HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO VISIT US.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WAS A POLICE DOG HANDLER FROM SURREY POLICE, HE SPOKE TO US ABOUT HIS 26 YEARS IN THE FORCE AND WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO MEET SCULLY AN 11 MONTH OLD TRAINEE GERMAN SHEPHERD AND THALIA A LABRADOR WHO IS TRAINED TO DO SEARCH AND RESCUE. EVERYONE GOT TO SIT IN THE POLICE CAR AND ONE STUDENT EVEN GOT PUT IN HANDCUFFS! THE BEST QUESTION OF THE DAY HAD TO BE 'DO POLICE OFFICERS ACTUALLY EAT DOUGHNUTS?!'.

EVERYONE LOVED MEETING OUR ONSITE BUILDER AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPERATE A LOW LEVEL VEHICLE AND TRY ON THE HI-VIS JACKETS AND HELMETS. THIS WAS DEFINITELY ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED AT HAWLEY WOODS, NOT JUST FOR THE PUPILS BUT THE STAFF TOO! OUR YEAR 5 CLASS HAVE VISITED THE IMAGINATION STATION IN CAMBERLEY AND GOT TO TRY OUT LOTS OF DIFFERENT JOBS THROUGH ROLE PLAY. OUR YEAR 3'S HAVE BEEN VETS AND PRACTISED THEIR BANDAGE SKILLS ON SOME STUFFED ANIMALS.

WE HAVE MET A PARAMEDIC WHO TALKED ABOUT HOW THEY RESPOND TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, WE LEARNT SOME FIRST AID SKILLS AND PRACTISED OUR CPR.

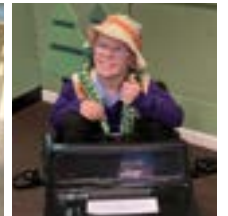
OUR KS3 PUPILS HAVE LEARNT ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING, THEY CAME UP WITH SOME IDEAS OF HOW TO MARKET EITHER A SWEET SHOP OR A CAR WASH BUSINESS AND WERE TAUGHT HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY RUN AN ONLINE CAMPAIGN. WE HAD A VISIT FROM AEROBILITY WHO ARE BASED AT BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT. THEY PROVIDE EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING IN AVIATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. WE GOT TO TAKE PART IN A FLIGHT SIMULATION WHICH EVERYONE LOVED BEING ABLE TO FLY AND LAND A PLANE.

SOME OF OUR YEAR 7'S MET WITH OUR EXTERNAL CAREERS ADVISOR FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HOW THEY SPOKE ABOUT WHAT THEY MIGHT LIKE TO DO IN THE FUTURE AND STARTED TO EXPLORE WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT POST 16. THE REST OF THE YEAR 7'S WILL BE MEETING BEX LATER IN THE SCHOOL YEAR.

OUR KS3 PUPILS MET CHRISTINE FROM ACTIVATE LEARNING, THEY LEARNT ABOUT WHAT COURSES AND APPRENTICESHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT GUILDFORD, FARNHAM AND MERRIST WOOD COLLEGES AND WHAT A DAY AT COLLEGE MIGHT LOOK LIKE. OUR YEAR 9'S WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE LATER IN THE SCHOOL YEAR.

YEAR 8 AND 9 HAVE LEARNT HOW TO TAKE FORENSIC PRINTS WHICH MAY HAVE HELPED WHEN EVERYONE HAD TO TRY AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF MRS POPE'S MISSING RECIPE BOOK TO FINISH THE WEEK OFF!

WE HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THIS WEEK AND HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY OUR GUESTS.



PARENTS DRUMMING SESSION WAS A HIT!



A DRUMMING SESSION FOR PARENTS OFFERED A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR RELAXATION AND STRESS RELIEF. WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO NICOLA ARNOLD FOR GENEROUSLY SHARING HER TIME, EXPERTISE, AND SKILLS WITH US.

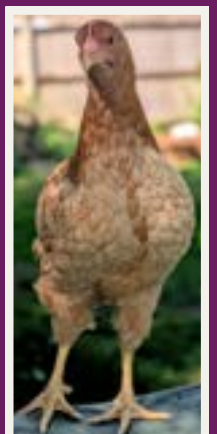
CAN YOU SPOT THE OWL?

THE BUILDERS FOUND A BABY TAWNY OWL HIDING IN A RUBBLE BAG. MRS LANCASTER CHECKED WITH THE RSPCA AND ITS NOW SAFELY BACK WITH ITS FAMILY, BUT NOT BEFORE YEAR 6 TOOK A QUICK PHOTO!



CHICK UPDATE

THE CHICKS ARE NOW 15 WEEKS OLD. THEY ARE IN THEIR TEENAGE STAGE OF LIFE AND ARE KNOWN AS PULLETS. THEIR VOICES ARE CHANGING AND THEY ARE BEGINNING TO SOUND MORE LIKE CHICKENS. THEY ARE STILL GROWING AND ARE EXPECTED TO START LAYING EGGS BETWEEN 18 – 22 WEEKS OF AGE. SINCE JOINING MRS FEAR'S HOME, THEY HAVE MET HUGO THE DOG WHO GUARDS THEM WHEN THEY ARE PECKING AROUND THE GARDEN.



POSTCARDS FROM

KS2 & 3

YEAR 4



TRIP TO BADSHOT LEA GARDEN CENTRE WHERE WE SAW LOTS OF REPTILES, TORTOISES, TROPICAL FISH AND SOME REALLY MASSIVE FISH IN THE POND.



YEAR 5



YEAR FIVE HAD A SUPER TIME EXPLORING PIZZA MAKING SKILLS SUCH AS KNEELING DOUGH AND DISCUSSING THE SOURCE AND SMELLS OF INGREDIENTS USED WITHIN PIZZAS, TO LINK TO THEIR TOPIC OF "EUROPE" IN WORLD STUDIES. CHILDREN TOOK TURNS IN CREATING THEIR MARVELLOUS MASTERPIECES TO TAKE HOME AND ENJOY LATER.

THEY ALSO HAD GREAT FUN AT HARDWICKES GROCERY STORE & SANDHURST MEMORIAL PLAY PARK. BIG SHOUT OUT TO HARWICKES AS THEY VERY KINDLY GIFTED US THE FRUIT FOR FREE IN SHOP.





YEAR 3 WISLEY GARDENS



YEAR 8

YEAR 8'S ATTENDED A STEM DAY AT
BROOKLANDS MUSEUM



KEY DATES!



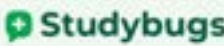
JULY

JUNE



- 1st June- Start of term
- 8th - 12th June- Big Green Week
- 12th June- Sponsored Walk
- 22nd June- INSET day
- 24th June- Year 6 transition morning
- 26th June- KS3 Festival of Sports

- 3rd July - KS2 Festival of Sports
- 6th July - Y7 Parents evening
- 7th July - Y8 & Y9 Parents' evening
- 7th July- Sarah B parent workshop
- 6th -9th July- KS2 Parents' evenings
- 8th July- Year 6 transition morning
- 10th July- KS2 move up morning
- 13th - 17th July- Trip week
- 16th July- Year 9 Merrist Wood trip
- 20th July- Cultures Day
- 21st July- Family picnic and Early finish
- 22nd July- INSET day





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- Higher attendance is strongly associated with higher academic attainment across all pupil groups
- Missing school significantly reduces outcomes