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Hazelwick School Newsletter

March 2020

Headlines

Ms A Fearon, Headteacher

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well.

Obviously, all our thoughts and efforts are now focused on managing the impact of Covid-19, but I think it remains important to celebrate the work of our school and to congratulate our students on their recent achievements. The contents of this newsletter were largely put together ahead of the announcement of school closures on 19th March.

In these unprecedented times, the sense of community that is felt at Hazelwick is more important than ever before. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the many parents and carers who have written to the school to express their appreciation of the efforts that teachers are making to provide work that replicates, as far as possible, the learning that would have taken place in school. We realise that the current situation is far from ideal and we have done our utmost to respond to feedback that we have received from parents, carers and students to make changes where possible and appropriate. Overwhelmingly, however, the emails that have been sent have been positive, appreciative and supportive. Knowing that you acknowledge the efforts that teachers are making, and that you empathise with us regarding the very difficult decisions that we have been taking on a daily basis, has helped enormously in boosting staff morale.

We will be sending you further updates before the date that we are scheduled to return to school after the Easter break.

In the meantime, please take care and stay safe.

Very best wishes to you all.

March Reflection:

"There is no education like adversity."

- Benjamin Disraeli

News, Events & Activities...

St Catherine's Youth Enterprise Challenge

Please find below details of the fund-raising activities organised by our wonderful team of students. The final figure has yet to be announced; we are sure that we have beaten our target of £1500, but by how much, we have yet to calculate. Fingers crossed for a record-breaking total!



Hello,

We are Team Wonderwomen and we were chosen by the school to raise as much money as possible for St Catherine's Hospice over 11 weeks. During this period, we have hosted a wide range of events for the students at Hazelwick, such as bake sales and a hot chocolate stand. The hot chocolate stand was a big fundraiser and very popular among the students. We also held a Fun Run where many students ran laps around the school field. These students raised a lot of money through sponsorship from friends and family. Pie the Teacher was a massive success, thanks to all the teachers who got involved and the students' kind donations. We also held a book sale, which included the sale of revision guides. The guides were generously donated by students in Years 12 and 13 and were then sold to current Year 10 and 11 students. We are also grateful for the involvement of our Year 10 team. They were active in raising funds through a lollipop roulette and one of them decided to raise money by dying his hair orange!

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we have had to curtail some of our activities but we hope that we have raised a significant amount of money for St Catherine's.

We are very grateful to our mentors Mr Croft and Mrs Bending for helping us make all the events possible and for the support of all the teachers within our school. It has been very rewarding bringing the Hazelwick community together. We would also like to thank the finance team for all their work, and we really appreciate all the students and parents/carers that helped us get this far in raising money for such a wonderful charity.

The awards evening will take place at Christ's Hospital School. There are awards to be won for the most money raised, pound per pupil ratio, best presentation and the most innovative fundraising idea. We look forward to this evening with great anticipation!

Thanks again for all your support and co-operation.

Team Wonderwomen



House News...

World Book Day Themed House Events

March's annual World Book Day gave students the opportunity to show their creative side as well as celebrate the importance of books by designing their very own bookmark. We had a number of imaginative entries and winners were selected for a variety of categories! Well done to all the winners!

Best Design: Laura Sviridovaite - Brontë

Most Creative: Tanya Bhandari - Wilberforce

Most Imaginative: Samantha Marshall - Anderson

Most Eye Catching: Kiki Chen - Bamber

Celebrating the Importance of Books: Mehar Mahajan - Anderson

Encourages Reading for Pleasure: Esther Armstrong - Bamber



Kiki Chen



Laura Sviridovaite

Along with the bookmark competition, each form also had the opportunity to test their book knowledge with a form quiz. Form groups worked collaboratively to answer questions based on books that have been made into films. Brontë excelled with their knowledge of books and answered the most questions correctly, particularly 13SRE who scored the best across all form groups!

Year 8 Hoop Hop

Year 8 students put their speed, agility and 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' skills to the test at a lunchtime Hoop Hop competition. Students had a lot of fun representing and supporting their house. However, there could only be one winner and Brunel proved themselves to be the fastest this time!

Sixth Form Escape Room

In an 'Escape Room' style activity, Year 12 and 13 students were trapped in Dr N. O. Good's lab and needed to complete a series of tasks and puzzles to see if they could escape the room in time! Points were awarded for the fastest time! Well done to Anderson who managed to escape in the fastest time taking 10 minutes 37 seconds without any hints! Congratulations to Richard Otor, Lara Woodford, Azrah Mansoor Ali and Danyal Durrani.



House News Continued...

Year 9-13 Global Awareness Poster Competition

To raise awareness, encourage students to consider their environment and be creative, students in Years 9 to 13 were asked to design a poster to raise awareness for a global issue of their choice. We had a range of entries focusing on issues such as global warming, extinction of certain species and plastic and air pollution. Sharjeev Chandrakashan in Wilberforce and Izah Hussain in Anderson were chosen as the winners for the most creative entry - well done!

Sharjeev Chandrakashan

GLOBAL ISSUES AWARENESSE



What is the issue?
The issues are dirty water, plastic Pollution, air pollutions by the factories, climate changes, wild fire, lack of medicines.



Real life examples of the global issues

- Corona virus
- Amazon rainforest fire
- Dirty water in Africa's countries
- People throw plastic things into the sea
- Homeless people.

What can we do to help?
Donate money, no wasting food or water. do not waste money for necessary things.



Who does it affect?
Humans, Animals, future, Next Generations, Countries, Wild life, Sea creatures.





Why should we care?
Reduce of risks, reduce deaths of humans And animals, climate changes, to have a good life for next generations.



Air pollutions

Amazon ↑
rainforest fire



Homeless people ↑

Corona virus(Covid-19) ↓



CORONAVIRUS

I help; Plastic bags, Plastic straws and cups, Plastic bottles. Enters our food (can cause diseases...)

Can Earth?...

Reuse Plastic! RECYCLE FOR THE LIFE-CYCLE! Used for minutes Pilling for centuries....

Skip the straws, sip your own drinks!

SAY NO TO PLASTIC!

Use Paper bags or cloth bags! Paper bag... Cloth bag...

Plastics are weapons of mass destruction...

Silent killers of the sea:

Every year more than 2 million tons of plastic are dumped in our oceans, killing more than 100,000 marine creatures.

Plastic bottle 1,000, 174 Crustaceans
The fish 1000, 74 Small fish
Plastic bottle 1000, 74 Small fish

Izah Hussain



Careers Café...

In this section of the newsletter, we bring students, parents and carers information on careers and the world of work.

National Careers Week

National Careers Week took place in early March. A variety of activities took place in form time to raise awareness of Labour Market Information, career options and how to prepare for your future. A special edition of the Wow Show was shown to students and several quizzes took place.

<https://youtu.be/qTZ7E5uosyU>

Some teachers took the opportunity to put up posters to share their career paths and the skills they acquired on the way. Thank you to everyone who got involved with all the activities that took place.

WHAT DOES YOUR CAREER PATH LOOK LIKE?	
Name: Mr Meredith	
Previous Jobs:	Skills Developed:
Barman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the public, working with money
Microbiologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working under pressure, working in a team, attention to detail
Pyrotechnic technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working safely, self-discipline, working to time pressure, creativity
Pharmaceutical sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gift of the gab, confidence around highly trained and educated people

WHAT DOES YOUR CAREER PATH LOOK LIKE?	
Name: Miss Stokes	
Previous Jobs:	Skills Developed:
Waitress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attention to detail Communication Patience
Bar tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attention to detail Communication Teamwork
Hospice worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportiveness Communication Building relationships
Assistant physiotherapist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motivational skills Communication Building relationships

Monthly Key Skills Focus

Each month this year, we will focus on a different employability skill. These are the skills that you need for the world of work – and they're pretty important for life as well! By developing employability skills, you will improve your chances of getting a job and thriving in your career. There are lots of different ways to develop them – including in lessons or extracurricular activities at school, in a Saturday or holiday job, doing projects in your own time or work experience.

This Month's Skill: Initiative

Look at a selection of job adverts and you will often come across something along the lines of "must be able to work independently and in a team."

While employers want to know that you can work well with your colleagues, they also like to see that you are motivated, proactive and can be trusted to use your own initiative – for example, by keeping your employability skills up-to-date with the latest developments in your area of work.

Show that initiative is one of your key skills by doing a free online course to learn a new skill, forming a new group or club or setting up your own business (e.g. washing cars in the neighbourhood after the local carwash closed).

Careers Café Continued...

Apprenticeship Parents' Pack March 2020

The new March Parents' Pack is here and includes apprenticeship key facts, a celebration of female apprentices in honour of International Women's Day, an apprentice's perspective on life at Channel 4 and much more!

For more apprenticeship information and advice for parents, visit the resource page and search for Parents' Packs.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-pack-march-2020/>



Young People's Career Aspirations – Disparity Report

The BBC has reported on the disparity between youth career aspirations and the reality of careers available to them. The report, based on 7,000 teenagers reveals that 15.6% of 17–18-year olds aspire to work in the Art and Culture, Entertainment and Sports industry against a projected demand of 3.3%. Of those surveyed almost 51% were not interested in working in any other sectors. In contrast only 1.5% of students expressed an interest in working in the Hospitality sector against a 9.7% need in the economy. Similarly, the Wholesale and Retail sector has a requirement of 15.1% against only 2.6% showing an interest. The report highlights the need to challenge young people's perceptions and provide them with good careers information with robust labour market information which reflects the needs of the economy.

To read more go to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51192450>

Careers Café Continued...



The Games Industry benefits Horsham and Crawley's Economy

Guildford and Aldershot are well-known for their growth within the Games industry within the region but the Crawley Observer report that Horsham and Crawley are also one of the areas outside of London in which the industry generates a large income to their local economy according to a report: 'Think Global, Create Local' is a report created by the Association of UK Interactive Entertainment (UKIE).

For more facts and figures on the UK Games Industry visit the UK Video Games Fact Sheet here <https://ukie.org.uk/sites/default/files/UK%20Games%20Industry%20Fact%20Sheet%20October%202018.pdf>

UKIE have also launched an initiative to improve diversity within the industry. For more information on the games industry demographics click here. <https://www.gamesindustry.biz/articles/2020-02-03-the-uk-games-industry-is-still-overwhelming-young-white-and-male>





Read On!

Book Groups

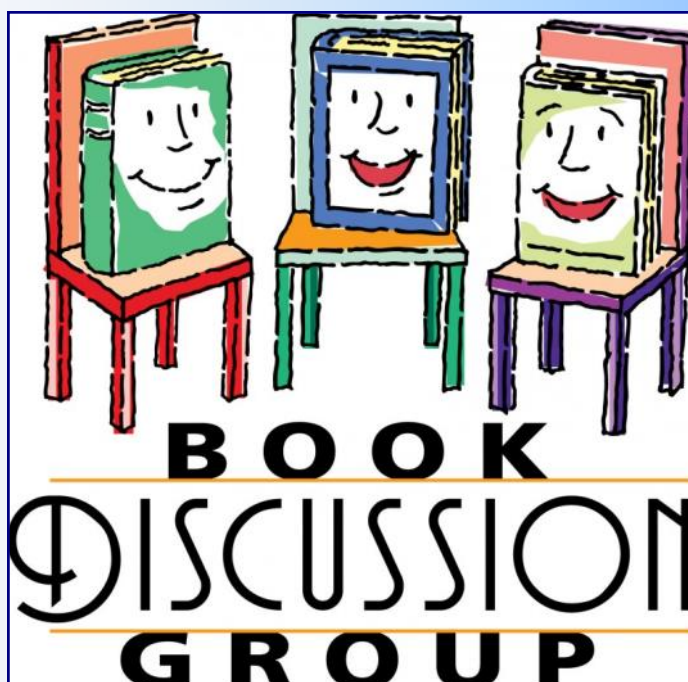
Following on from World Book Day earlier this month, I thought I would focus upon the book groups that students have recently been involved with.

Hazelwick Book Group

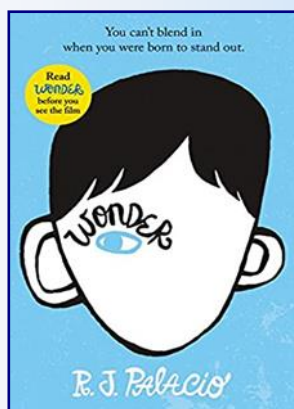
My New Year's resolution for 2020 was to set up a student Hazelwick Book Group, following suggestions in several of the Years 7 and 8 Reading Ambassador's application forms. As I wanted to open the group up to all year groups, I took the decision that it would not be practical to have all students read the same book to discuss it. The group works on a discussion theme basis and we have had two meetings this year. In our January meeting, we discussed the students' favourite book of all time'. The 'Harry Potter' and 'Lord of the Rings' series featured strongly as did some much loved picture books. Students delighted in telling each other how they remembered being read to and that they could still quote lines from 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Each Peach Pear Plum'. Movie tie-ins have a strong following, as did fairy tales with a twist. A lively discussion took place about the pros and cons of reading set texts.

For our February meeting, the theme was the first book that provoked an emotion, such as sadness, anger or excitement, for example. 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' made several students cry which led to a discussion about sad and happy endings. There was also an interesting debate about DC/Marvel origin stories. Some of the Rick Riordan fans were most put out when one student expressed the view that he felt sad when the books became very 'samey'.

What I loved about the sessions is that there were students from Years 7 to 10 with equal mix of boys and girls and the students' honesty in discussing their reading. When we read in the media that young people do not read or read widely, it reminded me that there are young people that do enjoy reading, do read widely, and feel passionate about books and who feel confident to discuss their reading habits with their peers; sadly, they are not always celebrated in the media. Students were also recommending books to each other, which was fantastic to see. I truly look forward to our next meeting, whenever that may be.



Read On Continued....



We were delighted to join Crawley Library's 'VIP' group whose members are all adults who have some form of visual impairment. The idea behind the programme is simple, the VIPs and a small group of Hazelwick Year 9 students all read the same book and we then meet up to discuss it.

We have had two meetings to date and both groups of readers have really enjoyed the sessions. We have read the books 'Wonder' and 'The Hate U Give', with the VIPs accessing the story in large print, Braille or audio book format.

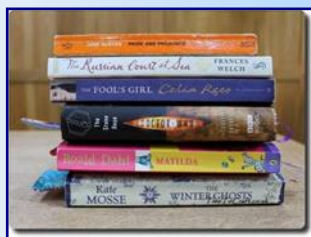
The discussions have been fascinating and have raised some interesting questions about themes, characterisation, plot, endings and our favourite book group biscuits!

The behaviour of our students has been impeccable, as the VIPs have commented, and they have enjoyed the interaction with young people. In addition, the VIPs have given us some useful discussion pointers – there is no point nodding your head in agreement or shaking your head when you disagree, when some of the members are completely blind! I had wondered about how the adults would react to reading books aimed at a teenage audience but it seems that the themes of friendship, equality and identity are universal. We are currently deciding upon the next title to read so we can plan our third visit, when we are able to do so.





Read On Continued...



Keep those good reading habits in place during the forthcoming weeks by compiling a 'books to read' list and then read as many as you can. Families can get competitive by seeing which family member reads the most books. I thought it useful to share my favourite book-related websites with you which will give you all a selection of recommended titles, quizzes and activities and some useful tips for parents and carers.

Recommended Websites

Check out the 'Good Reads' website for some reading inspiration. The site is excellent at giving recommendations and you can search by genre etc.

<https://www.goodreads.com/>

The BookTrust website has a wide range of free resources in addition to the BookFinder book recommendation tool. It also has some useful reading tips for parents and carers.

www.booktrust.org.uk

Do not forget that whilst the libraries are closed, members can still borrow free audiobooks from the Public Library Service. There are over 3,000 titles to select from to download to a range of electronic devices.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/elibrary-electronic-library/borrow-eaudiobooks>

If you are looking for a challenging reading list, then the titles for the 2020 Carnegie and Greenaway shortlisted titles has just been announced. Please note that some of these titles may be unsuitable for younger readers. Past winners and shortlisted titles are all featured.

<http://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk>

Mrs Thornton BA (Hons) MCLIP
School Librarian



Accelerated Reader..



RENAISSANCE
Champion School



Millionaire Readers

Congratulations to our three new millionaire readers this month; Zehna Rahman 8HPE, Aamina Amir 8PME, Esther Armstrong 7SEV and Ellen Charman Lodge 7SEV. Well done to all of you!



I have selected two star readers this month; Gigi Chen 7EFA and James Hill 7KHO.

Gigi has made consistent effort with her reading, quizzing successfully on all of the books she has read. James has made super progress with his reading since the start of Year 7 and his quizzing reflects his efforts.



Well done to you both!

Author Visit

On World Book Day, ten of our lucky Year 7 millionaire readers had the opportunity to travel to Worthing High School to see the author MA Bennett. The students very much enjoyed finding out about MA Bennett's books and her inspirations behind the setting of the stories and her characters.

The students were able to have their copies of their STAGS book signed and a photo with the author herself!



If you would like any further information about the accelerated reader scheme, please feel free to e-mail me directly. Egray@hazelwick.org.uk

Mrs E Gray

Accelerated Reader Mentor



Sport...

Year 7 Football Team

The Year 7 boys were drawn against Warden Park in the 2nd round of the Sussex County Shield last month.

The game was very tight with Hazelwick dominating possession but struggling to score. The game ended 1-1 which meant that it was straight into penalties to decide the fixture. The boys handled the pressure very well and ,after goalkeeper David Krecisz made 2 fabulous saves, the game was won 4-3 on penalties.

We now progress into the quarter finals to play St Andrews School away.

Mr O'Brien



U12 Girls Football Team



The U12 Girls football team have had a fine end to the season. The last two league games have been very successful with two wins in two games.

The first was a 3-1 win against The Weald School. The second was a fantastic 5-1 win against Sackville School.

Well done to the whole team.

A fine performance and more goals from Lilly Soan, Ava Gallup and Abigail Stevens.

Miss Oxby



Sport Continued...

Year 10 Talented Athlete Programme



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Students worked really hard and can now use the gym facilities to further their own training in their various sports. Well done!

Mrs McHugh



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Sport Continued...

Year 7 Basketball



The Year 7 Boys basketball team qualified for the Junior NBA finals and drew a Surrey school in the first round of the national competition. Unfortunately the game was called off after Basketball England stopped all affiliated competitions this month.

This team of boys has been so committed to their Basketball and it has been a deflating end to the season. I know they will bounce back stronger next season.

Well done on a successful contribution to Hazelwick sport.

Mr O'Brien

Hazelwick Year 7 and 8 Cross Country Team

Congratulations to the Hazelwick Year 7 and 8 Cross Country Team.

Enduring pretty difficult conditions, the Year 7 and 8 Hazelwick cross country teams showed brilliant resilience to turn in some fantastic performances at Christ's Hospital. Special mention must go to Alice Cox (Year 7) and Samuel Sprostranov (Year 8) who, as a result of their fine running, have qualified to represent Sussex. Well done all!



English Schools Cross Country Championships

This month, Thomas James (Year 11) and Amelia Cox (Year 10) travelled to Liverpool to compete for Sussex at the English Schools Cross Country Championships. In extremely muddy conditions, they finished a very credible 179th and 72nd respectively.

This event is the pinnacle of school cross country and we'd like to say a huge well done to you both.

Mrs Reynolds



Spotlight on Safeguarding...

Please refer to the email sent by our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Leadbitter, on 30th March.

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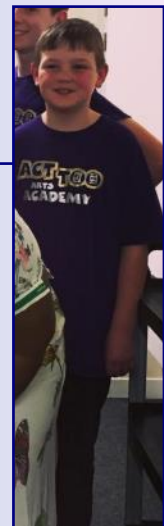
Performance with stage sensation, Marisha Wallace

James Hill Year 7, was selected to perform the song 'This Is Me' with Marisha Wallace on stage at the Capitol Theatre, Horsham on Friday 13th March 2020 with 9 other children chosen from the stage school he attends. His stage school was picked, together with one other stage school, after sending an audition video to Ms Wallace's team.

James loved the experience of singing with a live band and an amazing and powerful songstress and enjoyed meeting Marisha, who was charming.

Marisha Wallace has starred in West End and Broadway shows such as Waitress; Aladdin; Book of Mormon, Dream Girls and Hairspray.

Miss Block
Head of Year 7



Homework Clubs

A reminder that Homework and Revision Clubs run in the Learning Resource Centre, Monday to Thursday, from 3.00pm to 4.00pm for students to study, revise and, where necessary, to receive support from a team of Learning Support Assistants. For Years 7, 8 and 9, the club runs in the library and for Years 10 and 11 it is in Room 105. Computers are available. Students do not need to book but are welcome to just come along. For further details, please ring Mrs Checkland on the school number (extension 2268).

For more details, please see the school website - www.hazelwick.org or contact us on 01293 403344

The majority of the photos featured in this newsletter were taken by Barry Holder and more of his excellent photography can be viewed on the school website.