

#### **Dates for your Diary:**

Tue 4th July: Town Sports

Tue 4th Jul
Year 12, Higher Education
Meeting

Wed 5th July: Year 6, Induction Day

Mon 10th July: New Intake Parents'/Carers' Meeting

Mon 10th July Year 12, UCAS Day

Tue 11th to Sat 15th July Year 12, Exeter University Residential

Thu 20th July Year 12, Progression Advice Day

Fri 21st July: End of Term (1.25pm)

# Hazelwick School Newsletter

June 2023

#### **Headlines**

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well.

Our students have been able to enjoy some fantastic activities both in school and off site during the last month. Our wonderful Year 13 students had a final Leavers' Assembly which was such a joyous occasion. Staff and students listened to fun and moving presentations and there was a great deal of reminiscing and laughter.



A group of 77 students from Year 9 completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June in Dorking. It was an extremely hot weekend for

students and a very early morning start of 5am to escape the heat. Students did admirably and their perseverance and resilience were commendable. It was clear that their skills and knowledge had progressed and improved following their practice expedition, which took place in May. The students completed two days of walking and camped for one night with all of their equipment as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, putting their navigation skills to the test and developing their



confidence and the ability to solve problems as a team. The teamwork shown over the weekend was also applaudable; the students supported one another and took care of each other in the hot weather. Well done to all the students involved; we are very proud of you.

Another wonderful evening of celebration was held last Friday, with Year II students travelling by coach to The Holiday Inn Hotel, Brighton. Delicious food, great music, dancing and laughter combined to make this a truly memorable event. Once again, our students were a credit to the school.







All good wishes





### Year 11 Prom...



On Friday 23rd June 2023, the Hazelwick journey for Year 11 students reached its crescendo on South playground, exactly five years since it all began in a sea of oversized blazers, red ties, and heady excitement. Many had been planning their

prom outfits for months, and Year II did not disappoint. As the students assembled in their resplendent glory at 5.45pm, we were treated to a glamourous spectacle. This was the Oscars, the Brits and every world premier combined, with a sprinkling

of magic dust and a couple of Lamborghinis to boot. The high heels proved challenging for many on the precarious journey from playground to coaches, but most reached their carriages relatively unscathed.





As the three coaches powered towards Brighton, spirits were high and there was relief that the last coach did

finally make it! We considered offering a basic navigation course to the driver of Mr Goodwin's coach, who seemed determined to deliver a tour of Hove in place of the planned activities! Students alighted on the seafront and snaked their way into the Holiday Inn to enjoy their mocktails (non-alcoholic of course), before taking on the dance floor. The function room was decked out in drapes, fairy lights and a high-tech sound system. Students alternated between the buffet, the dancefloor, the official photographer and the quieter environs of the foyer, lounge area, or the cool-off terrace. The dancing was intense and joyful, with many deciding to abandon their high heels in search of comfort and the ability to walk. The DJs did well to weave together the somewhat eclectic mix of music selected by the students, as well as ensuring that the club classics were given a good airing.

As II.00pm approached and with it the very real jeopardy of our three coaches turning back into pumpkins, the singing and dancing reached its peak. The students jumped, gyrated, pirouetted and in some cases hobbled to celebrate the end of their journey through secondary school. As many scrambled to find their purses and shoes, we bade farewell to Brighton beachfront, to enjoy a blissfully quiet and reflective journey home. As we boarded the coaches, I was approached by both the manager and the DJ who were keen to tell me that the behaviour of the students was impeccable and that they were a credit to Hazelwick. I can only echo these sentiments, as our students were truly fabulous.





I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Fleming, who organised every tiny detail, as well as the Hazelwick teachers who gave up their Friday night to ensure that everything ran smoothly, namely, Mr Leadbitter, Mrs Aitkin, Miss Eckles, Mrs Barton, Mrs Banbury, Miss Smith, Mrs Comer, Mrs Donnelly, Mr Holder, Mrs Nabeel, Mr Chapman, Mr Evans, Miss Stokes, Mrs Cason, Miss Block, Mr Stewart, Miss Pearson, Miss Brown, Ms Richardson,

Miss Harrison, Mr Goodwin, Miss Talmage, Ms Vevers, Mr Myers, Mrs Floyd-Masters, Mrs Hamshaw, Mrs

King, Miss Petch, Miss Khan, as well as Miss Jones for her help with the organisation. It was telling and very Hazelwick-like that a few members of staff emailed me to demand that they have a duty on the night. We had more staff than duties, and this helped to make the evening a huge success.

Mr Glyne-Thomas



### **Biology Challenge**

On the 18th May 29 students from Year 9 and 10 took part in the Biology Challenge.

This is run by UK Biology competitions and is open to 13 to 15 year olds where they sit two 25 minute papers testing them on their Biology knowledge.

Over 43,685 students took part worldwide – we had two students, Ellen Charman-Lodge and Gigi Chen that managed over 87% to obtain the highest gold award. We also got 5 silver awards and 8 bronze.

Well done to everyone that took part!

Mrs Bowen





## News, Events & Activities from the Design Technology Department...

#### YEAR 10

Year 10 completed a picture frame project before starting their coursework. They developed their skills in marking out different joints such as half lap, tongue and grove, mitre, and dowel. They further practised using the workshop tools to cut these out accurately and attach the acrylic back piece.

We had some great results. Here are some examples of their work.









## News, Events & Activities from the Design Technology Department Continued...

#### YEAR 8

As part of their pewter pendant project, Year 8 students designed and created blister packaging for their products.

Here are some examples of their work.















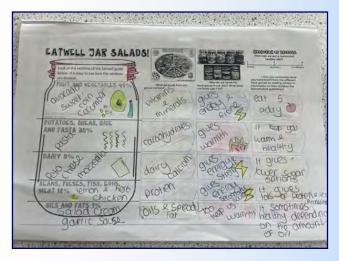




## News, Events & Activities from the Food & Nutrition Department...

The Year 7 Food and Nutrition groups have been learning about the Eat Well Guide, Healthy Eating and the function of nutrients in the human body. The students had to plan and design a healthy pasta salad jar and then make it the next lesson.

Here are the wonderful and colourful results.











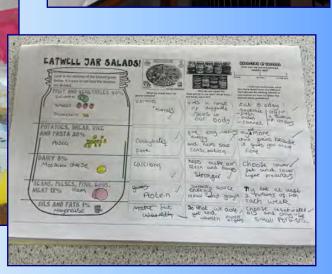


## News, Events & Activities from the Food & Nutrition Department Continued...









## News, Events & Activities from the Geography Department...



The Geography Department would like to celebrate the achievement of some of our students each month.

Each teacher has selected a student that they teach, that they would like to recognise for their outstanding work, effort and progress in Geography.

Miss Davis would like to recognise Ridha Mafaas in Year 9 for her fantastic effort, work and progress in GCSE Geography this year. Ridha puts a lot of effort into her classwork and revision, and subsequently her exam technique and understanding of Geography has come on leaps and bounds. Ridha achieved a grade 8 on her Year 9 Geography exam – which was fantastic! Ridha has also been amazing at supporting her peers within Geography too. A true Geography superstar – well done Ridha!

Mr West would like to recognise Adrian Kuich in Year 8 for his hotel-standard Middle East travel guide! Adrian's eye-catching design includes an exceptional amount of detail on the Middle East including top tourist attractions, climate, must see animals and more. This is a must-read guide if you are heading to the Middle East this summer. Well done, Adrian!





Ms Frampton would like to recognise and award Abishan Kajendiran for his excellent work throughout Year 10. Abishan always tries his best. He ensures his booklets are detailed and neat. He carefully listens to feedback and ensures he modifies his next answer to gain full marks. His Year 10 exam results were outstanding, showing his excellent revision. In class he is ready and keen to learn. Great work, Abishan!

## News, Events & Activities from the Geography Department Continued...

Mr Salmon would like to recognise Lucy Vince in Year 7 for her fantastic effort in her Year 7 Geography exam. Lucy achieved 94% which is an outstanding result. Mr Salmon was very impressed with Lucy's achievement – she is a true Geography genius! Well done, Lucy!

Miss Schoonraad would like to recognise Faris Sharif in Year 7 for his excellent contributions to discussions in Geography lessons and on the Year 7 Geography Fieldtrip. It seems Faris is a top Geographer and Miss Schoonraad has been extremely impressed with all his efforts this year. Well done, Faris!

Well done to all our Globetrotters this month!

Keep an eye out in next month's newsletter to see who our top Geographers are for July!

Miss Davis & The Geography Department



## University of Sussex Trip...

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Mr Jose and Mrs Thornton took this year's EPQ cohort on a trip to the University of Sussex.

The Extended Project Qualification enables students in the Sixth Form to conduct a research project into a topic of their choosing, preparing them for further education and the workplace. Students had an informative and enjoyable day exploring the campus and learning how to use an academic library.

Mr Jose





## News, Events & Activities from the P.E. Department...

## Year 9 students receive their leadership t-shirts at a celebration breakfast

25 Year 9 students recently completed their sports leaders assessment at Northgate Primary School. In groups of 3-4, they had to deliver mini sports sessions to primary students. They did this brilliantly and shortly afterwards attended a celebration breakfast, where they received their sports leaders t-shirts.

Well done Year 9, I look forward to you helping out at lots of events soon!

Mrs Reynolds.

Pictured, in no particular order are: Tyler Asharkhan, Abdellah Azzaoui, Mafalda Barros Vieira, Thomas Buckle, Jasmin Byrne, Mia Cutler, Tom Duncan, Joseph Enock, Evie Forrest, George Frost, Yohan Mamodesen, Hope O'Neill, Rohan Patel, Billy Powis, Olivia Randolph, Vaidanshi Razdan, Ted Richens, Brodie Ryrie Smith, Harry Scallan, Megan Taylor, Lola Upcott, Holly Winton and Molly Brown.

Jamie Cross and Lola Forrest also successfully completed the course but are not pictured.



## Film above

### **Blackland Farm Visit...**







On Thursday 25th May, a group of adventurous Year 8 students took on some outdoor activity challenges at Blackland Farm Activity Centre near East Grinstead.

The students were split into 2 smaller groups and all attempted a blind-folded rope walk (Nightline activity) where they successfully navigated a series of obstacles whilst blind-folded. The "Crates" challenge was also attempted. This is where the students work as a team, building up crates to make a tall tower whilst climbing that tower (in a harness!). It was a very successful group activity with a lot of the students conquering a fear of heights!

After a lunchtime break, some free time was enjoyed along with the "big" parachute.

A great day out was had by all, well done Year 8's!

Mrs Virrill













## Year 10 Trip to Cambridge University...

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Mrs Fernandez and I took a small group of Year 10 students to a 'Schools Visit Day' at Churchill College, Cambridge. The day was designed to give Year 10 state-school students an insight into how to prepare for an application to Cambridge and what student life is like there. An insightful presentation reminded us all of the importance of both choosing A levels carefully and also starting 'supercurricular' work to broaden our understanding and knowledge of a subject. 'Supercurricular' work does not cost anything to do, and might include: listening to podcasts; watching subject-specific videos; reading academic journals or articles; entering essay-writing competitions.

Our students also had the opportunity to chat to current Cambridge students, as well as enjoying a tour around the campus and a college lunch in the dining room. We then explored Cambridge, watched the end-of-exams punting fun on the river and cooled off with an ice-cream whilst watching the world go by, right next to the stunning King's College.

Kushal, Aisha, Aanchal, Gigi, Lakshyaa, and Auff summed up how they felt about the day:-

"The Cambridge trip to Churchill college was one of the most inspiring and insightful journeys that we have ever made. Everything from the architecture and history to the people, environment and information was brilliant and beautiful. The welcoming yet competitive atmosphere of the college evoked a sense of determination and an effort to succeed which motivated all of us. Throughout the university there were a wide range of people from different backgrounds - not all just people from expensive private schools - which enabled there to be a wide cultural diversity."





## Eco Committee

#### NATURE MATTERS





#### FIVE AMAZING FACTS!

- I) Did you know grasshoppers have 3 eyes?
- 2) Grasshoppers have strong hind legs which are good for jumping.
- These legs help them avoid different threats.
   Grasshoppers have their antennas to sense different dangers.
  - 5) There are 11,000 distinct species of grasshoppers.

#### What can you do to help grasshoppers?

We can help by planting more plants and letting the grass grow longer to tell grasshoppers that we are kind and caring humans.

Why we like grasshoppers as insects?

We like these insects because they help us through the seasons of the year!





## Eco Committee Continued...

We had our first Eco committee meeting in June, about 50 students attended. Students volunteered to help in the school allotment, to help communicate about the Eco committee, to organise events and to organise a tutor time competition about wildlife. The two Eco committee leaders are Kathryn Hill - I2DCO - and Cody Kuzavinyte - I2RMG.

The Allotment - this runs every Thursday after school and all students are welcome. The students have tomatoes, courgettes, potatoes, onions, herbs, and kale growing. They are planning the allotment for next year when they hope to make a raised bed and experiment with the "no dig system" which should protect the soil disturbance. Thanks to: Eva Collins, Cody Kuzavinyte, Erica Smith, Megan Howe, Daniel Brown, Khanak Tiwari, Jeevika Senthil.

Guess the Wildlife started after half term - thanks to Tulsi Limbachia (12MBE), Fatima Hussain (12MBE) and Arfa Mansuri (9SRO) for their amazing quizzes.

Congratulations to 7SOX, 7ELL, 7TFR, 7SMA, 8RDV, 8REC, 8RPO, 9SCO, 10SAN, 10RPA, 10SBR, 10SEV, 12DCO, 12RFE, 12MBE on their high scoring every week!

**Communication Team** - every month a member of the Eco committee will explain what they love about nature. Thanks, Kayetan Stefanski (7FR) for the lovely article about grasshoppers.

Thanks to Faizaan Khan for his drawing of nature.

The Eco committee.



Kathryn Hill - I2DCO



Cody Kuzavinyte - I2RMG

**Eco Committee Leaders** 



## Dine in Geography Discussion for June...

The Geography department has created a regular feature for the newsletter - 'Dine in Geography discussion.' The aim is to create geographical discussion around the dinner table between students and parents/carers, based on significant and topical issues.





## Menu Appetizer



Five million seagrass seeds are to be planted off the Llŷn Peninsula in Gwynedd and Anglesey, with the aim of creating 10 hectares (25 acres) of seagrass meadow by the end of 2026. It said a single hectare of seagrass meadow could harbour up to 80,000 fish and 100 million invertebrates. The UK has lost 92% of its seagrass in the last century.

## Starter

## Main

Can you sort the benefits of the seagrass into social/economic/environmental/local/global. Try to get at least one benefit for each category. Why would some people be against this project? What challenges would arise from replanting such a large area? How would you solve these challenges?

## Dessert

What ecosystems/environments would you restore? Why?

Ms. Frampton

## Tion along

### House News...













#### **House News**

There have been lots of exciting House events occurring in the last month, which students have been getting involved in to win lots of House points! We are getting closer to finding out, which House will win the House Cup and the celebratory BBQ! Our students have been getting competitive to bring their House up to the top! Let's see what they've been up to...

#### **Spring Photography Competition**

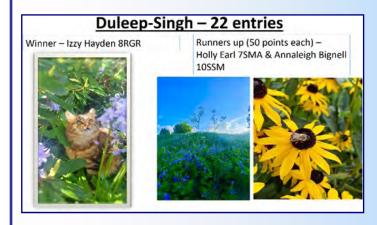
Miss Davis held a Spring Photography Competition for Years 7-10. Students were given the task to submit their favourite spring themed photo that they had taken. We had over 90 entries submitted with an array of photos from beautiful flowers and wondering wildlife to magnificent sunrises and glorious nature. Mrs Thomassen who kindly judged the competition said it was very tough for her to choose the overall winners, as there were so many fantastic entries.

Each student who entered received 100 House points for their entry. The overall winners received 200 House points and the runners up 100 bonus House points. I think you will agree from looking at the photos below, that we have some very talented photographers here at Hazelwick...











## Tion along

### House News Continued...





House	Points
Duleep- Singh	2500
Winton	1600
Fry	1500
Equiano	1500
Turing	1100
Seacole	3300

Points were awarded as follows...

Thank you to all students who entered! Look out for more photography competitions coming next year!

#### **Meme Caption Competition**

Students across the school had lots of fun competing in Miss Stapleton's meme challenge competition. Students were given 7 different images where they had to come up with a relevant caption. Some of the entries were hilarious and it made for some really tough judging! House points were awarded as follows; Equiano – 700 points, Fry – 800 points, Duleep Singh – 1500 points, Seacole – 3500 points, Turing – 500 points and Winton 800 points. Here are a selection of some of the best winning memes...









### House News Continued...

#### **Hairdressing Competition**

Miss Palmer recently held the Hairdressing Competition for students in Year 7 and 8. It was a hair-raising event and a real success! Our young hairdressers got really creative with their designs – from make up and pencils in hair to creative buns and plaits. One student even had a bottle in their hair! There is some excellent inspiration here if you are looking for a new look!

The winners from the Houses with their hair-raising styles, were...

Ist place: Shaima Rahman (7LSC) and Rhia Rahi (7LSC) SEACOLE

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Saanvi Shetty (7EKI) and Tabitha Bradshaw (7EKI) DULEEP SINGH

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sara Matsa (7JBR) and Chloe Ratcliff (7JBR) WINTON.

Points were awarded as follows; Duleep Singh – 1650 points, Seacole – 1000 points, Winton – 850 points and Turing – 600 points.













### House News Continued...

#### Awaiting Results for...

Cup Stack Competition
Biscuit Decorating Competition
Basketball Shoot Off

#### **House Point Table Update**

The six houses have been battling it out all year to be the winning house and gain the top prize of the House Cup and a celebratory BBQ. Seacole and Miss Stapleton are currently in the lead – congratulations and well done!

But this could all change as the last few points are added from House events and Sports Days - this could all alter who the winning House will be.



Make sure you check out next month's newsletter to find out who the winning house is!



Good luck to everyone who is taking part in Sports Day – have fun, enjoy yourselves and be a team player!

Miss Davis



## Careers Café...

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

#### **Hazelwick Careers Fair**

Plans are underway for the first Hazelwick Careers Fair on Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup>. The event will be a fantastic opportunity for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 to find out more about careers and explore their future options.

We would like to invite any organisations that might be interested in hosting a stall to contact <a href="mailto:careers@hazelwick.org.uk">careers@hazelwick.org.uk</a> to find out more.



#### **New Careers Office**

We are delighted to be using the new careers office for student careers advice meetings. The office is a welcoming space, which has been designed specifically for careers. It has a wealth of resources available to support Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance. It is located behind reception, near the library (which has a careers section of its own). Our careers advisor from Educational Development Trust, Ms Banham, says it is the best careers meeting room she has ever had the pleasure of using! Thank you to the Property Team for their support in preparing the room.





## Careers Café Continued...

#### Labour Market Information - How many people do my job?

A new interactive tool based on Census 2021 data shows:

- how many people listed that occupation
- · how old they were
- how many men and women had that role

and more general labour market information

Select a role (from Actor to Youth Worker) in the drop-down box to find out more.



#### **Amazing Apprenticeships Resources**

Amazing Apprenticeships has created two new LGBTQ+ resources for young people and employers.

Everyone should feel valued and accepted in the workplace.

There are many ways that employers may demonstrate they are an inclusive organisation for LGBTQ+ employees and it can be useful for potential applicants to know what to look for.

This guide provides a few examples, and there will be other excellent approaches that employers have in place.

FINDING AN LGBTQ+
FINDING AN LGBTQ+
Amazing
Apprenticeships
What to look for when researching apprenticeships

Mrs Andrews



### Read On!

There has been lots of discussion and debate in the library over the recent weeks regarding what makes a favourite children's book. A group of our Year 7 students have been shadowing the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration. Mrs Gray's classes have also been working with picture books and picture books for older readers, noting the different types of art medium used, identifying morals and issues, and deciding upon the intended age of the target audience. Students and staff have also discussed the results of the BBC Culture's 100 Greatest Children's Books poll results. We will also be talking about our guest reviewer's chosen book. Thank you to Miss Evans for being our guest book reviewer for this month.

#### **Yoto Carnegie Shadowing Scheme**

A group of our Year 7 students have been taking part in the Yoto Carnegie Shadowing Scheme. The scheme "engages thousands of children and young people in reading the books on the shortlist via reading groups in schools and public libraries with dedicated educational reading resources and promotional materials to support each shortlist." Our students will be joining young people across the country in voting for the Shadowers' Choice Award. This mirrors the nation-wide voting by librarians for both the Yoto Carnegie Medals for Writing and Illustration. It is always interesting to compare the voting results, and the winners will be announced later this month.

Our group decided to focus upon the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration shortlist, a selection of six outstanding books in terms of illustration for children and young people. Mrs. Bridgman and the group discussed the elements that make an outstanding book with illustrations, with different artistic mediums considered. Each student and the library staff voted for the book that they thought should win. Voting was very close with a tie for first place! Our votes were then submitted and will count towards the final Shadowers' Choice Award.

The top three books were:

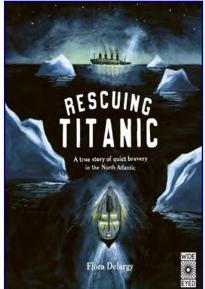


#### Saving Sorya: Chang & the Sun Bear by Trang Nguyen

Based upon a true story, this picture book for older readers is written by the scientist and environmental activist Trang Nguyen. The story relates the attempt to rescue a bear by a young conservationist. Chang must undertake a range of training and learn new skills before becoming a rescue volunteer. Will Chang be able to return Sorya the sun bear to the wild? A beautiful combination of text and illustrations make this an interesting read which has a strong environmental message.



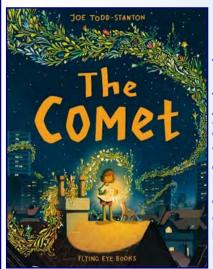
### Read On Continued....



## Rescuing Titanic: A True Story of Quiet Bravery in the North Atlantic by Flora Delargy

This non-fiction book won my vote as I thought it gave a different angle to the Titanic story as it is told from the point of view of the crew of the ship Carpathia. Carpathia was the ship that received the distress call from the sinking Titanic. The book is jammed-packed with information regarding navigation tools, the roles of the different crew members and Morse code. The illustrations were detailed, and the use of a muted colour palette mirrored both the location and the mood of those involved. This is author/illustrator Delargy's debut book and what a talent! Delargy has a close personal connection to the Titanic as her grandfather and great grandfather both worked in the Belfast Shipyards, where the Titanic was built.

AR LEVEL: 6.6



#### The Comet by Joe Todd-Stanton

The use of gold-coloured spot foiling on the front of this picture book for younger children is so eye-catching! At the centre of the story is the experience of moving home for young children and how confusing a time this can be. Nyla feels bewildered when her family have to move from the countryside to the city. When a comet crashes through the city streets, Nyla soon realises that the move will bring in new opportunities and experiences. The story was inspired by the changes families had to make during the pandemic. This is the book that won Mrs Bridgman's vote, who loved the illustrations. 'The Comet' also made the UKLA Book Awards 2023 Longlist.

Please click on the link below for information about all the titles that made the shortlist for this year:

https://yotocarnegies.co.uk/illustration-shortlist-2023/

If you would like more information about the organisation of the awards, who makes up the judging panels, and the Medal for Writing shortlist, please follow the link below:

https://yotocarnegies.co.uk/



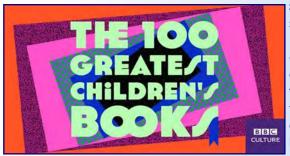
### Read On Continued....

A huge thank you to Thooba Momeen in 7SMA for her amazing artwork for the book 'The Comet'. Mrs Bridgman and I love Thooba's use of bright colours. This picture has been uploaded to the Shadowers website so that all the young people shadowing the award can view it, nation-wide. Well done, Thooba!



#### **BBC Culture's 100 Greatest Children's Books**

In May of this year BBC Culture polled publishers and editors, authors and illustrators, academics, librarians,



and readers from across the globe. Each person polled has to select their ten favourite children's books and rank them. Editor of BBC Culture, Rebecca Laurence explained: "We are delighted to present BBC Culture's poll of the 100 greatest children's books of all time. With 177 children's books experts voting from 56 different countries around the world, we hope that this list will inspire debate, encourage people to revisit classics of their youth, and to discover books they may not have come across before." I was really surprised with the winning title as I hadn't expected it to poll so highly! I have

included the top ten books below so that you can compare them with your own favourites.

Where the Wild Things Are (Maurice Sendak, 1963)

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (Lewis Carroll, 1865)

Pippi Longstocking (Astrid Lindgren, 1945)

The Little Prince (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, 1943)

The Hobbit (JRR Tolkien, 1937)

Northern Lights (Philip Pullman, 1995)

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (CS Lewis, 1950)

Winnie-the-Pooh (AA Milne and EH Shepard, 1926)

Charlotte's Web (EB White and Garth Williams, 1952)

Matilda (Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake, 1988)

Just in case your book didn't make the top ten, the full list can be found by clicking the link below:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/bbcstudios/2023/bbc-culture-reveals-100-greatest-childrens-books-of-all-time

Mrs Thornton BA (Hons) MCLIP School Librarian



### Read On Continued....

#### **Guest Reviewer**

Our guest reviewer this month is Miss Evans.

Book Title Twelve Sharp by Janet Evanovich

Action and adventure, perfectly paired with comic relief! I love the entire Stephanie Plum series but 12 Sharp is my absolute favourite. The author describes her lead character as 'incredibly average yet heroic when necessary'. What a fantastic approach to life!



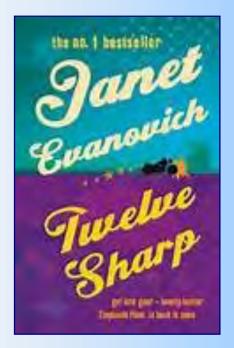
Stephanie lives in New Jersey, America. She loses her job as a retail assistant and has her car repossessed. This is when she turns to her cousin Vinnie for a job. Vinnie owns 'Vincent Plum Bail Bonds' and takes Stephanie on as an apprehension agent or bounty hunter.

She must learn fast! Her mentor is Ranger, a Cuban American, ex special forces security agent. He is sometimes known as Batman because of his mysterious ways. Much to Ranger's amusement, Stephanie gets into lots of embarrassing scrapes. She has fallen into dumpsters, been chased by a pet alligator and regularly destroys her own car. Underneath all this calamity, Steph is good at talking to people and drawing them out. She usually solves the case, not with Ninja moves but with street smarts and gossip from her local community, known as 'The Burg'.

There are now thirty books in the series. You can read them in order, but each book is a stand-alone story. They are all fast paced, exciting and utterly hilarious. I would recommend them to anyone who enjoys a mystery or just needs a bit of cheering up. Don't read them on the bus or in the library – they will have you laughing out loud!

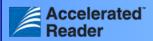
In book 12, Ranger's daughter has been kidnapped and a mysterious stalker is impersonating him. Stephanie Plum to the rescue!

Miss Evans





### **Accelerated Reader...**



Champion School





#### Millionaire Readers

Congratulations to our millionaire readers this month; Danielle Potts 7LSC, Hemanth Thummala

7TCH and Leja Nel (7ZKH).

Excellent reading, well done!









The Year 7 book buddies group, run by Mrs Stewart and supported by our Year 8 reading ambassadors, successfully completed their reading course on Wednesday 21st June. The students did incredibly well with their reading sessions and were treated to a breakfast to celebrate their achievement. Ms Fearon presented the students with their certificates and a chosen book, before the group visited Crawley library. The group had a library tour and enjoyed finding out about the facilities and books available to borrow.

Very well done to every one of the book buddies and a big thank you to the Year 8 reading ambassadors.

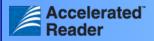








### **Accelerated Reader Continued...**



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### Reading Ambassadors' Book of the Month



## June's Book of the Month!

June's book of the month is *The Passing Playbook* by Isaac Fitzimons. This book stars a teenage footballer starting at a new school; he finds love and courage as he takes the field to fight for his team and what he believes in. Fifteen-year-old Spencer Harris is a proud nerd, an awesome big brother and a Messi-in-training. He's also transgender.

#### Reviews from students:

- (Y7) "I absolutely loved this book. This is mostly for people who like romance books. This is the first ever book I've read about LGBTQ+ and it was amazing."
- (Y10) "Spencer moves to a new school after being severely bullied. Nobody knows he's trans, but he's welcomed into his new surroundings."

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

Mrs E Gray
Accelerated Reader Mentor



## Sport...

### **Sussex Schools Athletics Championships**

Medals galore for Hazelwick athletes at the Sussex Schools Athletics Championships.

On Saturday 10th June, in blistering heat, Hazelwick athletes were out in force to represent the Crawley area at the Sussex Schools Athletics Championships.

All the students competed hard and represented Crawley admirably. Many medals were achieved, some of which are pictured below. Also collecting medals on the day, were Ali Moghul (Year 11) and Samuel Davis (Year 10).

A special mention should go to Amelia Cox who broke the championship record in the 1500m steeplechase.

Well done all, keep up the hard work!

Mrs Reynolds



Pictured are: Amelia Cox (Year 13), Alice Cox (Year 10), Noa Maoundus (Year 13), Alexander Sproston (Year 13), Dylan Stevens (Year 12), Samuel Sprostranov (Year 11) and Toby Jenkins (Year 11).



#### **Under 15 Girls Basketball**

The under 15 Girls Basketball Team played their first away fixture against St Bede's School. After a nervous start the girls played amazingly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, and only narrowly lost 16-22.

Congratulations go to Annie Sones in Year 7 for playing against girls 3 years older, Daniela Glavan and Thora Webb in Year 9 for their rebounds, and Mia Swain, Maya Taylor, Meshaal Gul, Chovia Labor and Aaliyah Chanakira for an amazing performance.

The girls were amazing and deserve great praise for all their efforts!

I was really proud!

Mr Ndazi



#### **U15 Girls Cricket**



The UI5 girls team played their second group game away against Sackville Community College this month.

Put into bat first they set a target of 110 for 2. Runs came from Inayah (36), Zara (13) and Megan Howe (10). Sackville Community College started their innings in strong fashion quickly putting 70 runs on the board. Some tight bowling from Zara and Inayah slowed the scoring down and Evie picked up two wickets. Sackville crawled over the line in the 15<sup>th</sup> over to secure the win.

A really close game. Well done to the girls.

Mr O'Brien

Photo (L to R)

Zara Howe, Megan Howe, Evie Forrest, Inayah Hassan, Megan Taylor, Mafalda Viera-Barros, Vaidanshi Razdan, Emily Hamshaw (not pictured)



#### **Crawley Year 7 Super Six Athletics Competition**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, the Year 7 athletics team took part in the "Super Six Competition" at Ifield Community College.

There were 7 schools competing in this track and field competition. Each student had to take part in one track, one field and a relay so they all had a very busy evening in the heat!

Notable performances of the evening were: Alfie Biggle I<sup>st</sup> 200m Alfie Lawrence I<sup>st</sup> Vortex Anabel Miorali Linan 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Jump Lauren Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Maddox Dunning 2<sup>nd</sup> 800m

All the members of the team played their part in accruing points for the whole team.

Once the points were totalled Hazelwick achieved an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> place and silver medals all round.

I<sup>st</sup> St Wilfrids Catholic School 2<sup>nd</sup> Hazelwick School 3<sup>rd</sup> Ifield Community College 4<sup>th</sup> Oriel High School

Congratulations to the whole team.

#### Miss Oxby





Left to right Back row: Lucy Hamshaw, Lauren Taylor, Anabel Miorali Linan Holly Earl, Ashleigh Mccabe, Ellie Wynn

Left to right Back row: Ray Maoundus, Hans Henriette, Alfie Biggle Ethan Mitchell, Alfie Lawrence, Maddox Dunning



#### **U13 Girls Cricket**

The UI3 girls cricket team played Sackville Community College in their first league fixture of the season. Sackville batted first scoring an impressive 221 runs. There were some impressive bowling displays from Molly, Holly and Lucy. The girls went in to bat in pairs and faced some very quick bowling from an experienced Sackville side. They fought hard but could not reach the target scoring a respectable 155

Sackville girls voted for Molly as best bowler, Chloe as best batter and Holly for best fielder.

Well done to everyone involved!

Mr O'Brien

Photo in no particular order: Holly Earl (7SMA) Lauren Taylor (7SMA) Mobbitha Kirupakaran (7JBR) Molly Tripp (7UHA) Chloe Harrington (7SOX) Elisha Clifford (7EKI) Jessica Lock (7SMA) Lucy Hamshaw (7ZKH)



#### **U15s Cricket Results**

Hazelwick School 87-5 beat Oriel High School 86 all out by 5 wickets. Luke Thorne 2—2-1 and Shivanker Singh 2-14-2 were the pick of the bowlers. Louis Ricketts retired on 30 runs.

Hazelwick 134-3 lost to Sackville Community College 137-1. Kunaal Patel top scored with an impressive 63 not out.

Hazelwick 163-6 lost to Warden Park 164-1.

Some impressive batting, particularly from Nawwaf Khan, Qahar Mohammadzai and Arefin Muntakin wasn't enough to prevent us from losing a close match.

Mr Bagnall





#### **U13 Rounders**

The U13 Rounders team have been participating in the Crawley league, taking on Oriel High School, Thomas Bennett Community College, The Holy Trinity School, St Wilfrid's Catholic School and Ifield Community College.

They are a Year 7 'rookie' team playing against other teams that were made up of a mixture of Year 7 and Year 8 students. Across the season they have learnt a lot and developed individually as players, building many key skills. They have demonstrated a phenomenal team spirit and should be proud of their efforts.

The girls have won 3 of their games against The Holy Trinity School, St Wilfrid's Catholic School and Ifield Community College and lost the other 2 games. We are yet to receive the final results, but this was an excellent first season, building foundations for next year. Well done!

Mrs McHugh

Holly Earl Lauren Taylor Jessica Lock Saanvi Shetty Keira Bradnam Sara Matsa Holly Hughes Sofia Finlayson-Green Anabel Miorali Linan Molly Tripp





#### **Congratulations!**

An amazing five Hazelwick students have been selected to represent Sussex in the forthcoming English Schools Championships. This is a remarkable achievement. Well done to Alice Cox (steeplechase), Samuel Sprostranov (400m), Amelia Cox (steeplechase), Noa Maoundus (100m) and Alexander Sproston (steeplechase). Good luck!

#### Mrs Reynolds



Alice Cox 10JNO



Samuel Sprostranov I I PME



Amelia Cox I3AJO



Noa Maoundus 13ARA Alexander Sproston 13AJO





## <u>Talented Athlete Programme (TAP)/More Able Gifted & Talented (MAGT) 'Super Sixes' PE Event</u>

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the inaugural TAP/MAGT 'Super Sixes' event took place on the Astroturf. Our Year 10 TAP students acted as ambassadors for each of their sports. They were captains for teams comprising Year 7 Hazelwick PE MAGT students and invited Year 5/6 MAGT PE students from Northgate and Three Bridges Primary schools.

Six events (Switch, Sprint, Howler Throw, Standing Long Jump, Speed Bounce and Relay) challenged our 8 teams, who were ably led by the TAP students. These students were phenomenal advocates for their various sports. Prior to the event, they had been interviewed, with the footage being sent to the primary schools.

Throughout the afternoon, we were also supported by some of the Year 10 Sports Leaders. They did an excellent job overseeing some of the events and were fantastic representatives of P.E. and our school.

A testimony to the impact that older students can have on younger students were the many conversations between our TAP students and those in their team. It was great to hear Year 5, 6 and 7 students asking the Year 10s about their sports and asking for tips on how to complete the 'Super Six' challenges.

The afternoon culminated in a victory to the 'Pink' team who were led by Callum Erskine (Football).

Our other Year 10 TAP students are Ellen Charman-Lodge (Rowing), Megan Howe (Judo), Daniil Grishin (Judo), Alice Cox (Athletics), Samuel Davis (Athletics), Samirah Badurdeen (Swimming), Freya Dodimead (Swimming) and Joshua Parker (Cricket).

Well done to all involved, you were fantastic!

Mrs McHugh
PE MAGT/TAP Coordinator



### Student News...

## Jaylen Ocaya - Sussex Storm U16 NL Conference Most Improved Player

Jaylen is the Year 10 Basketball captain, and on Friday 16th June he received the award at Sussex Storm for the U16 National League Conference team Most Improved Player.

To win this award at a National League level, showing constant improvement, which I have also seen coaching him in school, is a testament to his talent and dedication.

Well done Jaylen.

Mr Ndazi



## Ray Maoundus - Sussex Storm U12 MVP Sebastian Dealhoy Players' Player



#### Sussex Storm National League U12s

Well done to Ray who won the Most Valuable Player Award, and Sebastian won the Players' Player of the Year Award.

To receive individual awards for a National League team is a wonderful achievement, and all the coaches at the club speak favourably of both the boys.

Mr Ndazi



## Spotlight on Safeguarding...

For your information this month, via the Newsletter, we are raising awareness of water safety as we move into the summer months.

As we move into the summer months, many young people from Crawley will be heading to the beaches either on the South coast or on a holiday to enjoy the sun and sea. It is also that time of year when it is important to remind young people of how to be safe in the water. According to **RoSPA** (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents), on average 18 under-18s drown every year in the UK. At the beginning of this month, there was the tragic drowning of two young people close to Bournemouth Pier. It is reported that it may have been due to a rip tide. A rip tide is when there are strong currents which can drag people from shallow to deeper water.



The **RNLI** (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) offers the following advice on how to get out of a rip tide: Don't try to swim against it or you'll get exhausted; if you can stand, wade don't swim; if you can, swim parallel to the shore until free of the rip and then head for shore; always raise your hand and shout for help.

Great care needs to be taken when swimming in the wild, whether it is in the sea or in rivers, lakes or reservoirs. **RoSPA** has the following guidance on general water safety:

- Stop and think try to spot the dangers: It can be very cold; there may be hidden currents; it can be difficult to get out (steep slippery banks); it can be deep; there may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass; there may be no lifeguards; it may be polluted and may make you ill; it may be deeper than you expect.
- Stay together: It is always better to go to the
  water with a friend or family member; children
  should always go near water with an adult; an
  adult can point out dangers or help if somebody
  gets into trouble.
- Float: If you fall into the water unexpectedly –
  float until you can control your breathing. Then
  call for help or swim to safety.



• See a lifeguard or Call 999: In an emergency, tell somebody, preferably a lifeguard if there is one nearby, or dial 999, ask for the Fire Service at inland water sites and the Coastguard at the beach.

#### Where to get further information and support:

- RoSPA Tombstoning <u>Tombstoning - RoSPA</u>
- RoSPA Watersports





#### **Hazelwick Twitter Account**

Follow us on our Twitter account @HazelwickSchool for reminders of key dates and details of important events.

#### **Insight - Parent Portal**

Insight is a secure online system which allows parents/carers to access a range of data and information about their son/daughter. Once logged in, parents/carers can view information such as their child's timetable, session attendance, behaviour points and school reports.

If you have not accessed this yet and would like more information, please email insight@hazelwick.org.uk

#### **Homework & Revision Clubs**

#### **Study Hub - Lunchtime**

Room I
Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Monday to Thursday 1.25pm 1.55pm
Computers and printer available
Support available from staff
Bring your lunch
Booking is not necessary
Contact Mrs Stewart for more details:
rstewart1@hazelwick.org.uk



Visit our Homework Club
All Year Groups (7-11) in the Library

#### HOMEWORK HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER

Monday-Thursday 3-4pm

Computers and printing facilities

A quiet space and practical help

No need to book, just come along!



For specific information, please email or call Mrs Checkland on <u>SENDCo@hazelwick.org.uk</u> or 01293 403344 ext. 2268

Sixth Form: Monday to Friday until 5pm – Supervised study in the Octagon.