

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What an extraordinary week it has been for British politics! Now that this particular dust cloud has settled we can all hope that the country is able to unite behind the new government. It is interesting to see how involved so many boys and girls have become in the election period.

The Headmaster writes: "My own campaign went well in a seat I could not hope to win, and I enjoyed the experience very much indeed. My thanks to the staff for coping so well during my absence, and to so many parents for their interest and encouragement. I was delighted to return to school last weekend and I am much enjoying picking up the reins again. Meanwhile my work as a local councillor continues, supporting the new Education Minister, Michael Gove MP; I very much hope I can help influence educational policy at a national level in some small way."

Scholarship News

Congratulations to Jacob Goss and Tim Hardy for winning scholarships at Hampton School against strong competition. Both boys achieved excellent grades and Tim finished second on the list.

'Remove' for Year 6

At the end of the school exam week, a small group of Year 6 pupils (we anticipate between three to five pupils) will be selected for full immersion in extension lessons with the current Year 7 Remove group. Their revised timetable will run until the end of term and will give the children some exposure to a more demanding curricular programme. The parents of those children selected will be notified as the decision is finalised. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Mr I Adams (i.adams@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk).

School Fees

The new scale for 2010/2011 is as follows: Pre-Prep - £2695, Middle School - £3400, Upper School - £3765.

Parents will note that these fees are some way below the level of comparable schools; we work very hard to ensure that there are very few additional charges.

Bagshot Village Day - Saturday 15th May

We are supporting our local community by taking part in the Village Day tomorrow in Bagshot. The Concert Band will play at 1330 and 1430, and the Maypole dance will be at 1400. All support very much welcome - come to the centre of the village.

1DL Assembly - Wednesday 19th May

The children of 1DL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 19th May. If you are able to attend please be in New Hall by 0855. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parents' Fundraising Rounders Match - Tuesday 25th May

A fundraising rounders match will take place on Tuesday 25th May in aid of the Girls' Sporting Tour Fund. Parents should meet at the pavilion at 1030 for team selection. Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring some cakes or biscuits, if possible. All abilities welcome. Last year's event was great fun. Match fee - £5. Please register your interest with the School Office (office@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk) or Mrs Tilley (l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk).

Open Morning - Thursday 27th May

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 27th May from 0930 to 1230. It is intended for prospective parents so we would be grateful if you could inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

Sports News

Tennis

11th May v Yateley Manor U13 VI won, U11 VI won

Rounders

12th May v Feltonfleet 1st IX won
12th May v St. George's Windsor 2nd IX won
12th May v St. Andrew's U11 A IX won, U11 B IX won
13th May v St. Andrew's U9 A IX lost, U9 B IX won

Athletics - Thursday 13th May

A squad of U14, U12 and U10 girls competed against two other schools in the Eagle House Athletics Meeting. Very well done to the Hall Grove girls for coming first in a very close and exciting competition.

The U14, U12, and U10 boys competed against Woodcote. Despite losing there were some very encouraging individual performances.

Cricket

12th May v St. Andrew's 1st XI won, 2nd XI won, Colts A XI won, Colts B XI won, U10 A XI won
12th May v Feltonfleet 3rd XI won, 4th XI lost
13th May v St. Andrew's U9 XII won, U9 B XII lost

Well done to everyone involved for a very good set of results. Not only were the displays on the pitch impressive, but off the pitch the boys conducted themselves very well and showed fantastic team spirit throughout.

Cricket Training Sessions - Saturday 15th May

1st XI, 2nd XI, Colts A XI and U10 A XI cricket training sessions will be taking place on Saturday morning at 0900. Children should arrive at school by 0850. The 1st XI, 2nd XI and U10 A XI should be finished by 1000 and Colts A XI by 1030.

Rugby Tour

Could all deposit cheques required for the rugby tour be made out to Hall Grove School Limited please.

Surrey County Invitational Floor and Vault Championships

Congratulations to Rosie Freeman and Ryan Thompson (both Year 4) who were selected to compete in the Surrey County Invitational Floor and Vault Championships held on 9th May. Ryan secured a silver medal in his age group.

Target Summer Camp 2010

Bookings are now being taken. If you would like your child to take part in this year's fun-filled Summer Activity Camp please contact Sarah D'Silva (01276 451942 or s.dsilva@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk). Booking forms are available from the School Office.

Second-hand Uniform Sale - Monday 5th July

There will be a second-hand uniform sale on the afternoon of Monday 5th July (the last Monday of term). Closer to the date, we will be asking for volunteers to help run the event on the day, but more importantly this is the last second-hand sale that the current volunteers are organising, so if anyone is prepared to run these sales in the future, please let the School Office know.

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Thank You to the Windsor Twilight Walkers

The rain held off and almost 400 women, girls and a smattering of husbands and sons set off through Windsor for the inaugural Windsor Twilight Walk in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust and The Children's Trust. Started by Gail Porter after an aerobics warm up at the beginning and with quantities of Domino's pizzas at the end, it was a fun-packed and thoroughly enjoyable evening. Huge congratulations and thanks to the amazing Hall Grove mums and children (eight girls and three boys) for completing the course and not getting lost. Their enthusiasm and gusto was immense and a special mention must go to Stella Hessian, Liz Watters, Sandy Montanana and Charlotte Jackson for completing the seven mile course in the fastest time - even though it was not a race! We hope that even more join us next year....

Playtex Moonwalk 2010

Cancer has touched so many and you can't run from it; but this Saturday night two Hall Grove mums are walking 26 miles round London in their bras to raise money to fight it. Laura Witjens and Karen Hurt will be taking part in the Playtex Moonwalk 2010. You don't have to walk with them in your underwear to help, but if you would like to sponsor them and help raise more money for this very worthy cause, please visit www.justgiving.com/manmagnets

Minnie & Me Children's Parties

To discuss your children's party needs for ages 4 to 11, call Carla Bennett or Miranda Dowse on 01344 620880 or look at our website for ideas (minnie&me.com).

