*Today has been the most gorgeous day and the garden is beginning to look quite springlike. Please watch Mrs Buckler’s latest garden talk by following* [*this link.*](https://vimeo.com/user5714765/review/517120713/dff6814684)

*What great news that we will be back to school for real very soon, and with all age groups. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone again. March 8th will seem like the beginning of a new term!*

**Fund Raisers Go the Extra Mile!**

Over half term there was some fantastic fund raising done by pupils. Our warmest congratulations to Tamira, Vilas, Senna, April, Monte, Aajun, Leonie, Dexter, Barney, Zayne, Zach, James, Freya, Annabelle, Ava, Reece, Ruben, Benjamin, James, Jemima, Theo, Adam, Ethan, Jack, Amari, Rian and Lachlan for raising £6,640 for the Oscar Foundation, and to Luca and Oliver who ‘ran, walked and cycled’ (on exercise bikes!) from Hall Grove to Land’s End, raising £ 825 for Surrey Wildlife Trust. Such efforts really are praiseworthy and bring to mind the determination of Captain Tom. We are very proud of them.

**Music**

**Concerts**

Year 5 delighted us with their concert this week, covering such a wide range of instruments and genres. Each musician is highly commended for their performance – you all put a big smile on Miss Post’s face! If you would like to watch the concert, please [click here.](https://vimeo.com/user5714765/review/515956086/72418f5e5a)

Our inbox has been filling up this week with performances from the Lower Juniors for this week's concert, and Miss Post will be able to share this with you all next week.

Between the 1st-5th March, Year 6 will have the opportunity to send in their performances for their own virtual concert. An email will be sent to Year 6 parents on Monday explaining how to send us the video.

Year 1 & 2 Concert 8th-12th March

As all the children will now be back at school during their designated concert week, Miss Post will liaise closely with form teachers and decide on a day and time to hold this concert in school instead. She will email parents directly next week to let them know details. Pre-Prep parents will all be sent a link to the concert after it has taken place still.

**Exams**

A timetable for the ABRSM exams on the 20th March will be sent out during the course of next week, but we are very much working on the basis that these exams will now go ahead, and will run in a similiar fashion to the exams held at school in December.

**IAPS Art Competition**

Mrs Foley is seeking entries for the Prep Schools annual Art Competition from any child from Year 1 to Year 8. It can be of any subject and in any media and will need to be submitted by 18th March. It must be their own unaided work and can be submitted digitally to c.foley@hallgrove.co.uk

**Young Photographer Competition**

Well done to all those who entered the Young Photographer Competition last term. I am thrilled to announce that 3 of our entries received commendations from the judges; Eleri, Cecilia and Darcie.

**Sport**

**Skipping workshop Wednesday 3rd March**

The timings for next Wednesdays skipping workshop are below, parents are welcome to join the session with their children. If you do not have a skipping rope, please do not worry the sessions are designed to accommodate those without ropes or are unable to use a skipping rope because of their location.

The Zoom link for your child's session can be found:

**Frog** - for Years 3 to 8

**Seesaw** - for Years 1 and 2

**Tapestry** - for Reception

**Games lessons Years 3 - 8**

When we return to school on the 8th March, the girls will be playing netball as their main sport in games, the boys will be playing both rugby and hockey. Boys will require mouthguards and shin pads for hockey; the mouthguard is also required for rugby in Years 4 - 8.

**Saturday sport**

We are delighted to be starting the Saturday morning sports sessions again. The dates and timings are below. Boys will need mouthguards, shin pads and hockey sticks for their sessions.

March 13th 0830 - 1000 3/4 Boys Hockey Y3, Rugby Y4, Girls Netball

 1030 - 1200 5/6 Boys Hockey Y6, Rugby Y5, Girls Netball

March 20th 0830 - 1000 5/6 Boys Hockey Y5, Rugby Y6, Girls Netball

 1030 - 1200 7/8 Boys can choose Hockey or Rugby, Girls Netball

**London to New York**

With one week to go the Kestrels have pushed on and are closing in on the staff and look favourites to be the first House to get to New York. The staff are starting to fatigue and can certainly be caught, with one weekend to go it is vital everyone does their bit for the House. In the event of more than one House making it to New York by next Friday the winner will be the one with the greatest distance covered. Good luck to all.

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The following documents can be found on the school website, under the parent information tab:

* Senior Schools Open Mornings Information