

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*What a wonderful start to the school year!*

*We have hosted parent briefing evenings, Pre-Prep and Middle School feed-back interviews, a Parents' Forum, several mini-concerts, a dance show, numerous sporting events, an Open Morning and even a Farmers' Market.....it has certainly been busy!*

*The children have worked hard and they are now ready for a good break before the Winter sets in. Our thanks for excellent support at the Grandparents' Afternoon and the Harvest Fair, and our best wishes to all families for the half-term holiday.*

## **A30 Roadworks**

The roadworks near Windlesham have been irritating for everyone. Let us hope that by the time we start again the traffic is better managed although, unfortunately, the works are due to continue for several more weeks. Please remember that you can always book your children in for breakfast in the mornings if that helps.

## **School Drive Works**

Over half-term we will be doing some major works to the upper section of the drive, cutting back the bushes and extending the footpath. We hope that the result will contribute to the safety of the children.

## **Science Teaching**

We thank Tom Ordish for standing in for us in the Science Lab, his lessons were very much enjoyed and he did a very good job. We were looking forward to seeing Derrick O'Byrne return after half-term, but he has now indicated that he would like to take additional leave from work. We shall arrange for a qualified science teacher to cover the lessons during Mr O'Byrne's continued absence.

## **Open Morning**

We had a fine Autumn day and the school was looking at its very best. A large number of families visited and all were highly complimentary. Our thanks to the boys and girls of Year 8 who were excellent guides.

## **Independent Schools Exhibition**

Hall Grove will be exhibiting at the Battersea Park Exhibition on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October. If you are in West London on either of those days, do call in and visit our stand.

## **Boarders' Halloween Fireworks Party - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Are you brave enough to join us? There will be a torchlight treasure hunt, spooky games, fireworks with a bonfire supper and a prize for the best fancy dress. Spaces are limited, only ten boarding spaces and ten 'party only' spaces available, so book early to avoid disappointment. To reserve a place, please contact Mrs Tilley ([l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk)).

## **Remembrance Service - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

This special Assembly is always much enjoyed by parents. It begins at 1030 in New Hall.

## **Senior Schools' Fair - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Twelve senior schools will exhibit at our Schools' Fair on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Parents are invited to visit after 1700 (parking on the netball courts). Six of the schools will make brief presentations at 1830, and the remainder at 1930. The evening will especially be of interest to Years 5 and 6 parents.

## Sir Linkalot to Visit Hall Grove - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November we will be visited by a most entertaining character, Andy Salmon, who will demonstrate some fun ways to memorise facts. He will begin the day with a talk at Assembly in New Hall at 0840 which parents are most welcome to attend. We have found in the past that study skill sessions like this work very well and are much appreciated by the children, especially at a time when they are preparing for exams. Visit [www.thinkalink.co.uk](http://www.thinkalink.co.uk) for further information.

## Senior School Visits

The Headmaster aims to keep in touch with as many senior schools as possible. In the last two weeks he has visited St. George's Ascot, St. John's Leatherhead, Lord Wandsworth College and Bradfield.

## Lessons with Mrs Sykes

For those parents whose children have lessons with Mrs Sykes, please be advised that she will teach as normal on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, but will be away from Wednesday for minor surgery and hopes to be back within a couple of weeks. We will confirm the date of her return as soon as possible.

## Publishing House 'Oscars'

Deasil Waltho (Year 8) has been nominated for two Publishing House Oscars (poet of the year junior category and writer of the year). This is a national competition, promoted by Publishing House Me ([www.publishinghouse.me.uk](http://www.publishinghouse.me.uk) for full list of finalists and more details). More of Deasil's creative writing can be found on the website, along with that of many more children. The ceremony takes place in Wolverhampton in November and we wish him luck.

## WICKED Young Writer's Award

Max Male (Year 6) has been shortlisted for the WICKED Young Writer's Award 2010. This is a national competition, judged by Michael Morpurgo. The award ceremony takes place in London in November; Max's story is entitled 'The Ash Cloud Descends'. Well done Max!

## Writing Competition

We would like to mention another writing competition, initially judged internally by Mr Waltho and Mr Thorne, before the top ten entries are submitted for national judging. This competition will tie in with World Book Day 2011 and children from Years 3 to 8 are invited to submit either a short story or poem using the following first lines (which must be used, without any changes):

- Years 3 and 6: "Don't Touch! That's what the sign on the ancient Chinese vase read, but I couldn't stop myself reaching for it." (story)  
"My single bed was sometimes a wooden boat" (poem)
- Years 7 and 8: "Thomas and Beth were having a perfectly normal ride home, until their train stopped at a station that didn't exist." (story)  
"Once upon a time in Rapland where words were wicked and cool" (poem)

There is a word limit of 1200 words for the Senior story only, but no word limit for any other category. Entries should be submitted by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Children may also, separately, do illustrations for any of the first lines in their age group.

## Sailing Success

Many congratulations to Piers Nicholls (Year 5) who has been selected for one of only four places in the RYA Optimist South Zone Squad.

## Sports News

### Netball

20<sup>th</sup> October v Coworth-Flexlands U10 A VII won, U10 B VII won  
21<sup>st</sup> October v Crosfields U8 V won

### Football

The football season comes to a close now and having played 117 matches we are pleased to be able to reflect on a good run of results with 63% won. The Colts A won eight of their eleven matches, and the U10 Bs won all six matches. The 3<sup>rd</sup> X1 only lost one game from six played. This week's results were disappointing against Ludgrove, but good elsewhere:

20<sup>th</sup> October v Ludgrove 1<sup>st</sup> XI, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and 4<sup>th</sup> XI - lost  
20<sup>th</sup> October v Caldicott Colts A IX won, Colts B IX won, U10 A VII won, U10 B VII won, U10 C VII won  
20<sup>th</sup> October v St. Andrew's Colts C XI lost, U10 D VII (2 games) won and lost  
21<sup>st</sup> October v Edgeborough U9 A VII won, U9 B VII won, U9 C VII won  
21<sup>st</sup> October v Crosfields U8 A VI lost, U8 B VI won, U8 C VI won, U8 D VI won

### Surrey Cup Football

Many congratulations to the Colts A XI who won their quarter final against Lanesborough last Friday. They now face Aberdour in the semi finals (date to be confirmed).

## **Netball Tour Photograph Competition**

The photograph entries for the Durrell Zoo Competition need to be in after half-term. Photographs need to have been taken at the Durrell Zoo during our tour visit. First prize is a cuddly Orangutang! Please bring in an A4 print out of your photograph or a file of it on your pen-drive and hand it to Mrs Tilley by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

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## **Surrey Libraries Festival**

Mr Sutton will be donning his author's hat to discuss 'The Worms of Euston Square' in 'An Evening of Victorian Crime' at Leatherhead Library, The Mansion, Church Street, Leatherhead KT22 8DP at 1930 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Helping him unearth the seedier side of London's underworld will be L M Jackson (A Metropolitan Murder, The Mesmerist's Apprentice) and Ian Porter (Whitechapel).

The Surrey Libraries' Festival, 'Writers Booked', includes an event in Bagshot on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Serial Killers, featuring Simon Brett, Kaye C Hill and Meg Gardiner. Further information is available from any Surrey Library.

## **Gap Student Baby Sitting Service**

James Woolsey and Tom Hine (Hall Grove Gap Students) are offering their services as baby sitters at evenings and weekends. Both are CRB checked and work full time at the school, so know many of your children already. If interested, please contact James at jameswoolsey@hotmail.com or on 07799 770396.