

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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After a great deal of thought and discussion about the structure of the Target Summer Camps, we have decided that this year we will join forces with a professional company which will take responsibility for marketing, staffing and administration. The letter below from the director of Elite Activity Camps gives a good indication of how the company operates and we are confident that the reputation of our own camps will be further enhanced.

More details will follow in due course.

Elite Activity Camps to run the Hall Grove Summer Programme

"We are very excited to announce that from Summer 2011, Elite Activity Camps will be taking full responsibility for running school holiday day camps at Hall Grove. Taking up the baton ably passed to us by Target Holidays, we are keen to build on its success and ensure that your children have the best possible Summer holiday experience.

Along with our camps in Ashford, Northampton and Croydon, Hall Grove has been specifically selected for its excellent location and superb facilities. The school really gives us the opportunity to present an exciting timetable of events across arts and crafts, drama, sports and entertainment activities.

The camp will run five days a week from 25th July to 26th August. A standard activity day runs from 0930 to 1630, but we offer parents the extra flexibility to drop off from 0830 and to collect up to 1730 at no extra charge. As a working parent, I understand the pressures of balancing work with safe, affordable and fun childcare. Here at Elite we look to be flexible in order to meet your needs as well as giving you peace of mind that while you work your child is being cared for.

Elite Camps are open to all children from 4 to 16 years old with three defined age brackets: 4-6, 7-11 and 12-16. I appreciate that you may have questions about some of the details and how any changes will affect your children. Do please feel free to call me or my team free of charge on 0800 668 1160, or visit our website (www.elitecamps.co.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming your child to the camp this Summer."

Katharine Tindall - Director

World Book Day Short Stories Competition

We were delighted to hear that Charlie Longford (Year 6) has been selected as one of the winners of this competition. Charlie's story is one of twelve stories and poems that will be included in the 2010/2011 World Book Day Short Stories Competition Primary Anthology. After initial short-listing at the end of last term by Mr Thorne and Mr Waltho, Charlie's story was chosen from over 3,500 entries that were submitted to the competition organisers, making this a real achievement indeed. Years 3 to 8 listened to Charlie's story, 'The Warrior from the West', at Tuesday's assembly on the theme of creative writing, and several staff and children commented on the maturity and confidence of his writing. Well done Charlie!

School Debate - Thursday 3rd February

After several years' suspension, the Hall Grove Debating Society has been resurrected thanks to the enthusiasm of the boys and girls of the Remove group. On Thursday 3rd February the following motion will be debated: "This House believes that climate change presents the greatest threat to the future of humanity". Proposing the motion will be Eleanor Henderson and JJ van Limborgh, opposing will be Jessica Gadd and Abigail Gunning. There are sure to be spirited speeches from the floor. Parents are welcome to support the event which will take place in the Dining Hall at 1630. All those attending will be eligible to vote.

Burns Night Supper - Friday 4th February

Enjoy a fun and inexpensive evening out with friends. Tickets are available from the School Office at £15 per head (cheques payable to Hall Grove School Limited please). All parents and their guests are most welcome to attend.

Year 4 Boys' Boarding Nights - 7th February and 7th March

Year 4 boys' boarding nights have been arranged for 7th February and 7th March as trial nights in preparation for the Battisborough trip next term. Spaces are limited so early booking is advised. Please book via the School Office, Mrs Tilley (l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk) or Mrs Smith (j.smith@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk). This is a great opportunity for them to experience a night away from home before Year 4 spend a week in Devon.

Year 6 Boys' Hockey Tour to Sherborne - 18th - 20th February

Thank you to all those Year 6 parents who have registered their child's interest in the forthcoming Hockey Tour to Sherborne. We now have seventeen boys confirmed, which is excellent. The deadline for receiving replies is Friday 28th January, after which we will be sending out further details of the tour. If you have not yet replied and would still like your child to participate, please return the reply slip or contact Mr Heanley (j.heatley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

Hockey Masterclass - Monday 21st February

Olympic Hockey Gold Medallist, Steve Batchelor, returns (with his medall) to Hall Grove for his excellent hockey masterclass. The masterclass gives hockey players of all abilities a great experience with which to develop their early season skills. The day will also allow players to have more than four hours of practice on the school's dedicated astroturf pitch. The session is on Monday 21st February from 1000 to 1500 and is open to all pupils in Years 5 to 8. If interested, please see the extra information enclosed with this newsletter.

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

19 th January v Eagle House	1 st VII, 2 nd VII, U11 VII and U10 A VII lost, U10 B VII won
20 th January v Eagle House	U9 VII and U8 VII lost

Senior Girls' House Matches - Saturday 22nd January

All girls in Years 5 to 8 are expected to attend and should arrive at 0945 for a prompt start at 1000. The house matches should be finished by 1130.

Rugby

19 th January v Yateley Manor	1 st XV won, 2 nd XV won, Colts A XII won, Colts B XII won, U10 A, B and C IX lost
20 th January v Yateley Manor	U9 A IX won, U9 B IX won, U9 C IX lost
20 th January v Feltonfleet and Aldro	Feltonfleet U8 A VII lost Aldro U8 A VII lost
	Feltonfleet U8 B VII won Aldro U8 B VII lost
	Feltonfleet U8 C VII won Aldro U8 C VII lost

Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 22nd January

Rugby v Moultsford	1 st XV, Colts B XII to meet at Hall Grove at 0850 for away matches starting at 1030
	Colts A XII, U10 A IX to meet at Hall Grove at 1000 for home matches starting at 1030

Rugby Colours

Congratulations to James Watters (Year 8) and JJ van Limborgh (Year 8) who were awarded colours for senior rugby and to Morgan Hammans (Year 6) who received junior colours.

Community Charity Match

Thank you to all the boys and girls who took part in the Community Charity Football Match last Sunday. The event was a great success and has raised £3,705 to date. The 'Player of the Day' award went to Alessandro Heaney (Year 4). A total of 24 goals were scored during the match and the winner of the competition to predict the total was Shane von Dyke (a Hall Grove family friend).

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