

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Some fine Spring weather has set in at the beginning of Lent this year and the boys and girls are enjoying the longer days and the opportunities for outdoor play and adventure. Our first expedition to Devon of 2011 was a great success as the report below shows. Meanwhile the school grounds are greening up nicely and the new building at the back of the school is nearing completion. It is alarming to think that we only have three more weeks of this term left!*

## **Scholarship News**

Two more academic scholarships were won this week; congratulations to George McKechnie and Harry Myers for their awards at St. George's College, Weybridge. Their success shows that being in the Remove group is not a necessary condition for being a scholar. We are delighted for them both.

## **Wellington College Newsletters**

We are very proud of our links with Wellington College, rapidly becoming one of the country's top schools. Parents may be interested to see its latest newsletter.

## **Tennis Legend to Visit Hall Grove - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Six times grand slam winner Stefan Edberg will make his first exclusive visit to a school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, courtesy of Wilson Sports Group. He will be coaching selected children on the astroturf between 1500 and 1630. There will be an exhibition game, a speech and signing session from 1530 for the whole of the Upper School, with the local press also involved. Parents are warmly invited to attend what we are sure will be a thrilling and inspiring session from one of the international stars of the tennis world.

## **Year 5 at Battisborough**

The Year 5 trip was a huge success and the boys and girls were fortunate to have enjoyed good weather. As well as undertaking a range of adventure activities and a challenging cliff-top walk, the pupils assisted in the making of a short film sponsored by the Daily Telegraph which will appear on its website later in the year. There was a strong agricultural theme to this trip and there were visits to South Battisborough Farm to see young lambs and to witness some live births.

Mrs Harris writes: Year 5 pupils and staff returned to school yesterday evening having had a wonderful four days down in Battisborough. One of the many highlights of the trip was our visit to Wookey Hole Caves where we went deep underground and learnt about the discovery of the caves and the legend of the witch of Wookey Hole. This was followed by a visit to the papermill where the children were introduced to the technique of papermaking - Kathryn Ardill, Owen Jackson, Jasmine Bryant and Max Berger experienced first hand the art of couching. Another great success was our activity day during which the children took part in bushcraft, shooting, archery, lambing and teambuilding. We would like to thank the children for being such a pleasure to take away. We hope they enjoyed the trip as much as we did.

## **Year 4 Battisborough Briefing - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

The Year 4 Battisborough Briefing for parents will be taking place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 1630 in 4JS's classroom. There will be supervision organised in 4TB's classroom during the briefing for Year 4 children.

## **Instrumental Competition**

Pupils are already practising furiously for the Instrumental Competition which starts next week! Please note that there will no longer be a sectional on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the first classes will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. A schedule for all classes will be posted on the external and internal noticeboards next week. If you have any queries, please contact Miss Taylor (01276 470008 or [r.taylor@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:r.taylor@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk))

## After School Clubs - Summer Term 2011

Please find enclosed details of our After School Clubs programme for the Summer Term. If you wish to enrol your child/children for any of the after school clubs next term, please return the completed form to the School Office by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## U13 and U11 Tennis Teams

If your child would like to be considered for the U13 or U11 tennis teams in the Summer Term, please be aware that matches will be on Tuesday evenings so do not sign him/her up for a club on that night.

## Sports News

### Girls' Hockey

9<sup>th</sup> March v Oakfield

1<sup>st</sup> VII won, 2<sup>nd</sup> VII drew

9<sup>th</sup> March v The Marist

U11 VII won

### Feltonfleet U9 and U8 Mini Hockey Festival - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Yesterday the U9 and U8 girls' teams competed in the Feltonfleet Mini Hockey Festival. They had a splendid afternoon of hockey which resulted in the U8s coming 2<sup>nd</sup> out of a group of six teams and the U9s winning their group of seven teams. The U9s did particularly well as they were a player down for four of their six matches! Katie Walker stepped in for their last two matches after the U8s had finished. All the girls played really well and learnt a lot from the afternoon of matches. It would be wrong to highlight anyone in particular as it was such a team effort. Very well done girls!

### Boys' Hockey

A tough week against a very good hockey school in the shape of Cranleigh. The scores were close in a lot of cases, but unfortunately we lost all the matches with the exception of the Colts B VII who secured a fantastic win.

### Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Boys' Hockey v Parkside

1<sup>st</sup> XI to meet at Hall Grove at 0830 for a home match starting at 0900.

Boys' Hockey v Ludgrove

Colts A and B VII to meet at Hall Grove at 1230 for home matches starting at 1300

1<sup>st</sup> XI to meet at Hall Grove at 1320 for a home match starting at 1340

2<sup>nd</sup> XI to meet at Hall Grove at 1430 for a home match starting at 1450

### Hall Grove U10 Boys' Hockey Tournament - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Good luck to the boys who are playing the Hall Grove U10 Hockey Tournament. The boys are to meet at Hall Grove by 0940 for a 1000 start. The tournament should be finished by 1200.

### Bradfield U11 Hockey Tournament for Boys and Girls - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Good luck to the children competing in the Bradfield U11 Hockey Tournament on Sunday. Teams are to meet Mr Heanley and Mrs Lewis at Bradfield at 0930.

## Interschools Showjumping Competition

Hall Grove took a team to the Inter-Schools Showjumping Competition at Cholderton Equestrian Centre in Wiltshire on Sunday. Fraser Graham, Jamie Grant and Oliver Hadden-Wight (the only boys-only team there) competed against many other schools: Pangbourne College, Bradfield College, Farleigh School and Leaden Hall to name but a few. After a very early start, our team warmed up sensibly and then rode brilliantly. With forty four people in the class, Hall Grove came 7<sup>th</sup> as a team. We were incredibly proud of them, well done boys!

## St. John's Ambulance Cadet County Quiz Winners

Congratulations to Calvin Hung (Year 7) and his Windle Valley Cadet team of four for winning the St. John's Ambulance Cadet County Quiz Competition. With twenty six teams competing, their hard work and revision paid off as they beat the five times county winner and double national champion in the final last Sunday. Calvin (the youngest member) and his three team mates will be representing Surrey County in the final in May, we wish them luck.

## Red Cross Coffee Morning for Christchurch, New Zealand - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Please join us in the Pavilion for coffee, cakes and Anzac biscuits to help raise money for the residents of Christchurch who are still coming to terms with their recent Earthquake. Pop in after morning drop off until 1130 - we look forward to seeing you.

## Fever Night Charity Disco - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Children in Years 6 to 8 are welcome to celebrate the end of term by joining their friends at the Chobham Rugby Club on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 1900 to 2200 for a charity disco in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust. Tickets cost £10 (limited availability). The disco will be fully supervised. Please go to [www.fevernight.co.uk](http://www.fevernight.co.uk) for further information and tickets.

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## For Sale

Keith Prowse upright traditional piano - £175. If interested, please contact Andrew Strang on 01276 479824.

## **Cricket Kit For Sale**

Woodworm wheelie kit bag (large red), Woodworm performance batting pads, Woodworm pioneer batting gloves. Excellent condition (nearly new) for £50. If interested, please contact Deborah Langley on 07886 622863.

## **Wanted**

Baby equipment for impending arrival of two grandchildren, anything most welcome. Please contact Lynn Tilley at [l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk) or on 07855 395749.

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