

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The bank by the Astro pitch took on the atmosphere of Henman Hill as the school gathered to applaud twice Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg and watch him perform a demonstration game against our very own Dan Slape. Then there followed a coaching session during which 50 boys and girls were able to practise some shots with the tennis legend. It was a great afternoon heralding the start of our own tennis season, and we are enormously grateful to the sports company Wilson for organising it and for gifting to the school some new racquets and tennis balls. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the afternoon was how well Mr Slape fared against his opponent!

Scholarship News

The last awards of the Spring term have been announced. Deasil Waltho has been offered an Exhibition at Sherborne School, Eleanor Henderson a Scholarship at Bedales and Abigail Gunning one of the three top Scholarships at Wellington College. Congratulations to all of them.

Don't Forget Haiti

Just when you feel you cannot bear to hear any more about the suffering in Japan, we have a visiting speaker for Years 6, 7 and 8 on Tuesday 22nd March telling the story of the Haiti earthquake and sharing personal information on the on-going humanitarian relief work being undertaken in this desperately poor country. Olivia Owen is a prep school teacher whose life has been changed by the volunteer work she has been doing in Haiti. All parents welcomed.

School Drive

Concerns have been raised about the speed at which cars are being driven on the drive, especially at the bottom end before the A30 where parents park and need to cross with their children to reach the path. We cannot stress strongly enough the importance of driving slowly (the speed limit is 10 mph) and with extreme caution at all times whilst in the school grounds.

Overflow Parking

A reminder that when parking on the tennis courts at morning drop off, please ensure you have moved your vehicle before 0900 because there are tennis lessons timetabled on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Thank you

Year 6 Parent Interview Schedules

Year 6 parents will find enclosed the schedules for the Parent Interviews taking place on Tuesday 22nd March and Thursday 24th March.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 25th March. TASC will operate as usual until Thursday 31st March, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as places are limited and it is likely to be busy once clubs have finished.

After School Clubs - Summer Term 2011

The deadline for returning forms for next term's clubs was today. If you have missed the deadline but still wish to enrol your child/children for a club, please return your form to the School Office on Monday morning.

Please be aware that the following clubs are already full: Pre-Prep - Fun Food (Mondays), Outdoor Games, Woodland Adventure and Ceramics; Middle School - Bushcraft and Fun Food.

Poetry Competition

The final for our poetry competition this year will be held on Thursday 31st March at 1000 in New Hall. Over the next two weeks we encourage all children from Years 3 to 8 to learn a poem which they will perform in one of their lessons before their class/set. The very best from each year will go forward to the final. Each year group now has a list of appropriate poems to select from, and the full list for all year groups will be posted on the school website today. Children may choose from their own year group list OR from any of the more senior lists.

Art for Youth

If any parents are interested in exhibiting, being on the committee or in corporate sponsorship for the proposed Art for Youth Exhibition to be hosted at Hall Grove (full details in Newsletter 363), please contact the School Office.

Under 13 Girls' Hockey Tour to the New Forest

Following a win and a draw on the Wednesday afternoon against Oakfield, the senior girls set off on their hockey tour to the heart of the New Forest, staying in Burley. On Thursday, they played Durlston Court in the morning, with both teams narrowly losing. The 1st VII fixture was a particularly close encounter. They then visited Forres Sandle Manor in the afternoon where both teams won comfortably. On Friday the girls enjoyed a day at Paultons Park before returning to school. Miss Dowse and Mrs Lewis hope that the girls all enjoyed the tour.

Golf

Hall Grove has formed a new exciting link with Windlesham Golf Club to offer expert tuition for children in Years 3 to 7 after school using their facilities. The Windlesham golf professionals are coming to the school on the afternoon of Thursday 24th March to give a presentation to the children about what will be on offer at the Golf Club next term. Details about enrolling will follow in next week's newsletter.

Team Photographs - Monday 28th March

School Photographers, Gillman and Soame, will be at school on Monday 28th March to take team photographs during games lessons. The aim is to take pictures of all the Winter teams since September. Please could parents ensure all Winter sports kits are sent into school on Monday morning in a clean and tidy condition. Thank you.

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

16 th March v Lambrook	1 st VII lost, 2 nd VII drew, U11 VII lost, U10 A VII won, U10 B VII won
17 th March v Lambrook	U9 VII lost, U8 A VII won, U8 B VII won

Girls' Hockey House Matches - Thursday 24th March

Years 3 and 4 Girls' Hockey House Matches will take place on Thursday 24th March, starting at 1400. Parents are welcome to come along and support.

Boys' Hockey

16 th March v Hoe Bridge	Colts A XI drew, Colts B VII won, Colts C VII won, U10 A VII drew, U10 D VII drew, 1 st XI, 2 nd XI, 3 rd XI, U10 B and C VII lost
17 th March v Hoe Bridge	U9 A, B, C, D, E VI lost, U9 F VI drew

Parkside Hockey Festival - Tuesday 15th March

Our U9 squad competed in the Parkside Hockey Festival on Tuesday. Twelve teams competed and we finished in 2nd place. Very well done to all the boys involved.

Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 19th March

Boys' Hockey v Lambrook	U10 A VII to meet at Hall Grove at 1325 for a home match starting at 1345
	2 nd XI to meet at Hall Grove at 1410 for a home match starting at 1430
	Colts A XI to meet at Lambrook at 1325 for an away match starting at 1345
	1 st XI to meet at Lambrook at 1410 for an away match starting at 1430
	<i>(Please note the change of start time for the 2nd XI and U10 A VII fixtures)</i>

Skiing Holiday

Three double rooms available in luxury ski chalet located in La Tania, Les Trois Vallees, French Alps, for one week commencing Saturday 2nd April. If anyone is interested in joining two ex-Hall Grove families for a week's skiing holiday, please contact Jane Brice (01276 472624, 07795 513984 or janebrice@aol.com).

For Sale

2007 BMW 320i SE Estate, Automatic. 30,400 miles. Moving countries - must sell. £10,000 ono. For further information and a full list of options, please email or telephone Kim Jackson (kimberleymjackson@gmail.com or 07879 779238).

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 the impending arrival of two grandchildren, anything most welcome. Please contact Lynn Tilley at l.tilley@hallgrove.surrey.sch.uk or on 07855 395749.

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