

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Over the last year we have done a great deal of landscape work around the grounds of the school. On Saturday afternoon we invite parents, families and friends to walk around the recently shaped lake, explore the woodland clearings that we are developing into the outdoor classroom and visit the private gardens within the school estate. The historic ice house in the garden of Field House will also be open. There will be teas, plant sales and live music. Children admitted free, adults £5 each, all proceeds going to the charity of our choice. This is a lovely occasion whatever the weather, do please come and bring your friends.*

*The Wizard of Oz opened last night with a stunning performance. A cast of nearly 100, backed by superb costuming, lighting, music and choreography, pulled off an unforgettable show with numerous individual performances of the highest calibre. By the time it came to the finale, a moist-eyed audience were cheering and clapping with genuine pleasure and delight. Our congratulations to the cast and the production staff. Bravo! (Last performance tonight.)*

## **Wanted, Volunteer Labour!**

Any parent of a Year 6, 7 or 8 pupil who could spare an hour or two this Saturday morning to assist with the woodland clearing is asked to contact Ian Tullett by email ([i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk)). The note below gives some background.

## **The Grove Outdoor Classroom**

*"My company, Response Development Training (RDT), has been designing and running workshops for students at Hall Grove in areas such as team working, leadership and communication skills for the past seven years with great success. Our fun, problem-solving sessions help young people to explore key life skills and take an active part in their own development.*

*Our latest venture, in partnership with the school, is to create an outdoor classroom in a little used part of the school grounds. The idea has been part of the vision of the expansion of the school by the Headmaster for some time and we are delighted to be bringing the vision to life this Summer. The area in question is located close to the Pony Grove entrance to the school adjacent to the main road, an area of approximately 2 – 3 acres of mixed woodland. Within the site we are designing and building apparatus for team-based problem-solving and areas for outdoor lectures, discussions and performance. As well as providing a location for outdoor education, the site lends itself to the study of ecology, wildlife habitats and a range of other subjects.*

*We hope to have the site in full use for students from mid June and will continue to develop it during the rest of the year. On Saturday do feel free to wander down and take a look at this latest exciting addition to the school facilities. Any help from 0830 would be welcomed."*

*Andy Carley - Director of RDT*

## **Year 6 Extension Timetable**

At the end of the school exam week, a small group of Year 6 pupils (we anticipate around seven children) will be selected for full immersion into extension lessons with the current Year 7 Remove group. Their revised timetable will run until the end of term and will give the children some exposure to a more demanding curricular programme, with a view to some, or all, of them joining Remove full time in September. The parents of those children selected will be notified as the decision is finalised. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lewis ([t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk)).

## **1DL Assembly - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

The children in 1DL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0915. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Parking on the Tennis Courts**

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

## **Bradfield Golf - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

On Sunday, our team of Zac Jenkins, Xavier Schwarz, Henry Gadd and Joel Fox will compete at Bradfield College. Meet for a roll up lunch at 1200 at the golf course. Good luck!

## **Sports News**

### Rounders

6 <sup>th</sup> May v Holme Grange	U8 A IX lost, U8 B IX won
11 <sup>th</sup> May v Feltonfleet	1 <sup>st</sup> IX won, 2 <sup>nd</sup> IX lost
11 <sup>th</sup> May v Holme Grange	U11 IX won, U10 IX lost
12 <sup>th</sup> May v St. Andrew's	U9 IX lost

### Cricket

11 <sup>th</sup> May v St. Andrew's	1 <sup>st</sup> XI (Surrey Cup) won, 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI won, Colts C XI won, Colts D XI lost
11 <sup>th</sup> May v Parkside	Colts A and B XI lost
11 <sup>th</sup> May v Ripley Court	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI won, 4 <sup>th</sup> XI won
11 <sup>th</sup> May v King's House	Colts E XI won
12 <sup>th</sup> May v St. Andrew's	U9 A and C XII lost
12 <sup>th</sup> May v Ripley Court	U9 B and D X lost

## **Athletics - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

### Girls' Athletics at Eagle House

On Thursday, an eighteen strong team of girls from Year 3 to Year 8 were at Eagle House for the first athletics meeting of the term. Three schools were competing with two entrants per event. All the girls tried their best showing great determination and spirit. Very well done to all the girls, with special mention going to the following: Lianne Lafreniere - 1<sup>st</sup> place U14 1500m, 75m hurdles and high jump; Gabby Dunnage - 1<sup>st</sup> place U14 javelin; Isabel Norrey - 1<sup>st</sup> place U12 70m hurdles; Amy Adams - 2<sup>nd</sup> place U14 75m hurdles; Jessica Gadd - 2<sup>nd</sup> place U14 long jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in high jump; Jessica Rofe - 2<sup>nd</sup> place U12 100m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 300m.

### Boys' Athletics at Sunningdale

On Thursday, boys from Year 3 to Year 8 competed at Sunningdale in their annual athletics meeting. Three schools were competing with two entrants per event. Every boy gave 100% and the team was rewarded with 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall narrowly losing out to Sunningdale. Notable performances were from George Janes and Harry Francis who came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, respectively, in the U12 100m and Mokam Sihra who won the U12 200m.

## **Cricket and Rounders House Matches - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

The House Cricket Matches are being held on a Saturday this year to enable all parents to come along and support. Play will start at 0930 and we anticipate a finish time of 1530. Tea and coffee will be available for the spectators throughout the day. Lunch will be at approximately 1200 and you will have the opportunity to enjoy a family picnic. There will be a BBQ and food, snacks and refreshments can be purchased on the day, including Pimm's for the adults. We encourage you to come and support your child and make this a fun, festive day of cricket to be enjoyed by the whole family.

Rounders House Matches for all girls in Years 5 to 8 will be taking place on the same day. The matches will start at 1000 and should be finished by 1130. All are welcome to stay for the BBQ and festivities afterwards.

## **Cricket Tour 2012**

Following the success of the previous three trips, Hall Grove will again be touring South Africa in 2012, although this time in February. We are looking forward to playing some of Cape Town's leading prep schools and clubs and plans are well underway. A meeting will be held at 1800 in the Admiral Room on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May to discuss all aspects of the tour, present a possible itinerary and answer any questions parents may have. The trip is open to all boys who are currently in Years 6 and 7, although competition for places is likely to be strong with two talented year groups. As well as cricketing ability, a number of other factors must be taken into account when asking children to travel such a distance - the staff must be confident that the children will represent the school in an appropriate manner and be able to feel relaxed so far from home to enjoy the many benefits a sporting tour can offer. Please do attend the meeting or, if you are unable to attend, contact Mr Lewis if you would like your child to be considered for selection. The cost is likely to be in the region of £1500-£1600. Please email Mr Lewis at t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk if you would like to discuss any aspect of the trip before Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Open Morning - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we would be grateful if you could inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

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## **For Sale**

Yamaha Clavinova CLP 220 including stool and headphones. It is in as new condition - £575. Please telephone Fiona Wareing on 01483 232315 for more information.

## **For Sale**

Clarinet for sale: Yamaha YCL250SUK - in very good condition - £195 (RRP £380). If interested, please contact Juel Good at [juel.william@btinternet.com](mailto:juel.william@btinternet.com) or on 07770 788620.

## **London Moonwalk**

*"I am taking part in the London Moonwalk through the night of the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May. It is a full marathon, 26.2 miles, dressed in bra and bottom only and we are aiming for six to seven hours. The fundraising is in aid of breast cancer care and research and it is hoped that people will support us with their generous donations. Please visit [www.justgiving.com/walkthewalk2](http://www.justgiving.com/walkthewalk2) to donate."*

*Laura Witjens - mother of Sam and Tessa Lenselink (Year 8)*

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