

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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As we approach our last week before half term we can take pleasure reflecting on the many achievements of the term. The school musical last week was of course a notable highlight and we are grateful for the many congratulatory messages received afterwards. The fine weather has enabled us to enjoy an active outdoor programme, though it is a worry to see the gardens and grounds looking so dry.

This weekend we are looking forward to an enjoyable day of cricket and rounders on Saturday with family picnics and a barbecue. Our thanks to the parents who have organised it.

Registration for Wellington College - Pre-testing

Current Year 6 parents who are thinking of Wellington College for their child should be aware that the closing date for 2013 registrations is 30th June 2011.

Lunchtime Concerts - Tuesday 24th May and Thursday 26th May

There will be an informal Middle School Concert on Thursday 24th May from 1245 to 1315 and an Upper School Concert on Thursday 26th May from 1315 to 1345 in New Hall. A list of the children selected to play in the concerts will be posted on the Music Department noticeboard by the archway. The concerts are a wonderful way for children to practise the art of performance in a friendly environment and provide a focus for learning. Parents and friends of participating pupils are welcome to attend.

Reception Assembly - Wednesday 25th May

The children in Reception would like to invite their parents to their Assembly on Wednesday 25th May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0915. We look forward to seeing you there.

Open Morning - Thursday 26th May

We are holding an Open Morning on Thursday 26th 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.

Book Fair - Buy 2 Get 1 Free

A Book Fair is being held in the Library from Monday 23rd May to Friday 27th May. A huge selection of books will be available for children aged 4 to 13 with an offer to buy 2 get 1 free. Pre-Prep classes will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the week and older children can come in at breaktimes to browse. Your child may be given a slip to take home detailing books he/she would like. Please remember you are under no obligation to make a purchase but, if you would like to buy, please return the slip to Mrs Bennett, together with a cheque for payment made out to Hall Grove School Ltd. Older children may pay with cash or a pre-written cheque. For further details, please speak to Mrs Bennett, our Librarian.

Cricket and Rounders House Matches - Saturday 21st May

The House Cricket Matches for boys in Years 5 to 8 are taking place tomorrow. Play will start at 0900 and we anticipate a finish time of 1400. Tea and coffee will be available for the spectators throughout the day. The lunch break will start at approximately 1115 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 also be taking place tomorrow. 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 Meeting - Thursday 26th May

A meeting will be held at 1800 in the Admiral Room on Thursday 26th May to discuss the South African Cricket Tour being planned for February 2012. The trip is open to all boys who are currently in Years 6 and 7. Parents please do attend the meeting or, if you are unable to come, 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 aspects of the trip before Thursday 26th May.

Sports News

Rounders

13 th May v Bishopsgate	U9 VIII and U8 A VII lost, U8 B VIII won
18 th May v Edgeborough	1 st IX, 2 nd IX and U10 A IX lost
19 th May v Edgeborough	U9 IX won

Cricket

18 th May v Feltonfleet	1 st XI tied, 2 nd XI won, 3 rd XI won, 4 th XI won, U10 A XI lost, U10 B XI won
19 th May v Feltonfleet	U9 A XII won, U9 B XII lost

Calendar Additions

Monday 23 rd May	U13 Cricket v Amesbury (Surrey Cup) - home match starting at 1510
Tuesday 24 th May	U11 Cricket v Shrewsbury House (Surrey Cup) - home match starting at 1500

Calendar Amendments - Wednesday 25th May

Cricket v Woodcote House	4 th XI (h) starting at 1430
<i>(Please note the changes of venue)</i>	Colts B XI (at Bagshot CC) starting at 1430
	2nd XI and Colts C XI (a) starting at 1430

Golf News

Well done to the Hall Grove Golf Team (Zac Jenkins, Joel Fox, Xavier Schwarz and Henry Gadd) for a good performance last Sunday at Bradfield. A modified Stableford format off scratch (no handicap allowance) was played over nine holes. Shrewsbury House were the overall winners, but Zac was awarded the U13 individual prize, Xavier and Henry won the U11 team prize and Xavier secured the U11 individual prize.

The 33rd Surrey Schools Golf Championship will take place at West Byfleet Golf Club on the afternoon of Monday 4th July. The school is invited to enter a team of up to three players. If any of our golfers would like to be considered, please let the School Office know by Friday 10th June.

Football News

After five weeks of trials, Harrison Duff (Year 5) has been selected to join the Aldershot Town FC Elite Centre. He will be taking part in a challenging development programme and playing against quality opposition. Well done, Harrison!

Adult Netball

On Sunday, we took part in a Charity Netball Tournament in aid of Shining On and played five 20 minute matches against strong opposition (mostly League players). We had fun, learnt a great deal and enjoyed a good day out. Next week's Edgeborough Tournament is postponed to September, giving us time to hone our skills! All abilities still welcome to the training sessions on Wednesday evenings from 1930 to 2045.

Surrey Heath Literary Festival

A reminder that our Latin Master, William Sutton, is giving a talk for children at the Camberley Library on Saturday 21st May from 1030 to 1200. He is the author of 'The Worms of Euston Square', a mystery set in the fog of Victorian London.

News from Haiti

Last term, Olivia Owen spoke to the children in Years 6, 7 and 8 telling of the volunteer work she has been doing in Haiti following their earthquake. Her recent update reads as follows:

"Just a quick note to say the money the children and Hall Grove raised has sponsored two children to attend school for a year. I anticipate that you will receive both the sponsorship profiles and packs before the half term. These children will be educated because of you for the year and you will receive regular updates on the children. I can't really use words to describe how much of a big deal going to school is for a child in Haiti so I have to say another thank you. You have made a huge difference."

Family Fun Day - Saturday 11th June

There will be a Family Fun Day on Saturday 11th June at Broomhall Recreation Ground, Sunningdale, in aid of the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity and Shining On - it promises to be a great day out! There will be stalls, BBQ, giant slide, bouncy castle, face painting, a grand fancy dress Wizard of Oz competition and appearances from Rainbow characters Bungle, Zippy and George. If you would like to be involved in any way and/or offer prizes for the tombola, please contact Nikki (07968 552998), Sherrie (07795 817585) or Michelle (07877 793292).

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