

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The weather would seem to be set fair for a fine day tomorrow and we are all very much looking forward to Sports Day. The children have been practising hard and we are sure that they will all give of their best. The school grounds and classrooms are open for inspection and we hope that visitors will take the time to have a full tour before they leave. The DT room by the tennis courts and the new Pottery in the Coach House are well worth seeing, and we also recommend a walk past Pony Grove to see the new outdoor learning area which is being developed in the woods (though do take care not to disrupt any of the projects there).

We are very fortunate to have a leading public figure to open our new building. The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Education, has kindly agreed to be our Guest of Honour. The opening is at 1200 (details below). The building currently has a fine art display with a painting from every child in the school. Our thanks and congratulations to Mrs Lavery for organising the exhibition.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow and hope you all have a lovely day.

Year 8 Common Entrance

Bedales:	Sophia Berger
Bradfield College:	William Palfreyman, Joshua Vernham, Jamie Withers
Charterhouse:	Rex Henderson
Cranleigh:	Sam Lenselink, Tessa Lenselink
Hampton:	Conrad Chatterton, Fred Thomason, Matthew Worthington
King Edward's School, Witley:	Lianne Lafreniere
Lord Wandsworth College:	Joseph Barrowcliff, Stirling Burrow, William Burton, Matthew Cook, Jacques Dreyer, Gabrielle Dunnage, Megan Dunnage, Alexander Good, William Messham, Jack
Wilcocke	
Pangbourne College:	Phoebe Hessian
Sherborne School for Boys:	James Thorne
St. George's College:	Alexander Bartlett, Charles Buxton, Thomas Pheasey
Wellington College:	Holly Alexander, Lucy Erridge, James Watters

Other places were awarded earlier in the year as a result of the scholarship exams and entry tests. These are as follows: Charlie Butler (Hampton), Jessica Gadd (Wellington College), James Gluckstein (Eton), Abigail Gunning (Wellington College), Eleanor Henderson (Bedales), George McKechnie (St. George's College), Harry Myers (St. George's College), JJ van Limborgh (Wellington College) and Deasil Waltho (Reading School).

Sports Day - Saturday 25th June

This is our major social function of the school year and we trust that all will show due respect for the occasion by observing the dress code which was given in last week's newsletter. Please remember that for Middle and Upper School children they should assemble in the new courtyard at 1145 for the formal Opening (access through the changing rooms) at 1200, whilst parents are asked to approach via the cabin classrooms and wait outside the fenced area.

Whilst we welcome family picnics within the grounds, we do ask that all litter and 'leftovers' are taken home. Parents are asked to supervise their children closely and are reminded that the climbing frame, tennis courts and sports facilities should not be used for free play.

1AE Assembly - Thursday 30th June

The children in 1AE would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 30th June. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0915. We look forward to seeing you there – it will be a fun way to start Pirate Day.

Pre-Prep Pirate Day - Thursday 30th June

We would like to remind you that Thursday 30th June is Pre-Prep Pirate Day. Please can your Pre-Prep child/children come dressed in a pirate-themed outfit for the day. We will be doing themed work outside so they will need appropriate footwear and an outdoor coat.

Summer Concert - Monday 4th July

The Summer Concert will be taking place on Monday 4th July, starting at 1900. It promises to be a memorable evening, so please do come along, if you are able. The Hall Grove Choir, Girls' Choir and all instrumental ensembles will be taking part. The concert should last a little over an hour. Performers in Years 6, 7 and 8 will be signed in for supper and remain at school after lessons. All participating Middle School children must be returned to school and meet in the Admiral Room by 1830 wearing full school uniform with ties, but no blazers. Girls should wear their Summer dresses.

Pre-Prep Dance Exhibition - Wednesday 6th July

This is a reminder that ALL Pre-Prep children will be performing in the Dance Exhibition on Wednesday 6th July at 1800 in New Hall. We request that the children be taken to their classrooms no later than 1740. Details of costumes will follow in the children's communication books.

Year 8 Leavers' Evening - Thursday 7th July

All of the boys and girls of Year 8 and their parents have been invited to the Leavers' Party on Thursday 7th July. The format is as follows: Evensong Service at 1630 (all of Years 6, 7 and 8 to attend, parents of leavers especially encouraged to come, but all other parents are welcome too). The Year 8 boys and girls will then get ready for a sporting evening (cricket and rounders) against their parents after which there will be drinks, a barbecue and some informal entertainment. A separate letter for Year 8 parents was sent home last week. We hope you can all come – it promises to be a great evening.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 1st July. TASC will operate as usual until Thursday 7th July, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy once clubs have finished.

School Tracksuit

Please note the sports tracksuit has been upgraded. The new tracksuit is of a higher quality and will be available in the Uniform Shop before the end of term. There is no need to buy the new one until your child's old one is too small or worn out.

Sports News

Tennis

Well done to our U13 and U11 tennis team for their splendid victory against Yateley Manor on Tuesday.

Sadly, all other sporting fixtures this week were rained off.

Golf News

Zac Jenkins (Year 6) and Xavier Schwarz (Year 5) competed in the MPS Golf Championships at Millfield School on Tuesday. The competition comprised sixty boys and girls from nine different schools in three age categories (U13, U12, U11). Zac, winner of last year's U11 trophy, posted the best score of the day with forty-six points to become the overall winner of the championship. Xavier scored forty points, the second highest total, taking home the U11 trophy. Both boys are to be warmly congratulated on their very good golf.

Golf Greensomes Competition

Once again the adult and junior greensomes competition was very well supported with twenty-eight teams taking part. The format consists of each pupil playing with an adult partner, each player drives and then the team decides which ball to play in alternate strokes for the remainder of the hole. Our trophy winners were:

Reception - Year 2:	Shrey Rawal and Kunal Rawal with a score of 28
Years 3 - 4:	Anna Ewens and Emily Ewens with a score of 33
Years 5 - 6:	Adam Ewens and Scott Ewens with a score of 34
Years 7 - 8:	Joshua Vernham and Paul Vernham with a score of 29

The day saw some fabulous scoring over the course which was reduced to eight holes due to the 8th being under reconstruction. Without doubt, the greensomes format provides a fun and sociable occasion for the children to demonstrate all aspects required in playing golf with the assistance of their adult playing partner. These tournaments provide an ideal opportunity to put the skills

being learned into practice in a competitive environment, so well done to everyone who competed and congratulations to our winners.

Headlice

There has been a case of headlice reported in Upper School. We would ask you to check all members of your family this weekend and, if lice are found, treat as soon as possible with the lotion recommended by your chemist. Regular checks at home are important. Lice spread rapidly and, if we are going to keep the problem at bay, we do need your co-operation. We would like to remind you that all girls throughout the school with long hair should have it tied back at all times.

Groove at the Grove - Saturday 2nd July - Gates Open at 1700

With just one week to go preparations reach fever point and you'll be pleased to hear that the weather forecast for the evening is warm and dry! Thank you to all those who have already bought your tickets - they are now in the post on their way to you. If they haven't got to you by Wednesday next week please email Sarah McKechnie (sarah_mckechnie@yahoo.co.uk). However, if you haven't applied for your tickets yet or want to buy more for friends and family, it is not too late. Enclosed with the newsletter is another application form which you can hand in on Sports Day or via the Office with cheque/cash. If it's easier to buy online then follow the link from the school website. It promises to be the best Groove ever so don't miss out - you don't even need to bring anything other than your dancing shoes as you can feast on Domino's Pizza, buy your drinks from the Beer Tent plus buy ice creams, coffee and all the wonderful merchandise your children will pester you to buy. Get your tickets today and come along to join our favourite family event of the Summer.

Meirion Shaw

Secondhand Uniform Sale - Tuesday 5th July

This will take place on the last Tuesday of term in the marquee in front of the school from 1500 to 1730. Enclosed is all the information you should need - we have tried to help by suggesting prices, but feel free to charge what you would like. We are happy to sell sports equipment that is no longer needed as well as regulation school uniform.

Vicki Millar

Eco Warriors Drinking Bottles- Limited Edition!

The Hall Grove Eco Warriors designed and produced some rather smart drinking bottles to sell at the Christmas Fair to raise funds for the conservation work of the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. When the fair was cancelled due to bad weather, we were left with most of them. We would now like to sell these bottles to raise the funds for our chosen charity. The bottles are smart and practical and perfect for use in the Summer! They will be on sale on Tuesday 28th June from 0800 - 0900 and from 1515 - 1730 at the top of the turning circle. The bottles cost £4 each or 3 for £10. Please come and support us!

The Hall Grove Eco Warriors

Cricket Helmet

Hugo Robinson (Year 5) has lost his new, navy blue Reader cricket helmet, it is not named (lesson learnt!). We have acquired a blue Gray-Nicolls helmet with the name Ben Butcher in it. Please email me at randsrobinson@gmail.com if anyone has found our helmet or would like to claim the one we have. Thank you.

Mrs Robinson

West End Fun Run - Sunday 3rd July at 1500

Hurry and sign up for the Fun Run taking place at 1500 on Sunday 3rd July in aid of The Children's Trust. The circular run will be across the beautiful Brentmoor Heath in West End and the distance 5K or 2K. There are medals and goody bags for all and prizes for the winners. Great fun for all the family - fit or not. For further information or to sign up, please visit The Children's Trust website (www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/funrun).

For Sale

Volvo XC90 (Automatic) Diesel Estate Geartronic 4x4 (2004)

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| • Metallic Silver | • Mileage - 78,700miles | • Full Service History from a Volvo Garage |
| • MOT 8 months (Feb) | • 34 MPG | • Bluetooth phone integrated |
| • Leather interior | • 7 Seater | • Sunroof |
| • DVD - Dual system | • Winter Pack | • One Previous Owner |

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