

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Our congratulations to the girls' sports teams and their coaches for excellent results again this week. They have really shown themselves to be a very talented group of sports women, and successes seem to be coming thick and fast. The staff are now planning a netball tour to the island of Malta this Autumn which will be a fantastic experience for them all and a good reward for all the hard work this year.

There is a report in this Newsletter on the recent Choristers' tour. Their excellent broadcast service is linked to our website until Tuesday.

Good luck to our senior cricketers who leave on Wednesday evening for their tour to South Africa where they will play some of the leading schools in the Cape Town area.

Scholarship

Congratulations to Margaux Gathy for the scholarship place she has won at St. George's Ascot.

Olympic Village Visit

Our thanks to Mr Perrins for arranging a group visit to the Olympic Village after half term. We have decided to hold a writing competition restricted to pupils in the top three years and places will be allocated after we have judged the entries early next week.

Assembly Talk

Congratulations to Piers Nicholls for an excellent talk at Assembly on sailing. Piers is one of the most talented junior sailors in the country and he has his eyes set firmly on the 2020 Olympics. He rigged his Optimist dinghy at breaktime, but we were unable to arrange a demonstration!

Music Department

What a busy week we have had! The Choristers' tour to Manchester was a resounding success, with the children being a credit to themselves and the school not just in musical terms, but also in behaviour and attitude. We packed a lot into those few days, and it was lovely to see even the youngest rising to the occasion. Many of you will have heard our live broadcast for yourselves, but our concert in St. John the Evangelist, Moston, is also worthy of a mention. I am particularly grateful to our Year 8 Choristers, Marcus Norrey and Fraser Graham, for their extra effort for this concert; likewise our impressive soloists and instrumentalists made it an occasion that the locals will not forget.

Unsurprisingly, requests for an audition to join Choristers have increased tenfold! Unfortunately, we do not currently have any spaces; however, the Hall Grove Choir and the Girls' Choir are an excellent way to improve singing and experience the enjoyment of being in a choir so please encourage your child to take advantage of these opportunities.

The Middle School Informal Concert yesterday was a real treat, and I am sure those who came to watch will agree with me. Ben Symons and Chanel van der Merwe were a wonderful inspiration for the younger children, who I am sure will be practising even more so that they can be as accomplished when they reach Year 5. This coming Thursday we have the opportunity to hear some more of our musicians at the Upper School Informal Concert; all are welcome to attend. *Mrs Salmond Smith*

Inspire – Young Composers Competition

The BBC Proms 'Inspire' scheme is for budding composers aged 12 to 18 who want to write their own music. The scheme provides you with a friendly environment to share ideas, participate in workshops, meet other young composers and develop your musical creativity. Best of all, it's all free! The BBC Proms Inspire Young Composers' Competition offers winners an unrivalled opportunity to have your music played by professional musicians at the BBC Proms and broadcast on BBC Radio 3. For further details, please visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/proms/features/inspire>

Burns Night

We were so sorry that there was insufficient demand for us to go ahead with the Burns Night supper this year.

Hall Grove Girls' U11 Invitational Hockey Tournament

What a fantastic morning of hockey on Saturday! Five teams gathered in the early frosty sunshine for a round robin competition of four matches each. Our U11 A team were supported in their efforts by two B team players, Zara Stewart and Kathryn Ardill. We started with a closely contested match against Bishopsgate, winning 3-0. Our goal scorers were Rosie Freeman, Isabel Norrey and Zara Stewart, the player of the match was Rosie Freeman. Our second match was against Edgborough who had beaten us in the first match of our season; however, our hard training had paid off as we managed to beat them 7-0. Our goal scorers were Rosie Freeman (x2), Margaux Gathy (x2), Caitlin Gluckstein, Isabel Norrey and Jessica Rofe. The player of the match was Rosie Freeman. Our third match was against Hoe Bridge and proved to be our hardest of the tournament, ending in a 3-3 draw. In our final match against Holme Grange the girls were getting weary and took some hard knocks. Goal difference was critical as we were neck to neck with Hoe Bridge on points. The team battled on and were eventually rewarded for their efforts with a 3-1 victory. The player of the match was Jasmine Bryant. The final count of goals was tense as we had drawn on points with Hoe Bridge for 1st place. A big cheer went up when Mrs Lomas announced Hall Grove as the winners on goals scored. All the squad played so well and had to dig deep at times to overcome injury and fatigue. Our backs, Caitlin Gluckstein and Rosie Freeman, had defended strongly throughout and, in conjunction with Jessica Condron in goal, were almost impenetrable. Our two substitutes, Kathryn Ardill and Zara Stewart, both contributed to our efforts. A really well-deserved result.

Mrs Tilley

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

1st February v St. Neot's: 1st VII won, U10 A lost

1st February v St. Andrew's: 1st VII won

2nd February v Hoe Bridge: U9 A lost, U9 B drew

Netball

The U11 A netball squad competed in a tournament at Edgeborough School on Wednesday afternoon. Despite the extreme cold the girls played some very good netball and were unlucky not to be overall winners with the eventual tournament winners scoring against Hall Grove in the dying seconds of the match! The results were as follows: v The Royal won, v Highfield lost, v William Corbett won, v Edgeborough drew, v Rowledge Hall won. All the girls played well, but particular mention should go to Margaux Gathy who has moved up from the B team and shot exceptionally well, scoring the majority of the thirty-one goals scored over the afternoon and to Rosie Freeman who showed determination, feistiness and skill in every match she played in. Well done to all the team.

Girls' Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 4th February

Bishopsgate Netball Tournament: U11 team to meet Mrs Maxfield at Bishopsgate at 0930 for a 1000 start

IAPS Girls National Judo Championship - good luck to Amy Adams and Beatrice Spowers

Calendar Amendments and Additions

9th February v St. Neot's: U9 A and B away matches will now start at 1430

5th March: Surrey Girls' U11 Hockey Tournament at Cranleigh School

12th March: Surrey Girls' U13 Hockey Tournament at Cranleigh School

Rugby

28th January v Thomas's Battersea: 1st XV lost, 2nd XV won

1st February v Aldro and Rokeby (Triangular): 1st XV v Aldro lost, 1st XV v Rokeby lost, 2nd XV v Aldro drew, 2nd XV v Rokeby lost, 3rd XV v Aldro won, 3rd XV v Rokeby won

1st February v Aldro: Colts A won, Colts B lost, U10 A lost, U10 B won, U10 C won

2nd February v Lambrook: U8 A lost, U8 B won, U8 C drew, U10 D drew

Cross Country

2nd February - Sunningdale Cross Country Relays: U13 team 2nd place, U11 team 2nd place, overall position 2nd place.

Boys' Hockey House Matches - Saturday 4th February

Year 5 at 0900; Year 6 at 1000; Years 7/8 at 1100. Please arrive no earlier than ten minutes before the start time. Children should dress for warmth and wear their house t-shirts.

National Rugby Tournament - Sunday 5th February

The National Rugby Tournament has been cancelled for both 1st XV and Colts XII teams.

Colts Boys' Sherborne Hockey Tour - 10th to 12th February

Letters have been sent home with the boys involved on the forthcoming hockey tour. We would be grateful if the reply slips could be sent back at the beginning of next week. We would ask that the boys do not bring too big a bag - their school sports bag will be adequate. If there are any problems, please contact Mr Heanley (j.heanley@hallgrove.co.uk). Many thanks in advance; we are looking forward to an exciting tour!

Indoor Hockey at Wembley Arena

A group of fifteen Hall Grove children and parents travelled up to Wembley Arena on Sunday with Mr Marland and Mrs Tilley to watch the Indoor Hockey Finals. The finals were a culmination of regional rounds and saw some of the country's best players on show. The children were treated to a feast of hockey with some incredible skills being displayed and, more importantly, plenty of goals scored. In the four games of hockey that were played the children saw a total of thirty-eight. A big thank you goes to Mrs Tilley for kindly driving us.

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Ski Suits For Sale

Two ski suits (jacket and trousers) in as good as new condition. One red, size 40 and one blue, size 38. £50 each. If interested, please telephone Liane Gibson on 01276 476857.

Algarve Villa Rental

We are offering our beautiful Algarve home for holiday lettings this Spring and Autumn (including Easter). Quinta do Calma sleeps 10 and is a lovely manor house 20 minutes from Faro airport. The villa has stunning panoramic views over the countryside towards the sea. Furnished with impeccable taste, style and comfort, it is a perfect and highly recommended holiday destination to suit all. Contact me, Glenda Berger, at glenda.berger@mail.telepac.pt or on 07821 602742. For photos of Quinta do Calma see Scott Dunn website.