

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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This has been a great week for the school's musicians; our congratulations to Mrs Salmond Smith on her fine organisation and our thanks for all the additional time she has put in. Hall Grove has a deservedly strong reputation for the strength and depth of its music and it is good to see that the department is in such capable hands.

Music Department

Music Competition

What an exhausting week we have had. One hundred and fifty three solo performances later, our Music Competition has come to an end – almost! Next Thursday (16th March), our winners and a handful of our near-misses will be performing in New Hall at 1900. Do please come along to support – there is nothing more inspiring than listening to what one's peers are capable of performing. It is very difficult to single out any one performance, but certainly seeing Henry Coop and Ben Symons holding their own against much older children was astonishing. Thank you to all participants, and especially to Mr Osborn and Mr Goodwin for accompanying. All four of our adjudicators remarked on the volume and high standard of playing for a prep school of our size – how reassuring to see so many Lower and Middle School performers preparing themselves to fill the shoes of our Year 8s.

Eton College Chapel Evensong

Our service at Eton College was a huge success. We were very proud of the Choristers and the particular effort they put into the Evensong, even after a two-hour rehearsal beforehand. It was very difficult for any onlooker to believe that they do not sing psalms every day or in such an enormous building every week. Many thanks in particular to our adopted lower voices from the wider school community – Mrs Graham, Mrs Jackson (Matron), Mrs Condrón, Mr Heffer, Mr Rees (Adam Wills' grandfather) and Mr Goodwin. If any parents have photographs from the day that they would be happy for us to use on the school website, please email them to Mrs Salmond Smith (l.salmonsmith@hallgrove.co.uk).

Eton's Precentor, Tim Johnson, was as impressed as the congregation: "We were delighted to host an Evensong for Hall Grove School. The choir members did an extremely professional job, not only singing beautifully in the service, but also carrying themselves in a professional manner throughout the afternoon. They were a real credit to the school."

Photographs for the Website and School Publications

We are always pleased to receive from parents photographs of sporting and other events, but we ask that you include written permission if you are happy for us to use them on our website and/or in school publications.

Year 3 Maternity Cover

Our very best wishes to Year 3 teacher Mrs Jannine Frame who has started maternity leave in preparation for the birth of her second child. The Year 3 mothers gave her a generous send-off. Until the end of term Mrs Frame's days will be covered by Mrs Jess Smith, an experienced Hall Grove teacher who took maternity leave herself last year. Next term we are most fortunate that Mrs Doherty has agreed to take on an extra day and will work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and on Wednesdays Mrs Jill Douglas (another experienced Hall Grove teacher) will cover. We are confident that this arrangement will work very well for the boys and girls.

Welcome Back!

Our veteran staffroom colleague, Mr Michael Parkinson, arrived from South Africa today to help us through the Summer and Autumn. It is always a pleasure to have him.

The School Drive

There are continuing concerns about the speed at which cars are being driven on the drive. 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.

Year 6 Parent Interview Schedules

The Year 6 schedules for the Parent Interviews taking place on Tuesday 20th March and Thursday 22nd March have been sent home today with the children.

2SH Assembly - Wednesday 21st March

The children in 2SH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 21st March. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 4 Battisborough Briefing - Thursday 22nd March

The Year 4 Battisborough Briefing for parents will be taking place on Thursday 22nd March at 1615 in 4TB's classroom. There will be supervision organised during the briefing for Year 4 children.

Year 6 Poetry Evening - Monday 26th March

Parents are invited to support the Year 6 Poetry evening on Monday 26th March in New Hall at 1800. All of Year 6 will be involved and the children should stay on at school to practise beforehand.

Sports News

Netball

7th March v Hoe Bridge: U11 A, U11 B and U10 A lost

8th March v Hoe Bridge: U9 A and U9 B lost, U8 A won

Bishopsgate U9 Netball Tournament - Friday 9th March

The U9 A and B teams competed in the Bishopsgate Netball Tournament today. The U9 As finished 5th overall and the U9 Bs finished 11th. Well done to all the girls who participated.

Girls' Hockey

7th March v Bearwood College: 1st VII won

Girls' House Hockey - Saturday 17th March

Girls' House Hockey for Years 3 and 4 will be taking place on Saturday 17th March. The girls should arrive at 0840 and should wear their house t-shirts. The matches will start at 0900 and will finish at 1030.

Boys' Hockey

3rd March v Parkside: 1st XI lost, 2nd XI won, Colts A won, Colts B lost

7th March v Cranleigh: 1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI and 4th XI lost, Colts A drew, Colts B lost, Colts C won, U10 A drew, U10 B won, U10 C won, U10 D drew

8th March v Cranleigh: U9 A drew, U9 B drew, U9 C lost, U9 D won

St. Neot's Cross Country - Thursday 8th March

The U11 girls' team won with Isabel Norrey winning the individual. The U11 boys' team came second with Felix Stewart winning the individual. Very well done to all the children involved.

Surrey Boys' U13 Mini Hockey Tournament - Friday 9th March

Congratulations to our U13 team for winning the plate final at the Surrey Boys' U13 Hockey Tournament.

Hall Grove Boys' Hockey Tournament - Saturday 10th March

The U10 A team is to meet at Hall Grove at 0940 for the tournament starting at 1000.

Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 10th March

Boys' Hockey v Ludgrove: 2nd XI to meet at Hall Grove at 1310 for a home match starting at 1330. 1st XI to meet at Hall Grove at 1425 for a home match starting at 1445. Colts A and B to meet at Hall Grove at 1345 for away matches starting at 1430.

Bradfield Hockey Tournament - Sunday 11th March

U11 boys and girls hockey teams are to meet Mr Heanley and Mrs Tilley at Bradfield at 0940 for the tournament starting at 1000.

Calendar Amendments

Tuesday 13th March: Parkside U9 Boys' Hockey Tournament starting at 1330

Wednesday 14th March: Netball v Waverley School has been changed and is now for the U11 B team rather than the U11 As

Wednesday 21st March: 1st VII Girls' Hockey v Bearwood has been cancelled by Bearwood

Adult Ceramics Evening Class

On Tuesday 20th March Miss Dowse's Ceramics Evening Class will run from 2000 to 2200 due to the Parent Interviews taking place that evening.

Big Yellow Friday Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who baked for, donated to and supported my Big Yellow Friday Coffee Morning last week. It was a great success and I was overwhelmed by the generosity for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation. We raised a staggering £1,140.68.

Mrs Millar

Crew Clothing Co - Junior Sale

Crew Clothing Co who have just launched their brand new Junior range, are having an exclusive sale at The Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club in aid of Tommy's charity. It is on Thursday 15th March from 0845 to 1500 at North Street, Winkfield, Berks SL4 4TH (<http://www.rcbpoloclub.com/>).

Bs Netball Club - www.bsnetball.com

Bs Netball Club have a few spaces available for the Summer Term (starting 24th April) for girls who would like to play netball. The club is linked to the community and local schools. Sessions are run by qualified England Netball coaches who want to pass on their passion on a voluntary basis teaching netball skills, enabling girls to learn all the basics, make new friends and have some fun! Teams play in the The Berkshire Junior Netball League - indoor matches played September to March - on Sunday mornings (approximately one every three weeks). Please contact Kate Maxfield or Emma via e-mail at minibsnnetball@gmail.com for more details regarding fees and joining.

Years 3 and 4: Tuesdays – 1745 to 1845 at Hall Grove

Years 5 and 6: Tuesdays – 1830 to 1930 at Hall Grove

Years 7 and 8: Tuesdays – 1930 to 2100 at Bracknell and Wokingham College

Year 9 and above: Mondays – 1930 to 2100 at Bracknell and Wokingham College

