

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Our thanks to Mr Adams for organising a very good Science and Technology Week; we have had some excellent speakers and visits, and all the children have thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

On Thursday we received the exciting news that Marcus Norrey has been awarded a scholarship at Eton College. The competition this year was fierce, with over 130 candidates for just 20 places. It is not only a huge honour for Marcus and his family, it is a great tribute to Hall Grove. Earlier in the year Marcus also won a Music Exhibition to Eton. Very many congratulations for this double honour.

Today we heard that Aaron Goss and Andrew Condon both won scholarships at Hampton School. Oscar McKittrick and Matthew Rofe both performed creditably and have successfully gained places. This group of four have worked exceptionally hard in the Remove class and we were very pleased that they acquitted themselves so well. Congratulations.

On Thursday the school hosted a special luncheon for retired prep school heads. Our visitors were enormously impressed by everything they saw. Our thanks to the staff, boys and girls for presenting Hall Grove so well.

Garden Party - Saturday 12th May

We hope to see large numbers of you at the Garden Opening tomorrow. There will be music, cream teas and interesting things to see and do. Pony Grove is offering pony rides, there are a couple of special exhibitors and a fun family afternoon is assured.

Bradfield College Prep Schools Golf Tournament - Sunday 13th May

Zac Jenkins (Captain), Henry Gadd, Adam Ewens and Tommy Hessian are all playing on Sunday afternoon, meeting at Bradfield College at 1230.

Wellington College Golf

We have been challenged by Eagle House to a match at Wellington next Friday at 1800. Six seniors and four U11s are needed. Please speak to Zac Jenkins (Year 7) or Mr Graham if you would like to be considered for the team.

1KH Assembly - Wednesday 23rd May

The children in 1KH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 23rd May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

Open Morning - Thursday 31st May

Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 31st May from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we should be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

School Fees 2012/2013

We are working very hard to keep all our costs economic and competitive, conscious of how difficult these times are for many families. There is, however, a small increase in fees for next year and the new scale for 2012/2013 is as follows:

Pre-Prep - £2,835; Middle School - £3,575; Upper School - £3,960.

School Dates for 2012-2013

Autumn Term 2012

Tuesday 4th September – Wednesday 19th December

Half Term: Saturday 20th October – Sunday 4th November (inclusive)

Spring Term 2013

Wednesday 9th January – Thursday 28th March

Half Term: Saturday 16th February – Sunday 24th February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2013

Tuesday 23rd April – Wednesday 10th July

Half Term: Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June (inclusive)

Congratulations - Footsteps Tap Class

Congratulations to the girls in the Footsteps Tap class who took their ISTD Tap Dance examinations before the Easter holidays. We are delighted that they all passed, achieving the following results: Emma Counsell (Merit), Connie Francis (Distinction), Anya Froggatt (Distinction), Helen Vrancken (Merit), Lily Wallace (Merit) and Amelie Wyatt (Distinction). The girls were also commended on their immaculate appearance and excellent behaviour on the day. Well done everyone! *Miss Stein*

Sports News

Rounders

9th May – Senior Girls' House Rounders: 1st Hawks, 2nd Kestrels, 3rd Eagles, 4th Falcons

Weekend Fixtures – Saturday 12th May

Please note that tomorrow's fixtures have had to be altered due to the poor weather of late. We apologise for any inconvenience. The 1st XI are playing their Surrey Cup fixture against Chinthurst at home starting at 0930. The team is to meet at Hall Grove at 0900.

Colts A are playing an away match against Cumnor House (Croydon) and are to meet at Hall Grove at 0800. Parkside, their original opponents, are playing Chinthurst in a Surrey Cup fixture.

The 2nd XI are playing a home match against Parkside starting at 0930 and are to meet at Hall Grove at 0900.

The U10s are playing an away match against Parkside starting at 0930 and are to meet at Hall Grove at 0830.

Ski Trip 2013 – 2nd to 8th January

Thank you to all those who have booked places on the school ski trip to Claviere, Italy next January. There are still places available and we would ask for replies by Friday 18th May. The skiing should be superb, we will be running three groups – novice, intermediate and advanced. The children will have five hours of instructor-led lessons a day. The cost of the trip will be in the region of £930. Please contact Mr Tullett on i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk if you require further details or would like to reserve a place.

Casino Royale Ball – Saturday 19th May

Only a week to go and we are all getting very excited about the Hall Grove School Ball on Saturday 19th May. Please be aware that on the evening there will be a wine ordering service during the reception between 1900–2000. You will be able to order wine at this time which will then be placed on your table. For ease and speed of ordering, cash is the preferable way to pay. However, there are card facilities available but as you can appreciate this may take longer to process. The white and red/rosé wines available to order average £22 per bottle. For all other drinks throughout the evening there is a cash bar. We have been asked about dress code for the ladies – both evening and cocktail dresses are acceptable. Dancing shoes are, of course, compulsory! We look forward to seeing you there for what should be a fun, exciting and great evening with friends.
