

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What a tremendous week of Olympic activity we have enjoyed since last Saturday's athletics finals. The highlights have been talks from three Olympian athletes representing athletics (Hayley Tullett), swimming (Christal Clashing O'Reilly) and synchronised swimming (Louise Woolley), and a quite inspirational talk by Diana Mann on the Paralympics. Diana, as a talented 25 year old, went down overnight with the dreadful disease meningitis just five years ago at a time when her life seemed to be going perfectly. She was in a deep coma for five weeks, had both legs amputated and has had to endure major tissue reconstruction. Amazingly she describes herself as lucky, has re-built her life and has ambitions to continue her passions of skiing, riding and running. Diana will be presenting the Paralympics for Channel 4 this Summer - do watch out for her.

Other events have included a Year 5 gymnastics display, Year 8 tetrathlon, synchronised swimming in the school pool, volleyball and blind football. In keeping with the Olympic ideal there have been cultural events too: a large art display, the building of an Olympic village from 100,000 lego pieces, African drumming and our own Choristers have just returned from four days in Barcelona, host of the 1992 Olympics.

Our Olympic Sports Day tomorrow will showcase the school's athletic, sporting and cultural achievements. We are very much looking forward to a great day; do join us for the Olympic Barbecue and an Olympic Pimm's at the end!

Olympic Sports Day - Saturday 30th 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. Timings for the day are as follows:

1100 Field events for all Years 3 - 8 who have entered

1130 900m runners Year 3 and 4, 1500m runners Year 5 and 6, 1500m runners Year 7 and 8

1215 Pre-Prep Sports Day begins on main track

1230 School Concert Band to front drive (boys and girls will play for half an hour - please remember to bring instruments)

1245 Break for picnic lunch

1400 Olympic Opening Ceremony - all Years 3 - 8, Pre-Prep are encouraged to attend

1435 Track events for Years 3 - 8

1600 Presentation of House Cup

1700 Olympic BBQ

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. The break for lunch offers the opportunity for pupils to guide their parents around the school. Please feel free to enjoy and explore the many classrooms which will be open and on display.

Year 3 Garden Judging - Saturday 30th June

Year 3 parents are cordially invited to attend the judging of the Year 3 gardens immediately following the presentations on Sports Day.

Bugsy Malone

Congratulations to Mr Slape and Year 6 for a fabulous evening at Fat Sam's Grand Slam Café! It was very well staged and there were some excellent performances from the boys and girls who covered themselves in glory and quite a lot of stage foam too!

Pre-Prep Dance Celebration - Wednesday 4th July

The Pre-Prep children will be performing in the Dance Celebration on Wednesday 4th July at 1830 in New Hall. All are welcome to attend. Children should be returned to their classrooms by no later than 1815 that evening in costume (costumes will be sent home after school on Wednesday) and, after the performance, the children will be taken back to their classrooms for collection.

Year 3 Outdoor Experience - Thursday 5th July

Year 3 will be enjoying time in the outdoor classroom learning about the outdoor environment and bushcraft techniques. The children should bring in appropriate clothing for the outdoors. They should come to school in tracksuits and Summer sports kit.

4DL Assembly - Thursday 5th July

The children in 4DL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 5th July. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thinkalink Presentation to Parents - Friday 6th July at 0830

Next Friday, Andy Salmon (aka Sir Linkalot) from Thinkalink (a fun way to learn key facts) is visiting the school to run some 'Back To Basics' Maths Workshops with each year group throughout the day. On that morning, parents are invited to a thirty minute presentation in the Admiral Room at 0830 to be introduced to the world of linking, which will enable them to apply the tips and tricks of linking at home with the children. Please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LI3bR8H8Cqw> for the opportunity to watch a three minute BBC News South East clip on the subject. If you would like to attend the presentation on Friday morning, please let the School Office know (office@hallgrove.co.uk).

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 6th July. TASC will operate as usual until Tuesday 10th July, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be busy.

Summer Concert - Monday 9th July

The Summer Concert is taking place on Monday 9th July, starting at 1900. It promises to be a memorable evening, so please do come along, if you are able. 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.

Italian Day - Tuesday 10th July

There will be an extended school assembly as we celebrate all things Italian. Food, fashion, opera and football are all on the menu, with a few surprises too. Parents may attend. Children can wear a green, white or red T-shirt for the day (Year 8 will need their clean sports kit for the afternoon's sport).

Year 8 Leavers' Evening - Tuesday 10th July

All of the boys and girls of Year 8 and their parents have been invited to the Leavers' Party on Tuesday 10th 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 tennis/rounders) against their parents after which there will be drinks, a barbecue and some informal entertainment. A separate letter for Year 8 parents has already been sent out via email. We hope you can all come - it promises to be a great evening.

Prize Giving - Wednesday 11th July

Parents are welcome to attend the Prize Giving on Wednesday 11th July at 1000 in New Hall. The prizes will be presented by Mrs Jill Goss. Parking will be available on the fields. The Prize List will be posted on the school website and a paper copy pinned up on the noticeboard under the arch on Monday.

School Library and Text Books

We would ask parents to ensure their children return any school library and text books that may still be at home before the end of term. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Autumn Term 2012 After School Clubs

After School Clubs information for next term will be sent out via email at the beginning of next term. Clubs will start from Monday 17th September.

Headlice

There has been a case of headlice reported in Pre-Prep. 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.

Music Department

The Choristers returned from Barcelona last night following a very successful tour – a write-up will be in next week's newsletter. However, photographs from the tour are available to view on the school website.

Sports News

Rounders

27th June v Lambrook: 1st IX won, U11 lost, U10 lost

28th June v Coworth-Flexlands: U9 A/B won

Year 6 Girls' Athletics Finals – Tuesday 3rd July

These will take place on Tuesday 3rd July at 1430.

Cricket

27th June v Lambrook: Colts A won, 5th XI won, U10 B won, 1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, 4th XI, Colts B, U10 A lost

Well done to the Year 4 players who stepped into a number of the teams and played extremely well.

Years 5 and 6 Boys' House Cricket – Wednesday 4th July

This will be played on Wednesday 4th July from 1400 and will finish at 1700.

Tennis – Singles Tournament

Our U12 and U11 squads enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of tennis on Thursday, playing in an informal Singles Knockout Tournament against Sunningdale School. The boys taking part thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play some singles matches and the standard of play was excellent. In the U11 competition a special mention goes to Cameron Wallace who surprised himself by winning two close matches to reach the semi-final stages, and Barnaby Maddock who played extremely well, narrowly losing in the final. In the U12 Knockout George Janes played brilliantly, progressing quickly through the early rounds and finishing as runner-up. A special mention goes to Henry Gadd whose effort was outstanding. In the semi-final he battled hard, but was just not quite able to close the match. With both pupils achieving a number of match points, it was the closest match of the day and could have easily gone either way. We congratulate Sunningdale on two good wins and thank all the boys for what turned out to be a very enjoyable afternoon of tennis.

House Swimming

House Swimming will take place all next week during the PE lessons. Please ensure that swimming kits are brought into school.

Website Photo Gallery

Recent events including the Choristers' Tour to Spain, Olympic Week, the Olympic Village Lego Workshop and Year 8 activities have been added.

Cake Sale in aid of The Children's Trust

Thank you to everyone who baked, donated and bought cakes last Friday at the cake sale organised by Jamie Hart and some helpers from 5ST in aid of The Children's Trust. They raised £227.21 in total.

Sports Xtra Summer Camps

Sports Xtra will be running Summer Camps at Hall Grove from 16th July to 10th August and leaflets have been sent home with the children today. Booking forms can be completed and returned to the School Office, together with payment (cheques should be made payable to Sports Xtra (South East) Ltd). Bookings can also be made online at www.sports-xtra.com by quoting the course reference number. All the camp options are available to children aged 5 to 14 and run from 0900 to 1600. For further information, please contact Alison Black on 07894 708444.

Groove at the Grove – Saturday 7th July

Want to put your gazebo up early for the Groove? You can if you volunteer to help either on the Saturday or Sunday morning. We need some strong men to help put up and take down security fencing from 1100 to 1300 on Saturday and from 1000 to 1200 on Sunday. It doesn't take very long but that's roughly when we'll need you. We also need help clearing up on Sunday morning from 1000. If you can help please contact Sarah Rofo (sarahrofe@gmail.com). Whilst rehearsals are taking place on Saturday afternoon, no one will be allowed to erect gazebos without prior agreement from Caroline Grant (caroline.windsor@tfigroup.com). Tickets are still available online at www.grooveatthegrove.co.uk or by application form, copies of which are in the School Office.

Meirion Shaw

Secondhand Uniform Sale - Monday 9th July

This will take place on the last Monday of term in the marquee in front of the school from 1500 to 1730. The information you should need has been sent out via email - we have tried to help by suggesting prices, but feel free to charge as you see fit. We are happy to sell sports equipment as well as regulation school uniform which is in good condition.

Lost

One small violin in a soft black case on loan to Archie Rhodes (Year 2) and last seen at school about two weeks ago. It might have been picked up by mistake so we would be grateful if those children that have violins could please check their violin cases to ensure that the one they have is theirs. There is no name tag on it, but there is a red practice book which has Archie's name on it in the side pocket. If you do come across the violin please drop it in to the School Office or call Mrs Rhodes on 07703 354087.

Newsletter Attachments

The following documents are attached to this week's newsletter:

- Net-It Netball Camp
- KP Cricket School

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Moving Sale

Our family is moving home to the United States just after the end of term and we have several items to sell including a 2004 BMW X3 (black, petrol, automatic, 53,000 miles), TV, DVD player, kitchen appliances etc. Please see our website <http://www.movingtopc.blogspot.co.uk/> for more information and a complete list of items for sale. *Mrs K Hughes*

Madonna Tickets

I have two tickets to see Madonna on Tuesday 17th July in Hyde Park which I am unable to use. The face value of the tickets is £77.50 each. If anyone is interested in buying them, please let me know as soon as possible on 07544 465974. *Mrs Brum*

Windsor School of Textile Art Summer Exhibition

The Windsor School of Textile Art is holding their annual Summer exhibition at South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell from Wednesday 4th July to Saturday 7th July, inclusive. Opening times are Wednesday 1000 to 1800, Thursday 1000 to 2000, Friday 1000 to 2000 and Saturday 1000 to 1700.

