

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Our new building housing Geography and Biology rooms has been a great success. We started using it at the beginning of term and we look forward to a grand opening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Our distinguished guest will be Dr Anthony Seldon, the Master of Wellington College, a leading light in the independent education world and a distinguished political historian. Dr Seldon will speak at Assembly at 0845 before opening the new building. He will then be available to meet with parents over coffee. All are welcome. Please email the School Office if you would like to come.*

## **Upper School Collection**

May we remind you that pupils must only wait for collection at the designated pick-up area by the turning circle where there is staff supervision. If children are not collected on time they will be supervised in Twilight. Please note that children are not allowed to walk down the drive to meet or wait for their parents at the barrier or beyond.

## **1SH Assembly - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

The children in 1SH would like to invite their parents to their 'Pirate' Assembly on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **2014 Ski Trip**

Thank you to all those who have replied and booked places for their children on next year's trip - further information will be sent home next week. The trip is full but, if there are still a few people who would like their children to attend, Mr Tullett needs to know by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February so he can make arrangements to expand numbers. The trip is to Claviere, Italy, departing on 2<sup>nd</sup> January and returning on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The cost is £950 which includes flights, transfers, full board, ski and helmet hire, five hours of instructor-led skiing per day plus an additional two hours on the day of departure, and evening entertainment. Please email Mr Tullett ([i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk)) if you would like to sign up your child.

## **Years 1 and 2 Ceramics Club**

The children in Years 1 and 2 Ceramics Club have their first exhibition of 2013 and their work will be displayed in the glass cabinets located outside the School Office from next week. Please feel free to come in and browse with your child or log on to the website where you can view images of their work!

## **Upper School French Tuition**

Mrs Knuckey has one vacancy for after school tuition on Thursday evenings if you have a son or daughter in the Upper School who would benefit from one-to-one tuition to complement the work done in French lessons. The session would last 30 minutes and start from 1830. Please contact the School Office if you are interested.

## **Forbidden Planet**

Auditions have taken place and parts have now been cast. As with previous productions, a special effort has been made to include those children who were especially keen. The production team found the audition process particularly useful and congratulate those children who have secured the main parts. Pupils in Years 6 and 7 have already started work on some exciting song and dance routines and scripts will be issued early next week. The Shakespearean lines may be challenging to learn and we thank parents in advance for their support with this process.

We are excited to give parents notice of the Summer term performance dates which are as follows: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Performances will start at 1900 and all Years 6 and 7 children will be required. In the lead up to the show there will be a dress rehearsal, technical run and a matinée for the school. More details will follow nearer the time.

We would like to draw your attention to the weekend rehearsals planned for this term. The children will be made aware if and when they are required. Saturday rehearsal dates: 9<sup>th</sup> February (Drama), 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Drama) and 9<sup>th</sup> March (Music).

## Music Department

### Sign2Sing

On Wednesday all children in Pre-Prep will be participating, along with thousands of other schools, in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for signing and singing. We have been working hard to learn the song and all the signing so that we can help raise money for the national deaf charity Sign Health. To show their support, each child is invited to wear a scarf to school and bring in a donation of £1. Please see the attached information for further details.

### Music Competition

The Music Competition is later this term and we have a prestigious panel of judges from Bradfield, St. George's Ascot, Cheltenham College and Queen Anne's Caversham. The competition is open to all instrumentalists, regardless of ability, and all children are strongly encouraged to participate. If your child learns their instrument in school, their teacher will submit an entry on their behalf if they wish to enter. For those who have lessons outside school, the entry form is included with this newsletter and must be submitted to Mrs Salmond Smith by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Late entries will not be accepted because multiple changes to the schedules are unfair on parents taking time off work to see their children perform; please respect this and ensure that any entries arrive by the deadline. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

### Informal Concert

The Middle School concert will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Do please let Mrs Salmond Smith know as soon as possible if your child wishes to perform.

## Sports News

### Netball and Girls' Hockey

With the exception of the Senior Netball Tournament at Cranleigh, all fixtures went ahead this week. A special mention should go to Antonia Gathy, Katie Walker and Emilia Wyatt who played for the 1<sup>st</sup> VIIs against Bearwood. In addition to this, we would highlight the performances from Carmen Schellekens and Ella Goosen in the U8s first hockey match.

This week's girls' hockey results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Bearwood College	won	1 - 0
U11 v Hoe Bridge	lost	7 - 1
U10 A v Hoe Bridge	lost	3 - 1
U10 B v Hoe Bridge	lost	4 - 2
U9 A/B v Claremont	won	3 - 1
U9 A v Highfield Prep	won	5 - 2
U9 B v Highfield Prep	lost	3 - 1
U8 A v Edgeborough	lost	5 - 1

### Rugby

1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Regional Qualifications at King's House: Well done to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV who had a mixed day at the regional qualifiers. They played some good rugby against Shrewsbury House, the tournament favourites, to restrict them to a 22 point win. Unfortunately some careless play against Northcote Lodge lead to a defeat that should have been a victory. The team redeemed themselves in the final match winning 14-0. Mr Joll would like to thank the boys for all their hard work this season.

This week's results are as follows:

3 <sup>rd</sup> XV v Aldro	won	36 - 14
Colts A v Milbourne Lodge	won	33 - 19
U10 C v Aldro	lost	20 - 25
U9 A v Lambrook	lost	20 - 15
U9 B v Lambrook	won	75 - 5
U9 C v Lambrook	won	30 - 5

### Boys' Hockey

This week's results are as follows:

U10 C v St. George's Weybridge	lost	0 - 7
U10 D v St. George's Weybridge	lost	0 - 4

### Sunningdale Cross Country Relays

Congratulations to both the U13 and U11 teams after a fine display of Cross Country running. Hall Grove finished second in both categories, but ran Woodcote House to the line in both events - a wonderful start to the Cross Country season.

### Weekend Arrangements

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: The House Cross Country and Lacrosse practice have been postponed and an alternative date will be published in due course. However, Hockey training is still going ahead.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Good luck to the U9 team competing in the Rugby Regional Qualifiers. The team is to meet Mr Joll at Hall Grove at 0920.

## **National Indoor Hockey**

A group of Hall Grove children and parents travelled up to Wembley Arena on Sunday with Mr Marland, Mr Glover and Mr Jameson to watch the National Indoor Hockey 6-a-side finals. The children were treated to a feast of hockey with some incredible stick skills on display and 45 goals scored. Mr Jameson and Mr Glover were picked out to entertain the crowds with Mr Glover winning an Adidas hockey stick. Well done to all the children for their fantastic conduct.

## **Former Pupil Sporting News**

Hall Grove Old Girl Charlotte Daly (left Hall Grove in 2010 for Bradfield) was the recent recipient of The Higgins Junior Hockey Award at a ceremony in London. Charlotte, who captained the Hall Grove Girls' 1<sup>st</sup> team, has played for Surrey age group teams. Yet perhaps her most remarkable success was selection, aged fourteen, for the England U16 squad with whom she continues to play. Many congratulations Charlotte on a fantastic feat.

Oliver Smithson at Bradfield (left Hall Grove in 2009) has been selected for the Gloucestershire County Cricket Academy. This is a huge honour and we hope it may be the beginning of a professional cricketing career for Oliver. He will join old boy Ed Young (ex Wellington) who plays for the Gloucestershire first team.

Alex O'Meara (left Hall Grove in 2006 for Lord Wandsworth College) was selected for the Ireland U20s Six Nations squad and is in the starting line up of the team who will be playing Wales tonight.

## **Save the Date!**

FOHG Family Fun Day Tennis Tournament – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013 from 1400

Following the success of the Golf Competitions, we are organizing a Tennis Tournament for Middle and Upper School children with tennis-based fun activities for them and their Pre-Prep siblings when they are not playing. Teams will be made up of a child and an adult partner. The tournament is open to any Hall Grove child whether they have Saturday morning lessons or not and will cost £15 per team. As this is the first tennis tournament organized for Hall Grove, it would be really useful to have an idea of numbers. If you are interested, please contact Nicky Clark ([nicky.clark85@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.clark85@gmail.com)). Put the date in your diary!

## **Newsletter Attachments**

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

- Music Competition External Entry Form 2013
- Sign2Sing Information

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## **Second Hand Rose Designer Sale in aid of The Children's Trust**

Come along and grab yourself a bargain at this year's Second Hand Rose Designer Sale on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 1000 to 1600 at Foxhills Golf and Country Club, Stonehill Road, Ottershaw, Surrey, KT16 0EL. Admission is £7.00 per person (including refreshments). If you would like to sell clothes please list, number and label your items and bring them to Foxhills on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February between 1000 and 1500. For further information, please ring Julia Hart on 07949 154855.

