

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*After a long spell of unpleasant weather it was a relief to finish the week with two clear, mild days. There has been quite a lot of sickness in the school amongst staff and pupils so the mid term holiday comes at a good time for everyone to recharge batteries. We wish you all a good break.*

## Scholarship Success

We are delighted to announce the following senior school awards:

Hampton School: Patrick Ardill (All-rounder), Charlie Longford (All-rounder), Edward Butler (Music Scholarship)

Wellington College: Hannah Gunning (Music Exhibition), Edward Butler (offered a Music Exhibition, turned down in favour of Hampton)

Lord Wandsworth College: Tom Walker (Sports Scholarship)

Bradfield College: Wai Tsun Dai (Sports Scholarship)

RGS Guildford: Adam Wills (Music Scholarship)

## Staff News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Lewis on the birth of their daughter Rosie, born on the 13<sup>th</sup> February; a sister for Annabel.

Congratulations to Mr Joll on his appointment as Boys' Games Co-ordinator at Staines Preparatory School. Mr Joll takes up his new post in September.

## Forbidden Planet Rehearsals

Our first weekend rehearsal went very well indeed - thank you to all parents involved for dropping off and collecting so promptly. The next Saturday rehearsal is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, starting at 1400, and pupils will be on the drive and ready for collection at 1630. The children should wear casual, comfortable clothes and bring their scripts and a reading book. They should not bring electrical devices such as iPods and mobile phones. The school will provide a snack and refreshments so no food will be required. The children are aware if they are needed.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March we have a larger musical rehearsal between 0930 and 1300. All Year 7 pupils with singing parts will be required for the duration. All Year 6 children will be needed from 1100 to 1300.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (the day before the Summer term starts) there will be a whole cast rehearsal - timings to be confirmed.

## Pre-Prep World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Pre-Prep children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate World Book Day. Please allow your child to bring in a named copy of the book of their chosen character to share with their teacher and friends.

## Old Girl News

Jessica Gadd (left Hall Grove 2011) has been awarded the Coldwell Exhibition at Wellington. This is a prestigious 'All-rounder' Exhibition which is awarded to just four pupils who have achieved high academic standards and embraced the broad range of sporting, cultural and academic opportunities available to them at Wellington.

Rosey Graham (left Hall Grove 2010) has been given a special award in recognition of her commitment to music at Bryanston School.

## Music Department

### LVS Ascot Prep Schools' Choral Day

Yesterday, eleven of our Year 5 singers from Choristers, Hall Grove Choir and Girls' Choir spent the day at LVS Ascot learning a diverse and challenging repertoire. The day was led by David Lawrence, an eminent choral director, who really managed to

get the best out of all the children. Parents were impressed by a wonderful concert at the end of the day. Special mention should go to Owen Wolfe, Lewis Wolfe and Leo Goosen for their exemplary effort and behaviour.

#### Wellington College Choral Day

Just a reminder to those Year 6 Chorister parents whose children are participating in this event on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February that they are warmly invited to attend the concert at 1730 before collecting their children. Pupils will be spending the day working with Ralph Allwood MBE, who ran an inspiring day at Hall Grove last term.

#### Music Competition

As mentioned in the newsletter for the last month, the Music Competition will be upon us very shortly. Any external entries should be received by the end of today at the absolute latest as the timetables are being drawn up over half term.

#### Instrumental Lessons

Please be reminded that if you wish your child to stop instrumental lessons, you must give the required notice to your child's instrumental teacher in writing. If you are unsure as to what the notice period is for your child's specific teacher, you should ask them directly. As self-employed professionals, it is most unfair if they do not receive sufficient forewarning of the cessation of lessons; if we know in advance, it is much easier for us to make arrangements to let another child take their place once the notice period has ended.

## **Sports News**

#### Girls' IAPS Swimming Regionals

Congratulations to Neve Macdonald (Year 7) on her victory in the Butterfly and Izzy Arnold (Year 7) for winning the Freestyle at the Regionals yesterday. They now have to wait to hear if they have qualified for the Nationals.

#### Girls' Hockey

With the snowy weather descending on us again during games afternoon, the senior girls still managed to produce some solid performances.

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

1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Edgeborough	lost	3 - 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v Edgeborough	won	2 - 1
U11 A v Edgeborough	won	2 - 0
U10 A v Edgeborough	won	7 - 2
U10 B v Holme Grange	lost	3 - 1
U9 A v Edgeborough	lost	6 - 1
U9 B v Edgeborough	lost	2 - 1
U8 A v Feltonfleet	won	7 - 0

#### Hall Grove Invitational Netball Tournament - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

The U12 Hall Grove Invitation Netball Tournament is taking place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All Year 7 girls and some Year 6 will be expected to play - please check school website.

#### Boys' Hockey

Good luck to the U11s as they head off today to Sherborne for their hockey tour.

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

1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Eagle House	lost	3 - 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Eagle House	won	4 - 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> VII v Eagle House	won	6 - 2
4 <sup>th</sup> VII v Eagle House	won	7 - 2
5 <sup>th</sup> VII v Eagle House	won	7 - 0
Colts A v Eagle House	won	7 - 2
Colts B v Eagle House	lost	4 - 1
Colts D v Eagle House	won	9 - 1
U10 A v Eagle House	won	1 - 0
U10 A v Feltonfleet	won	5 - 1
U10 B v Eagle House	won	1 - 0
U10 B v Feltonfleet	drew	1 - 1
U10 C v Eagle House	drew	0 - 0
U10 C v Feltonfleet	drew	0 - 0
U10 D v Eagle House	lost	1 - 0
U10 D v Feltonfleet	lost	3 - 0
U9 A v Eagle House	lost	2 - 1
U9 B v Eagle House	lost	5 - 0
U9 C v Eagle House	won	2 - 0
U9 D v Eagle House	drew	2 - 2

## **National Talent League Netball Trip - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

The Years 5 and 6 girls going to watch Team South play a National Talent League match on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February are to meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove for a prompt departure at 1730 to Loddon Valley Sports Park, Reading. The girls will have the opportunity to watch the teams warm up before the match which is due to start at 1900. They will return to school for collection at 2100.

## **IAPS National Judo Championships Girls**

An enthusiastic team of four girls competed in the National Judo Championships on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. This is always a long day of intense competition involving schools from all over the country and the pressure is on to do well in front of a large knowledgeable audience. Not everyone can handle this sort of competition and those that take up the gauntlet should be applauded just for entering. Not only did we enter, but we competed well, coming home with a bronze medal and two quarter finalists. A brilliant effort from such a small number of girls, one of whom has under a year of judo experience. Jana van Eeden and Elea Tulloch were competing in the same weight group and ended up fighting each other for the bronze, with Jana emerging the winner. Despite losing the bronze medal fight Elea was praised by the organisers for her excellent standard of judo and was awarded the prize for 'Throw of the Day'. Aimee Thompson and Ffion Davis were a little overawed by the occasion during their first fight, but showed great strength of character to come out trying their hardest in their second. Ffion won her fight with a great throw, but was unsuccessful in her following match. It proved to be a great day for judo skills and we were unlucky not to win more medals. Well done to the whole team. *Mrs Tilley*

Future competition dates are as follows:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013 - IAPS Judo Championships Boys (10-13 year olds) at Wycombe Judo Centre

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 - IAPS Judo Championships Boys (U10) at Wycombe Judo Centre

## **Pre-Season Tennis Coaching**

In preparation for the tennis season and our Summer Term fixtures we have arranged a course of pre-season tennis coaching. This will be run specifically for Upper School children who are keen to represent the school in U13, U12 or U11 matches and places will be awarded on merit to those who show talent and commitment. Pupils who are keen to participate should communicate their interest to Mr Slape. Pre-season training will offer a small squad of boys and girls an excellent opportunity to gain tactical doubles experience ahead of our school matches, in addition to strengthening the bond with a playing partner. A ServiceLine Coach will deliver the training each Thursday after half term in the children's regular PE slot (sessions for Year 8 will run at 0800). The sessions will run on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March and are provided at no additional charge. They will also inform final team selections, pairings and rankings.

## **FOHG Golf 'Flag' Competition - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

The Friends of Hall Grove will be holding this term's golf competition in a 'Flag' format on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. This is open to all Hall Grove children, whether or not they have golf lessons at the school. In a Flag Competition each player has 36 shots and places their numbered flag in the ground where the 36<sup>th</sup> shot lies. The furthest flag in each category will be deemed the winner. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to play on the school's 9 hole golf course. The entry fee is £15 per player. Tee times will be available from 1300 and golf lessons will take place as normal in the morning. Please see the attached entry form for further details. The closing date for entries is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Year 3 Coffee Morning for Comic Relief**

Thank you to everyone in Year 3 who was able to support the Year 3 Coffee Morning for Comic Relief on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. They managed to raise £140 and this amount has been generously matched by the corporate employer of one of the parents, meaning that £280 can be donated to Comic Relief.

## **A Request for Medical Help**

A former Hall Grove family has written with sad news of a nephew who is seriously ill. As a consequence, extensive surgery will be required in the near future and after the operation the young man will require a blood transfusion. Unfortunately, he has a rare blood group (B positive) and the family has been told that, as he has a low number of antibodies and platelets in his blood (mainly caused by the extensive chemotherapy), the best opportunity he has is a 'live' donation with the donor close at hand.

The family have asked if any parent at Hall Grove knows of someone with blood group B positive (or O negative, as this is the universal donor group) who would be able and willing to help out. It would mean providing a blood donation at the hospital in London where the nephew is being treated. At this stage it is not clear when any donation might be needed, but it could be quite soon. Naturally the family has already asked their own close relatives but there is just a very small number of potential donors. If you are in any position to consider helping, please contact the School Office for the family's contact details. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for this consideration.

## **Newsletter Attachments**

The following document is attached to this week's newsletter:

- FOHG Flag Golf Tournament Form - March 2013

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