

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Congratulations to all the Year 6 pupils who competed for the Hall Grove All-rounder Awards today. There were eleven candidates and all made an exceptionally strong impression at interview; indeed our two experienced visiting interviewers, from Bradfield and Wellington, spoke in glowing terms of the quality of the candidates and had no hesitation in saying that they would be welcomed at their own schools. The boys and girls also sat academic papers. Next week we will complete the process by assessing Music, Sport, Drama and Art. Results will be announced before the end of term.

Year 5 returned from Battisborough after five days of expeditions and activities. Mrs Harris described the trip as 'fantastic' and praised the children for their good manners, general behaviour, their energy and enthusiasm. Highlights were the activities, the beach and the trip to the farm. The Modbury Harriers also paid a visit!

A Special Assembly - Thursday 7th March

A reminder to all parents that there is an opportunity to meet Dr Anthony Seldon, the Master of Wellington College, when he comes to open our new building next week. Dr Seldon is not only one of the country's most influential educational thinkers but also a distinguished political historian. The Assembly is in New Hall at 0845. Dr Seldon will then be available to meet with parents over coffee. All are welcome. Please email the School Office if you would like to come.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Pre-Prep children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 7th 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.

The children in Years 3 and 4 are encouraged to bring in a book to share and swap with a friend. Literacy lessons will be dedicated to discussing their favourite books and characters.

Children in Years 5 to 8 are encouraged to bring in a book, something they have enjoyed or has a special place for them. During their lessons we will celebrate the power of great books; teachers may also share books that have meant something special to them too!

Years 6 and 7 - Forbidden Planet Rehearsals

We have an Act 2 rehearsal this Saturday and the pupils required to attend have been made aware. It starts 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.

On Saturday 9th 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 22nd April (the day before the Summer term starts) there will be a whole cast rehearsal - timings to be confirmed.

Hall Grove Poetry Competition 2013

The final for our Poetry Competition this year will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 0830 (please note the amended time) in New Hall. Over the next few weeks we encourage all children from Years 3 to 8 to learn a poem which they will perform in one of their lessons before their class/set. The very best from each group will go forward to the final. This year teachers will be giving suggestions for poems, but children will also be able to propose their own choices. This gives the children the chance to

learn something worthwhile and demonstrate the ability to tackle challenging texts, relishing the language, imagery and rhythms. A Poetry Competition isn't the same as a dramatic recital, it is an opportunity to deliver measured, perhaps dramatic verse.

This year we are also introducing a Poetry Writing Competition. All children from Years 3 to 8 can write a poem, from 8 to 24 lines in length, on the topic of Landscape. This can be explored as freely as wanted, it can be a sonnet, blank verse, unrhymed, experimental – there is no set style. What the judges will be looking for is clear, effective expression above all. Poems should be submitted initially to the children's English teachers, printed, emailed or hand-written, no later than Monday 18th March. There will be a Junior and Senior winner, announced and the poem declaimed at the final. For further information please contact Mr Waltho (j.waltho@hallgrove.co.uk).

Scholarships - A Correction

Last week we incorrectly credited Thomas Walker with an All-rounder Award at Lord Wandsworth College; it is in fact a Sports Scholarship.

Slapped Cheek

There has been a case of 'Slapped Cheek' Syndrome in Pre-Prep. This is a viral infection which presents with a rash, often on a child's face, but may spread to the body. The rash can be accompanied by a fever. For most children, the infection is usually a mild illness, which passes quickly without the need for treatment, other than paracetamol to bring a fever down and antihistamines to reduce itching. There is no requirement for a child to miss school, unless they are feeling unwell.

Music Department

Hampton School Music Workshop Day

On Sunday 28th April, Hampton School is hosting its 17th annual Music Workshop for local primary schools. As in previous years, they will be running courses for both string and wind players led by Liz van Ments, Head of Strings, and Jo Estall, Head of Woodwind. In addition to these, they will also be running a course for singers and, depending on demand, a course of electric and bass guitar. The workshop offers an excellent opportunity to work with experienced musicians, and allows pupils the chance to work in a large ensemble. The day will be suitable for woodwind and string players of at least Grade One standard, and for singers of all standards. The course, including lunch and refreshments, is free of charge. Please email Mrs Salmond Smith (l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk) if you wish to have further details.

Instrumental Lessons

If you would like your child to begin lessons on a particular instrument next term, please complete the attached form and return to Mrs Salmond Smith as soon as possible. There are limited spaces available for most instruments.

Music Competition

The schedule for this year's Music Competition is attached. There is also a copy on the noticeboard outside the Archway Room. Please ensure that your child brings in their instrument and music on that day, and that any accompaniments are clearly labelled and given to Mrs Salmond Smith as soon as possible. Parental support is warmly encouraged!

Wellington Choral Day

Yesterday, eight of our Year 6 Choristers participated in a Choral Day at Wellington College with Ralph Allwood. They worked extremely hard and the final concert was most impressive. Cameron Ellis was a superb narrator, reading loudly and confidently in the enormous space of the chapel, and Henry Coop surely deserves some sort of prize for the number of times he put his hand up to answer questions! As a group, their musical capability really shone through.

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

This week's girls' hockey result is as follows:

U11 v St. Andrew's	lost	7 - 0
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Lacrosse

Well done to all the U11 girls who participated in the match against Edgeborough on Wednesday. Mrs Lomas was delighted with their performance, especially the first half which ended 2 - 2. Edgeborough drew on their experience in the second half to clinch the victory by 4 goals to 2. Special mention should go to Isabel Norrey for her tireless running and to Penny Salmond Smith in goal.

Netball

The U9 A and B netball teams were on great form at the U9 Marist Tournament on Wednesday. Both teams played nine matches, the As were undefeated throughout the tournament and were crowned champions and the Bs won 3, lost 2 and drew 4, finishing in 4th place. All the girls played exceptionally well, but special recognition must be given to A team players Chloe Hill for scoring most of the thirty goals and Scarlett Creasey for her all round ability to play any position with pizzazz. Outstanding players in the B team were Eleanor Mears for her feisty determination and Amelie Wyatt for her special awareness and strong passing. Well done girls.

Mrs Maxfield

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U12 Hall Grove Netball Tournament - Saturday 2nd March

Please meet promptly at 0830 at Hall Grove. The tournament starts at 0900 with presentations at 1100.

IAPS U12 Regional Netball Tournament - Friday 8th March

The U12 IAPS netball squad will be travelling to Port Regis, Dorset for the IAPS U12 Regional Netball Tournament on Friday 8th March. The girls should meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove for a prompt departure at 0700. It is anticipated the minibus will return to Hall Grove by 1730. The top two teams from the tournament qualify for the U12 IAPS National Finals which are being held at Roedean School, Brighton on Saturday 16th March.

Netball Calendar Amendment

Please be advised that the U10 A and B matches v Crosfields on Wednesday 6th March will now start at 1430 and not 1515 as stated in the Calendar.

Boys' Hockey

Well done to the U12 squad who competed in the Surrey Boys' Hockey Tournament on Monday and finished 4th overall, their results are listed below:

Hall Grove v Edgeborough	won	2 - 1
Hall Grove v St. George's College	lost	1 - 6
Hall Grove v RGS A	drew	2 - 2
Hall Grove v Barrow Hills	lost	2 - 0
Hall Grove v Gordon's School	won	2 - 1
Hall Grove v St. Benedict's	won	1 - 0
Hall Grove v Reed's School	drew	1 - 1

Well done to the Colts A on their performance in the IAPS U11 Boys' Hockey Tournament at Tonbridge School on Monday. After only one practice session, the prospect of competing in the qualifying tournament against teams playing since Christmas was a daunting one. However, they performed brilliantly. In the group stage, the Colts A were the only team in the tournament to win all their games - 14 goals scored and only 1 conceded. A narrow victory in the quarter-finals against Hoe Bridge (2-1) set up a semi-final against Kent Junior School. After twenty minutes of action, no goals had been scored. Hall Grove won the ensuing penalty competition 3-2. The final was against Marlborough House - last year's beaten finalists. It was a very close match. Unfortunately, Hall Grove conceded in the last two minutes making the result 2-1 to Marlborough House. Nonetheless, the team had finished second in the tournament (out of 26). Furthermore, the team have qualified for the National Final to be played at Wellington College on 11th March. All of the Colts A players involved - Oliver Platts, Alex Raeburn, Ben Symons, William Sutcliffe, Cameron Ellis (Captain), George Brevett, Devon Gordon and Jamie Hart should be delighted with their achievement.

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

1 st XI v St. Andrew's	lost	4 - 0
2 nd XI v St. Andrew's	won	9 - 1
3 rd VII v St. Andrew's	won	7 - 1
4 th VII v St. Andrew's	won	7 - 0
Colts A v St. Andrew's	drew	4 - 4
Colts B v St. Andrew's	lost	3 - 2
Colts C v St. Andrew's	won	2 - 1
Colts D v St. Andrew's	won	7 - 0
U9 A v Eagle House	lost	3 - 0
U9 A v St. Andrew's	drew	0 - 0
U9 B v Eagle House	won	4 - 1
U9 B v St. Andrew's	lost	3 - 0
U9 C v St. Andrew's	lost	4 - 0
U9 D v St. Andrew's	drew	1-1

Ludgrove Cross Country Relays

A fine performance from both the U13 and U11 teams on Thursday. The competition was tough and the conditions challenging. The juniors competed well, finishing 8th out of 15 teams, and the seniors came home in 7th place. The run of the day was by Felix Stewart who finished in 3rd place on his leg. Well done to all the competitors.

Boys' Hockey Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 2nd March

Boys' Hockey v Parkside: 1st XI to meet at Hall Grove at 0840 for a home match starting at 0900. 2nd XI to meet at Hall Grove at 0940 for a home match starting at 1000. Colts A and B to meet at Hall Grove at 1040 for home matches starting at 1100. U10 A and U9 A to meet at Hall Grove at 1125 for home matches starting at 1145.

IAPS U13 Boys' Hockey Tournament at Tonbridge School - Monday 4th March

The team will depart at 0710 on Monday morning to get there in time for their first match at 0945. Full instructions can be found on the team sheet which is available on the school website.

Bradfield U11 Hockey Festival - Sunday 10th March

The boys and girls selected for the U11 hockey teams participating in the Bradfield Hockey Festival on Sunday 10th March should be aware that they are to meet at Bradfield for 1015 where they will be coached by Bradfield staff in the morning. Lunch will be provided for pupils and parents after which teams will compete in a tournament. The day should conclude at 1645.

House Cricket Matches - Saturday 27th April

Advanced notice that the House Cricket Matches will be played on Saturday 27th April with the timings as follows:

0930 Year 5 (until midday) and Years 7/8 (all day)

1300 Year 6

We are considering using this as an opportunity to hold a fundraising event to raise money for the refurbishment of the cricket nets. If any parent would be prepared to help out, please contact Mr Joll (gjoll@hallgrove.co.uk).

Sherborne Hockey Tour

A group of fourteen Year 6 boys travelled down to Sherborne School for a hockey tour on the first weekend of half term. They were looked after really well at Sherborne and the boys were lucky enough to be trained by the 1st XI coach, who is an ex-England U21 International. Lots of hockey was played and the boys demonstrated great skill in their fixtures against Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club, winning two matches and losing two. The whole group should be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and play, particularly when they went bowling in Yeovil.

Mr Marland

Hall Grove Hockey Camp

The half term hockey camp was a huge success. The weather played its part and was very kind to us, with two glorious days of sunshine. Ben Edwards, an ex-England U21 hockey player who is currently the assistant Director of Sport at Reed's School, ran the camp. He was very impressed throughout the two days with the ability of all the players who attended and really enjoyed coaching them all. The camp gave all the players the added motivation and confidence they need for their matches ahead.

Friends of HG Comedy Night - Friday 8th March

If you are lucky enough to be coming to the Comedy Night you may already have your ticket as they are now being distributed: they include your name and meal choice so please check that you are down for the right meal choice. If you haven't received your tickets yet (tickets for parents of Year 5 children may take a little longer to get to you because of the Battsborough trip) or have any questions, please email hallgrovecomey@btinternet.com.

Friends of HG Golf 'Flag' Competition - Saturday 9th March

The Friends of Hall Grove will be holding this term's golf competition in a 'Flag' format on Saturday 9th 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 36th 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 nine 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 4th March.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Individual Music Tuition Request Form
- Music Competition Programme 2013
- FOHG Flag Golf Tournament Form - March 2013
