

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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It has been a tremendous week for the school, with an artist in action on Monday, sports galore through the week, World Book Day, a variety of musical performances and then, on Thursday, a most memorable school Assembly in celebration of our wonderful new Environmental Studies building. Dr Anthony Seldon, the Master of Wellington College, was our distinguished guest and he expressed himself as being truly overwhelmed by the breadth of talent here at Hall Grove, by our facilities and by the general atmosphere of the school. Our link with Wellington is a strong one and is beneficial to both schools.

We are sure this evening's Comedy Night will be a huge success and help lift spirits as this long Winter draws to a close. Our thanks to the parents for organising it. The children can look forward to their own day of fun next Friday when red noses and cakes will be much in evidence!

Action for Happiness

Dr Seldon highlighted the website 'Action for Happiness' in his speech at the opening of the new building which can be found at actionforhappiness.org for those interested.

4KF Assembly - Thursday 14th March

The children in 4KF would like to invite their parents to the Class Assembly on Thursday 14th March. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0835. We look forward to seeing you there.

Years 6 and 7 - Forbidden Planet Rehearsals

Tomorrow we are holding a 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.

Footsteps Tap Examinations - Thursday 14th March

On Thursday 14th March some of the Footsteps pupils will be travelling to Brookwood to take their ISTD Tap examinations. Pupils involved have been informed and received their letters with arrival procedure and exam times. Please will parents ensure children have the correct dance uniform and their tap shoes, along with their hair brush and plenty of hair grips and hairspray. All the children travelling to Brookwood will need to be signed out in the School Office before leaving. Very good luck to all the girls involved. Miss Stein

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Red Nose Day the Pre-Prep children are invited to wear their red school polo shirts with denim jeans and to have crazy hair for the day. Children are asked to bring in £1 to help support this worthy cause.

There will be a Cake Sale for the whole school under the covered walkway by New Hall at morning break. Parents are encouraged to send in home-made or shop-bought small individual cakes, for example cupcakes, fairy cakes, muffins, brownies etc which can be sold at the Cake Sale on Friday morning. Cakes should be dropped off on Friday morning at the back of New Hall. Children are welcome to bring in money, in a named purse or wallet, to purchase the cakes for sale.

Touch Typing and Technology

If your child would benefit from being able to touch type, the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre near Farnham is running a course for 10+ year olds on the 8th to 12th April. They are also running a parents' session on how using technology can help to support your child, most likely in Aldershot in April. Please email enquiries@arkellcentre.org.uk for further details or to book.

Music Department

Pangbourne College Piano Festival 2013

Four Hall Grove pianists took part in the inaugural Pangbourne College Piano Festival in early March. Cole Lam played in the Novice, 10 and under (Grades 1-3) Class, and Ben Symons and Isabel Norrey played in the Intermediate, 12 and under (Grades 4-6) Class. Henry Coop, who plays three instruments well, joined the Intermediate, 16 and under (Grades 4-6) Class, won that class and was awarded a Best Performer Prize. Each piano student had the opportunity to play on a new Steinway grand piano and in the presence of an experienced adjudicator and ABRSM examiner. Cole, Ben and Isabel played on the Model C Steinway grand piano in the Nancye Harding Recital Hall, which is part of the College's new music school, and Henry performed on the new Model D Steinway grand piano in the magnificent Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel.

The children were among 55 pianists many of whom had never performed at a Festival before. They were accompanied by their parents, who heard them play and also learned with them from the adjudicators how they could improve their playing; after each performance, each candidate was given a 'mini-piano lesson' with his/her adjudicator. Cole, Ben and Isabel were given new insights into how they could improve their performances of The Entertainer, It Ain't Necessarily So, and Mignon respectively, as well as encouraged in their love of music making, by Mr Anthony Williams MMus DipRAM GRSM LRAM. Henry, who played Fantasia in D Minor K397 by Mozart, was given expert tuition by Mrs Pamela Chilvers GRSM LRAM DipMTh SRAsT (Music).

National Prep Schools Orchestra

If your child plays an orchestral instrument at Grade II standard or higher, they may be interested in the National Prep School Orchestras course, running 14th - 20th July and, once again, being held in the wonderful surroundings of Wellington College. A number of Hall Grove children have attended the course in past years and found it to be enormous fun and a fantastic springboard for their ensemble playing. Further details can be found on the NPSO website (<http://www.npsco.co.uk>).

Middle School Lunchtime Concert

Six of our Middle School pianists performed with great confidence in Thursday's Middle School Informal Concert. This was, no doubt, to get a head-start on next week's Music Competition! Well done everyone, and many thanks to Mr Goodwin for hosting the concert.

Sports News

Girls' Games

This week's netball results are as follows:

2 nd VII v Crosfields	won	30 - 3
U11 v Crosfields	lost	7 - 4
U10 A v Crosfields	won	15 - 5
U10 B v Crosfields	won	7 - 4

This week's girls' hockey results are as follows

U13 v Surrey Cup Plate competition	finished in 5 th place
U9 A v Eagle House	drew 1-1
U9 B v Eagle House	won 7-1
U8 A v Eagle House	lost 2-1
U8 B v Eagle House	won 3-1

This week's lacrosse result is as follows:

1 st XII v Feltonfleet	won 2 - 1
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IAPS U12 Regional Netball Tournament

Congratulations to the U12 team for a fantastic performance in finishing 3rd and missing out on the Nationals by one place.

Hall Grove Netball Tournament

Many congratulations to our U12 A team who won the Hall Grove U12 Invitational Tournament last Saturday. They were unbeaten in all 5 matches and scored a phenomenal 40 goals - with only 6 scored against them. The U12 B team with many U11s participating came a very respectable 4th. Well done to all the girls who participated.

The Marist Cross Country - Thursday 14th March

Please be advised that the fixture on Thursday 14th March is now The Marist Cross Country, not Biathlon as original planned. It will now be for U11s, U10s and U9s, as well as for the U8s.

Senior Girls Trip to Super League Netball - Friday 15th March

The senior girls will be accompanied by Mrs Tilley and Mrs Maxfield to support Guildford-based Surrey Storm in their must-win Super League match on Friday 15th March. The girls will depart from Hall Grove at 1800 and will return for collection from Hall Grove at 2200.

Boys' Hockey

Well done to the U13 team who entered the IAPS Tournament at Tonbridge on Monday, their results are listed below:

Hall Grove v Aldwickbury	won	3 - 1
Hall Grove v Eagle House	lost	2 - 0

Hall Grove v Twyford	won	2 - 0
Hall Grove v The Beacon	lost	2 - 0
Hall Grove v Lambrook	drew	0 - 0
Hall Grove v Edgeborough (Plate quarter final)	lost	1 - 0

Wednesday proved to be a difficult afternoon of hockey against Cranleigh, but all the boys can take great credit for their performance. Well done to the Colts B and C teams for good wins. The 1st XI had their performance of the season and should be proud of the way they played against the current Surrey U13 champions, they received great praise from the Cranleigh coach.

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

1 st XI v Cranleigh	lost	3 - 0
2 nd XI v Cranleigh	lost	5 - 0
3 rd VII v Cranleigh	lost	4 - 0
4 th VII v Cranleigh	lost	4 - 1
5 th VII v Cranleigh	lost	8 - 2
6 th VII v Cranleigh	lost	13 - 0
Colts A v Cranleigh	lost	3 - 1
Colts B v Cranleigh	won	3 - 2
Colts C v Cranleigh	won	7 - 0
U10 A v Cranleigh	lost	2 - 1
U10 B v Cranleigh	lost	2 - 0
U10 C v Cranleigh	won	3 - 0
U9 A v Cranleigh	lost	3 - 1
U9 B v Cranleigh	lost	4 - 1
U9 C v Cranleigh	won	1 - 0
U9 D v Cranleigh	lost	2 - 1
U9 E v Cranleigh	won	1 - 0

Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 9th March

Rugby Sevens Tournament: U13 team to meet Mr Joll at Feltonfleet at 0930. Please bring appropriate clothes for wet conditions. The tournament should finish at approximately 1300.

Hall Grove U10 Boys' Hockey Tournament: U10 A and B teams to meet at Hall Grove at 0930 for matches starting at 1000. We anticipate the tournament finishing at approximately 1200.

Weekend Fixtures - Sunday 10th March

Bradfield College Hockey Tournament: U11 A and B boys and U11 girls to meet at Bradfield at 1015. Those being taken by minibus should meet Mr Marland at Hall Grove at 0930.

Monday 11th April

Good luck to the U11 boys' hockey team in the IAPS National Hockey finals at Wellington and the U10 boys' hockey team playing in the Surrey Boys' Hockey Tournament at Woking Hockey Club on Monday. The boys should come to school in games kit and bring warm clothes. A packed lunch will be provided.

Calendar Additions and Amendments

Wednesday 13th March: Lacrosse fixture has changed to 1st XII v Lambrook at 1515 and U11 XII v Lambrook at 1550

Wednesday 13th March: Woodcote U13 Rugby Sevens Tournament. This will start at 1400 and finish within school time.

Monday 18th March: Rosslyn Park U13 Rugby Sevens Tournament, details to follow.

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