

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*The school has been a mass of red today, and a good sum of money has been donated to Comic Relief. Well done all those who took part in the Fun Run, and our thanks to those who donated or distributed cakes. It was a good way to finish a busy week.*

## **A Medical Update**

Several weeks ago we printed an account of a young man called Alex, aged 21, who was suffering with a cancerous growth on the leg and required an amputation. Relatives of his, a former Hall Grove family, appealed for blood donations because he has a rare blood group. It says a lot for the Hall Grove community that several offers came through almost immediately. Alex has now had the operation and is recovering well, so far he has not needed the transfusions. The family is very grateful for the concern shown and for the offers of help.

## **World Book Day**

Following on from our assembly and other special activities last week, today we have given a £1 World Book Day token to every child. These can be used at any bookshop for a free World Book Day book, or to get £1 off any book or audio book costing £2.99 or more. These are only valid until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March so hurry, hurry to your favourite bookshop!

## **SATIPS General Knowledge**

This week we received the results from the SATIPS General Knowledge competitions, held last half-term and taken by children in Years 5 - 8. This is a national competition with prep schools all over the country taking part. Top five in the school for the Junior competition were Fergus Reilly (1<sup>st</sup>), Edward Easeman, Matthew Lees, Henry Coop and Charles Deane. Top five in the Senior competition were Henry McLeod (1<sup>st</sup>), Patrick Ardill, Adam Wills, Thomas Hazell and Yousuf Mirza. Henry McLeod came 20<sup>th</sup> nationally and has received a small prize. Well done to all! Details of our House General Knowledge, to be held next term, will be announced closer to the time.

## **After School Clubs and TASC**

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. TASC will operate as usual until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as places are limited and it is likely to be busy once clubs have finished.

## **After School Clubs - Summer Term 2013**

Next term's club information is attached to this newsletter and the deadline for returning forms is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

## **Year 6 Poetry Evening - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents are invited to support the Year 6 Poetry evening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March in New Hall at 1800. It will last for about 45 minutes. If anyone would like to bring a short poem to share they are warmly encouraged to do so. All of Year 6 will be involved and the children should stay on at school to practise beforehand.

## **Pre-Prep Spring Celebration - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

All Pre-Prep parents are invited to join the children in New Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March for their Spring Celebration. We are aiming for a 1400 start. Children may go home afterwards, but there will be supervision here to the normal time where it is required. Please remember to send in all requested props on Monday.

Once the Spring Celebration has finished, Reception parents are invited to come to their child's classroom to share their Learning Journey work. Please can your child bring in their white PE shorts on Monday to keep in school until the celebration day.

## **Poetry Competition Final - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The final for our Poetry Competition this year will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 0830 in New Hall. Please remember that the submission deadline for the Poetry Writing Competition is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March (further details are to be found in the 1<sup>st</sup> March Newsletter).

## **Spring Concert - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The Spring Concert will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in New Hall starting at 1900. It will include most of our ensembles, i.e. Concert Band, Chamber Ensemble, Junior and Senior Ensembles (Recorder, Wind, Strings and Brass). Hall Grove Choir, Girls' Choir and Choristers will also be taking part on this occasion. This will be a wonderful evening of music and an opportunity to witness the hard work that has taken place over this term. All pupils, parents and friends are warmly invited to attend the concert.

## **Easter Service - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Easter Service will be taking place in New Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1030. This is always a lovely occasion with beautiful music; all parents are warmly invited to attend.

## **Exhibition Hockey Match - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Hall Grove's annual exhibition hockey match between an Invitation Team and the Hall Grove Old Boys will be played on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1145. It is a great opportunity for the pupils to watch senior hockey played at a very high standard. We would encourage parents to come and watch.

## **Exhibition Netball Match - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

An exhibition netball match between the 1<sup>st</sup> VII and the Hall Grove Old Girls will be played on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1145. Parents are invited to come and watch.

## **End of Term Arrangements - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

1030 Easter Service in New Hall  
1145 Exhibition Hockey Match  
1145 Exhibition Netball Match  
1200 Pre-Prep collection time  
1215 Years 3 and 4 collection time  
1230 Years 5 and 6 collection time  
1245 Years 7 and 8 collection time

Middle and Upper School year groups will be dismissed pitch-side. Bags etc will be stacked outside the school buildings. Please park before the barrier as directed.

## **School Uniform Shop**

The School Uniform Shop will be open at the following times over the Easter holidays:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 0800 - 1000  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1530 - 1730

## **Summer Uniform**

Summer uniform is to be worn from the start of next term.

## **Years 6 and 7 Forbidden Planet Rehearsal - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

As previously advised, we have a big rehearsal on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (the day before Summer Term commences). Children are required to arrive at the following times:

0945 Lead Cast and Backstage Crew (the children are aware)  
1130 All additional Year 7 pupils  
1345 All Year 6 pupils

Lead cast and Year 7 pupils will require a healthy packed lunch (please do not pack sweets and fizzy drinks). In addition a drink and snack will be provided. Pupils can wear comfortable casual clothing and must not bring electrical devices. The rehearsal will finish promptly at 1630 when all pupils should be collected from the main driveway.

## **Year 4 Battsborough Briefing - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

The Year 4 Battsborough Briefing for parents will be taking place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 1630 in 4TB's classroom. There will be supervision organised during the briefing for Year 4 children.

## **Music Department**

Music Competition

At the time of going to press, three of the four days of the Music Competition have taken place. It has not only been super to see children being organised enough to be in the right place at the right time with the necessary instruments and music, but also the exceptional standard of performance throughout the school. A full list of winners will be published after the final classes have taken place. Those who have won, and a selection of 'near-misses', will be invited to perform at the Winners' Concert on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1900. Well done to all who have participated, the judges have been extremely impressed!

### Choristers' Tour

Next Saturday, the Choristers will be making their way to Manchester for their 6<sup>th</sup> annual broadcast of the Daily Service on BBC Radio 4. The actual broadcast will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, followed by a recorded broadcast on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Both of these will be at 0945 on BBC Radio 4 (Long Wave only - LW 198). Please pass on these details to friends and family as the Choristers, who really are in fine voice at the moment, would love to have as large an audience as possible! The trip itself is action-packed and full of fun and educational activities for our dedicated singers; you can read more about that upon our return.

## **Sports News**

### Girls' Sport

This week's netball results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> VII v Oratory	won	12 - 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v Oratory	won	20 - 1
U11 v Oratory	won	3 - 1
U10 A v Oratory	won	9 - 3
U10 B v Oratory	lost	5 - 4

This week's lacrosse results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> XII v Lambrook	won	2 - 1
U11 XII v Lambrook	lost	2 - 0

Girls' Hockey Tournament - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

U10 v Surrey Cup Plate Competition	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
U9 A v Feltonfleet Tournament	Joint winners
U8 A v Feltonfleet Tournament	2 <sup>nd</sup> place

### Girls' Hockey Junior House Matches - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Junior House Matches for Years 3 and 4 will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March starting at 1315.

### Hall Grove Hockey Tournament - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Selected U12 and U11 teams will compete on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Hall Grove in our Hockey Tournament which starts at 1315.

### U11 Boys' Hockey

Huge congratulations to the U11 boys' hockey team for a fantastic couple of days of hockey. Both the A and B teams entered the Bradfield Tournament on Sunday, with the Bs coming up against A teams and doing themselves proud in testing weather. The A team played some superb hockey, scoring plenty of goals. They reached the final to play the Beacon School where, unfortunately, they lost 1-0.

On Monday they travelled to Wellington College to play in the U11 National IAPS Finals where the top 20 schools competed out of the 178 schools that had entered the regional rounds. Our day began with two draws against All Hallows and Felsted Prep, before narrowly losing to St. George's Junior School, despite being 1-0 up. Heads dropped and they then lost 3-0 to Dean Close, the eventual runners-up. This put Hall Grove into the Plate where we played Colston's School; we did everything but score including hitting the post. Colston's School scored a breakaway goal and we lost 1-0. The squad should take great heart from reaching this stage in the competition and they did Hall Grove proud.

### U10 Boys' Hockey

The U10 boys' hockey team played exceptionally well in the Surrey Championships on Monday and should be proud of their performances. They finished a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> in what was an exciting and close tournament. It is worth noting that had they won their last game they would be county champions.

### U9 Boys' Hockey

Well done to the U9 boys' hockey team who ended up as joint winners of the Parkside Tournament on Tuesday, not conceding a goal all afternoon. They ended up with 1 win and 3 draws from their group games and which team made the final had to be decided by taking penalty strokes. Hall Grove won and duly played Hoe Bridge in the final. The match ended up as a draw, even after 5 minutes of golden goal, so the trophy was shared.

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

1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Hoe Bridge	won	1 - 0
1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Woodcote	won	13 - 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Hoe Bridge	won	2 - 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v Hoe Bridge	drew	0 - 0
4 <sup>th</sup> VII v Hoe Bridge	lost	1 - 0
Colts A v Hoe Bridge	lost	2 - 1

Colts A v Woodcote	won	17 - 0
Colts B v Hoe Bridge	won	4 - 1
Colts C v Hoe Bridge	drew	0 - 0
Colts D v Hoe Bridge	lost	4 - 0
U10 A v Hoe Bridge	lost	2 - 1
U10 B v Hoe Bridge	lost	5 - 0
U10 C v Hoe Bridge	lost	3 - 1
U10 D v Hoe Bridge	drew	1 - 1
U9 A v Hoe Bridge	lost	1 - 0
U9 B v Hoe Bridge	lost	3 - 0
U9 C v Hoe Bridge	drew	1 - 1
U9 D v Hoe Bridge	lost	1 - 0
U9 E v Hoe Bridge	cancelled by Hoe Bridge	

#### Weekend Fixtures - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Please note that the 1<sup>st</sup> VII and 2<sup>nd</sup> VII boys' hockey teams are playing at Broadwater School, Sumners Road, Farncombe, GU7 3BW. Both matches start at 1030. Please meet at Broadwater at 1000 or at Hall Grove at 0930 to travel by minibus. 3<sup>rd</sup> VII and 4<sup>th</sup> VII to meet at Hall Grove at 0900 for home matches starting at 0930. 5<sup>th</sup> VII and 6<sup>th</sup> VII to meet at Hall Grove at 1000 for home matches starting at 1020.

#### Calendar Amendments

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Boys' Hockey v Feltonfleet:

U8 A 7-a-side on astro at 1430 (h)	U9 A 7-a-side on astro at 1445 (a)
U8 B 7-a-side on astro at 1430 (h)	U9 B 7-a-side on astro at 1445 (a)
U8 C 7-a-side on astro at 1400 (h)	U9 C 7-a-side on astro at 1415 (a)
U8 D 7-a-side on astro at 1400 (h)	U9 D 7-a-side on astro at 1415 (a)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Boys' Hockey v Lambrook: please be advised that the match scheduled for Tuesday is now being played on Monday at the request of Lambrook. U9 A and B at Hall Grove at 1340 and U9 C and D at Lambrook at 1340.

## **IAPS Judo**

Good luck to the Senior boys Judo team competing in the IAPS National Judo Championships at Wycombe Judo Centre this Saturday.

## **IAPS Karate**

If anyone is interested in competing in the IAPS National Karate Championships (details on 'Other Sports' board) please let Mrs Tilley know (l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk).

## **Hall Grove Spring Flag Championship 2013**

Twenty-one competitors arrived hoping for a warm, sunny Spring day in the first Hall Grove Golf Championship of the year. Unfortunately, they soon realised that an overcast, cool and slightly damp afternoon was once again the conditions that would greet them throughout play. With wellies and mittens keeping everyone warm, spirits remained high as the 'Flag' Championship got underway. With each golfer only receiving thirty-six shots, it was essential that time and care was taken. This proved very difficult for some knowing that warm drinks and freshly made cakes were waiting once the last shot had been hit! However, there were many players with only one target in mind, to get as far around the golf course as possible before running out of shots. The conditions were tough, but the golf course played very well thanks to the ground staff who were rolling the greens at 0845 that morning. As always though, a competition must produce a winner even in the most difficult playing circumstances. I would like to congratulate the following four Hall Grove Spring 2013 winners:

Reception and Year 1: James Brash (James completed seven holes with his thirty six shots which was an amazing achievement)

Years 2 and 3: Adam Humpish (Adam's thirty sixth shot ended 15 feet from the 8th hole)

Years 4 and 5: William Stevens (William was only 2 feet away from completing the 8th Hole, a great effort)

Years 6, 7 and 8: Alex Wessely (Alex stunned us all by completing all 9 holes and finishing 12 inches away from the hole on the 1st hole, second time round!)

Well done to all four winners, a Silver Trophy awaits you. The runners-up were as follows: Reception and Year 1 - Sienna Beeching, Years 2 and 3 - Ashton Gordon, Years 4 and 5 - Archie Graham, Years 6, 7 and 8 - Ben Soanes.

Thank you to everyone who participated and we hope you all had a good time out on the golf course. May we also take this opportunity to thank Katie Walker, Jane Walker and Rachel Bray, our three very important helpers, who kept everyone warm and fed in the pavilion throughout play. As always, your support of this event is very much appreciated by us, The Berkshire Golf Pros, and we hope to add a few more numbers to the Summer Hall Grove Championship later in the year.

*James Warrington and Harry Mills*

## **Friends of HG Comedy Night**

Last Friday, for one night only, New Hall was transformed into Hall Grove's very own Comedy Store for a much anticipated opportunity to laugh off the Winter blues. Following a warm welcome, and a fish and chips supper from Oysters in Lightwater, our compère for the evening, Geoff Whiting, took to the stage. With some help from the braver members of the audience, he

had the capacity crowd in stitches and ready to welcome the line-up of comics. Seeking to get their big break, they all kept us well entertained with some nicely observed humour and engaging stand-up routines. Of particular note was Tom Hayward, an up and coming act, whose energetic introduction took us all back to our own school days standing in the Sports Hall and twirling around to find a space! The headline act for the evening, local and ex-Woodcote House boy Paul Kerensa, literally had people crying with laughter as he demonstrated the calibre that has earned him writing credits with the Miranda Hart show. A teacher in a former life, he chose the unlikely medium of equations to prove that maths jokes can be fun!

The organising team would like to thank all the parents and members of staff who helped and supported the Comedy Night, with a particular mention for Dan Slape who helped us enormously with the staging of the evening. Please email your feedback to [hallgrovecomedy@btinternet.com](mailto:hallgrovecomedy@btinternet.com) if you enjoyed the event, or have any suggestions about how it could be made even better.

*The FoHG Comedy Night organising team: Catherine Wyatt, Rachel Bray, Fiona Myers, Michelle Riddy and Kaajal Kotecha*

## **Newsletter Attachments**

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

- Summer Term Club Information
- Masterclass Cricket Camp Leaflet 2013
- Chelsea FC Leaflet - Easter Soccer School
- Hall Grove Easter Kayaking Course

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