

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*What a difference some sunshine makes; we have almost forgotten what it feels like! The term is now swinging along and everyone is working busily, with school matches, outings and field trips already underway. We hope this holiday weekend allows you all to enjoy some time together.*

## **Sandra Bath**

Mrs Bath would like to thank parents for all their kind thoughts and messages since the announcement of her illness. Her treatment starts next week and involves six rounds of very demanding chemotherapy. She feels extremely positive about it and the overwhelming support from the Hall Grove community has been a source of great strength and support to her. Thank you all very much indeed.

## **Investing in People**

Yesterday a large group of staff were put through a gruelling interview process as the school's management systems were judged against the demanding standards of the IIP awards. We are delighted to report that the assessor was very impressed with the school and it seems we passed with flying colours.

## **Parents Forum**

Our thanks to those parents who attended the meeting last Friday. There was a most useful debate that ranged from the curriculum, our strengths and weaknesses, the school drive and future development priorities. We are keen to improve our Internet access and are exploring leased line options. This is an area that could be sponsored by a parental business; if you think you can help or advise, please contact Paddy Tyrer ( [p.tyrer@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:p.tyrer@hallgrove.co.uk) ) or his direct line 01276 470006.

## **School Drive**

We are only too aware of parental frustrations on the drive at drop off and collection times, and following the Forum last week we have been controlling the crossing more tightly so the flow of traffic is not impeded. Please assist at collection times by not arriving early. Drivers, please do not leave your car other than if parked in a designated parking space.

## **Duke of York Scholarship**

Congratulations to Zac Jenkins on winning a scholarship which secures his education through Wellington College. The scholarship is funded by the Duke of York Sports Foundation. The aim of these scholarships is to give boys and girls the opportunity to focus on their golf whilst at the same time receiving a high standard of education. It is also hoped that these scholarships will give the best British and European juniors an alternative to studying and training in the USA. This is a major achievement for Zac and his success is well deserved.

## **School Fees**

The new scale of fees for the next school year will be published at half-term.

## **Gardens Open - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

This is an event on behalf of the National Garden Scheme, a charity that supports several good causes. The school grounds and gardens will be open for viewing from 1400 to 1700 as well as some private areas within the school estate. There are a variety of trails and walks, including the historic ice house in the garden of Field House, a woodland walk and the boating lake. The entry charge is £5 per adult, children free. Teas and a selection of plants will be on sale. This is always a lovely event, do please tell your friends and support it.

## **Open Morning - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we should be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

## **Return To The Forbidden Planet**

STOP PRESS.... Our moment has finally arrived! Year 6 and Year 7 children have worked immensely hard this week rehearsing song and dance routines, mastering their lines and perfecting their stage craft. There is a real buzz in the air ahead of show week and parents and siblings are in for a real treat!

### Performance Evenings (Tuesday 7th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May)

We are deliberately trialling an ambitious three night run this year. It's a big ask of the children, however worthy of the hard work they have put in. We hope to ease congestion in New Hall and make access safer and viewing more comfortable for the audience.

### Show Timings and Seating

Seating is first come first served. The performances will start promptly at 1900 (doors open 1840) and we anticipate a finish time of 2030. This includes the interval and we invite all audience members to enjoy a drink and some fresh air outside before the call to return to seats (please do not allow small children to run around the hall at any time). A glass of wine or fruit punch is included in your ticket price and we ask that you pay close attention to return to exactly the same seat. The show is quite interactive and it is important that chairs are not moved and that the central and side aisles are kept clear (seemingly empty spaces may fill up with performers!).

### Afterschool Arrangements

To ease logistics, Year 6 and 7 children will remain at school on the performance evenings where they will receive an evening meal and refreshment before changing into costumes and passing through hair and make-up.

Clubs for Years 6-8 will run as normal (except for Senior Judo, which is cancelled due to the performance that evening). Children in the performances unfortunately will not be able to take part in clubs on the relevant nights as they will be having a meal and getting ready for the performances.

### Costumes and Make-up

We remind parents that the children will have make-up and coloured hair spray applied and they will all require a shower before bed. Costumes are to be left at school after each performance.

### Parking

We ask that parents park before the barrier, making use of the hard area as required. Please leave the driveway clear for other parents to make collections.

### After Show Collection

At the end of each performance parents in the audience should make their way to the Wessex Courtyard where children will be sent for collection. All remaining children will be waiting on the school driveway.

### Lighting

We wish to advise parents that the performances contain strobe effect lighting.

### Strictly no filming please

As with most West End shows a strict hire licence agreement means that filming of the show is not permitted. We ask that there is no flash photography which can be very off putting for performers and remind parents that professional photos of the show will be on sale after the event.

## **Year 5 Space Shuttle Design Challenge**

Congratulations to all Year 5 children. We have had some brilliant entries and the children have taken huge pride and enjoyment in designing and building their submissions. Congratulations to Katie Walker & Olivia Simmons whose rocket was judged in 1<sup>st</sup> place and will be used in the Return to the Forbidden Planet production for the dress rehearsal and the prestigious final evening performance. Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners Ethan Gunning & Archie Hynds whose model will feature in Thursday evening's performance and well done to 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner Cameron Tonkin whose model will fly in Tuesday evening's performance. All the models will be on display at the performance evenings and we invite parents to view them in the interval.

## **Music Department**

### Wellington College Evensong – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

I would like to invite all our young singers to take part in our Choral Day for IAPS District 10 schools, hosted by Hall Grove at Wellington College. We are most fortunate to have Ralph Allwood leading the day and conducting the service. If your child is wishing to audition for Choristers in the near future, this is an excellent opportunity for them to get a taste for what is involved and to show their enthusiasm. Similarly, if you are considering Wellington College as a future destination for your child, this is a good chance to see the school in a relaxed, informal manner. This will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May (in half term) starting at 1100. There will be a service of Evensong at 1800, to which parents are warmly invited. Please complete and email the attached form to Mrs Salmond Smith to secure a place. ( l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk )

### Farnham Youth Choir Open Afternoon

We are most fortunate to have such a high-quality Youth Choir in the area. FYC have recently returned from the Montreux Choral Festival having been awarded the top prize, beating choirs from all over the world. They are currently looking for local talent and are holding an open afternoon at Edgeborough School 1500-1700 on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, for children aged 9-11. We have a large number of talented singers at Hall Grove, and this is a marvellous opportunity for them whether or not they are currently in one of our choirs. To find out more or to book a free place, contact Amanda Welsh. ( fyc.awelsh@gmail.com )

### National Prep School Orchestras

Once again, the NPSO courses are being held in the picturesque setting of Wellington College, from 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013. These courses are for children who are above Grade 2 standard (Training Orchestra) and Grade 5 standard (Symphony Orchestra). The Westminster Chamber Orchestra Charitable Trust has generously agreed to fund a limited number of places for violin, viola, 'cello and double bass players of Grade 5 standard and above who wish to attend the Symphony Orchestra Course. The price is reduced from £520 to £248 to these players this year. The NPSO courses can be an integral part of the curriculum for all musicians who wish to experience the extended learning and the wider joys of orchestral music making at high standard. Please visit their website where you will find more information about both courses ( [www.npso.co.uk](http://www.npso.co.uk) ).

### Brass Academy

After a wonderful Easter Course, we are now looking forward to The Brass Academy Summer Course at The Purcell School, near Bushey in Hertfordshire, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The course provides specialist tuition for brass players aged 8 to 18 of Grade 1 to Diploma ability. We are also running The Workshop, an advanced and intensive course designed to stretch and challenge those who have passed their Grade 8 or Diploma. The course can be attended on a day or residential basis. For further information and for online booking, please visit their website ( <http://www.brass-academy.co.uk/> ).

### Instrumental Examination Results

If your child has instrumental lessons outside school and took a grade examination last term, please do let Mrs Salmond Smith know the results. This is so that their hard work and achievement can be rewarded with house points, and also so that they can be included on a list to be published on the school website. Please note that if your child has lessons in school, their teacher will already have passed on the relevant information ( [l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk) ).

### Informal Concerts

Similarly, if your child has instrumental lessons outside school and wishes to perform in one of this term's Informal Concerts then please email Mrs Salmond Smith to register interest. The 1245 concerts are listed in the school calendar as follows – Middle School: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Upper School: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Pre-Prep: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### Instrumental Lessons

Please ensure that your child remembers to bring in their instrument and music on the day(s) that they have their instrumental lessons, particularly with younger children. It is likely that there will not be another instrument available for them to use, and therefore it cannot be guaranteed that they will be able to have a lesson at all. Please note that your child's instrumental teacher is still likely to charge you for the lesson if this occurs.

## **Congratulations Footsteps Tap Class**

Congratulations to the girls in the Footsteps Tap class who took their Pre-Primary I.S.T.D. Tap dance examinations before the Easter holidays. We are delighted that they all passed, achieving the following results: Emily Armitage (Distinction), Darcey Atherton (Merit), Gabriella Brinn-Johnson (Merit), Ella Goosen (Distinction), Camilla Lawson (Merit), Tara Rijal (Distinction), Tabitha Tonkin (Merit), Emma Winkworth (Distinction) and Emily Wolfe (Distinction). This is a fantastic set of results for a first examination. Well done everyone!

*Miss Stein*

## **2PL Assembly - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

The children of 2PL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0915 (but do not park on the tennis courts). We look forward to seeing you there.

## **5ST Assembly - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

The children of 5ST would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Sports News**

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Girls' Tennis – Queen Anne's Tennis Tournament U12s pairs

Caitlin Gluckstein & Margaux Gathy won 2 out of their 3 matches in their section and went on to play in the quarter finals. Unfortunately they lost that match against Godstowe. Rosie Freeman & Eden Bray played really well and won 1 out of their 3 matches.

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Cricket v Feltonfleet

1<sup>st</sup> XI winning Draw

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Won

3<sup>rd</sup> XI Won

4<sup>th</sup> XI Won

Colts A Lost

Colts B Lost

Colts C Lost

U10 A Won

U10 B Lost

U10 C Lost

### Girls' Rounders

1 <sup>st</sup> VII v St George's Windsor	won	16-13½
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v St George's Windsor	won	14 - 8½
U11 v St Andrew's	won	15½ - 8
U11 v Guildford High	lost	15½ - 6½
U10 A v Guildford High	lost	11-10
U10 B v St Andrew's	lost	14 -9

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May Fixtures

1400 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and Colts A XI at home meet at 1330

1400 1<sup>st</sup> XI, 4<sup>th</sup> XI and Colts B XI at Sunningdale meet at Hall Grove to travel in minibus at 1300

### Cricket Results

An encouraging start to the season for our cricketers, as ten of our teams played their first matches of the season. Our senior teams look particularly strong this year, with three wins out of four, which bodes well for much success over the course of the season. 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain Ajeet Dale scored the first fifty of the season, with 76 from just 48 balls. The games come thick and fast so we hope for more sunshine!

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Cricket v Parkside Update

5<sup>th</sup> XI is now a home fixture.

### May Half-Term Camps

Learn to play the Storm way with expert teaching from Surrey Storm's Superleague coaches! Participants will be taken through a range of drills, mini-matches and practices to get your budding little netball players on the way to possibly becoming future Storm stars!

Junior Storm Netball Camp Years 4, 5 & 6, 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 1000-1600 and Senior Storm Netball Camp Years 7 & 8, 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 1000-1600 - cost £90 per child. For more details contact 01483 689111.

Sunday 2nd June 1000-1300 at Surrey Sports Park. Play netball alongside some of the Surrey Storm stars at the end of season festival open to ages 8-14 years, £5 per person. This is a great opportunity for the girls to take part in 4 half hour workshops to learn to shoot, ball skills, match play and dance with the Surrey Storm Troopers!

SJB Academy is a Community Amateur Sport Club based in Cranleigh, Surrey that offers hockey and tennis to children of all ages and abilities. Set up in 2005 by Olympic Gold Medallist Steve Batchelor, the SJB Academy will be running tennis and hockey courses for children from 5 - 16 years old during half-terms and Holidays. For more information please email [mail@sjbacademy.com](mailto:mail@sjbacademy.com)

## **Tennis Update: Hall Grove v Papplewick**

Hall Grove enjoyed a splendid opening fixture against Papplewick on Tuesday evening. The pre-season coaching sessions appear to have prepared our doubles pairings excellently and it was pleasing to see them applying new tactics and playing with such confidence and understanding so early on in the season. Both our U13 and U11 squads enjoyed unanimous victories, winning all nine of their matches. It is rare not to concede any losses and our lower seeded pairings are congratulated in particular, for battling hard to win some close games. The boys from Papplewick remained in good spirits and conducted themselves excellently. It was an enjoyable evening for all involved and a very promising start indeed!

*Dan Slape*

## **Senior Girls Netball Tour to Jersey**

The Senior Girls netball tour to Jersey and Year 6 girls netball tour to The Jersey Games (April 2014) numbers have to be confirmed next week. To secure a place for your daughter please send in the relevant paperwork by Tuesday.

## **Crown & Tiara Walk - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Sebastian's Action Trust needs our help - will you join us?

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, we would like to put together a huge team of Hall Grove families to take part in this year's Crown and Tiara Walk. Choose either the 7 or 13 miles through Windsor Town and the picturesque Great Park.

We hope the Summer will be with us by then and we'd like to get all our families and friends out into the fresh air, to come and celebrate life by joining us and raising money for those less fortunate than ourselves. Everyone receives a t-shirt and a crown or tiara to walk in and, although it's optional, we love it when people dress up so there'll be a prize for the best fancy dress outfit. The theme is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Queen's Coronation. The walk starts at 1030 and starts and finishes at Trevelyan School, Windsor, SL4 3LL.

It's for a great cause and for all those looking to boost their Service Awards in the Hall Grove Award Scheme this is a perfect opportunity to do so. Sebastian's Action Trust provides support and care to seriously-ill children and their families during the darkest hours of their lives. We do this with respite breaks at our purpose-built holiday house, The Bluebells near Basingstoke, where families can spend precious quality time together away from the endless treadmill and rigours of hospital treatments and a practical support program, provides meaningful assistance to families at critical times. This could be transport to and from hospital, help in the home, a listening ear, activity days for siblings, soothing treatments to carers and, when needed, bereavement support. So please help us raise money to continue and extend our support for these families by encouraging your friends and family to join us on The Crown and Tiara Walk. For more information or to register go to [www.sebastiansactiontrust.org](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org) or call 01344 622500.

## **Ceramics Adult Evening Classes**

Ceramics Evening Classes on Thursdays have two places available. If you are feeling creative and fancy accessorising your home and exploring new projects, please call Miranda Dowse 07951 572560. The new ten week term commenced on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **FOHG Family Tennis Fun Day - 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

Anyone for Tennis....? The Friends of Hall Grove is holding its inaugural Family Doubles Tennis Tournament on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Hall Grove. The tournament is open to all Hall Grove Middle and Upper School children. Their doubles partner can be a parent, relative, friend or older sibling (13+). For further details please see attached letter together with entry slip. If you wish to participate please complete and return the slip attached to the School Office no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Newsletter Attachments**

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

- FOHG Family Tennis Fun Day
- IAPS District 10 Choral Day Form
- Hockey Summer Camp Flyer
- Crown & Tiara Walk

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## **Car For Sale**

Peugeot 107 Active 2012, 3700 miles, red, £5050. Free road tax, no congestion charge, approximately 60mpg and very low insurance. Please call Gary Fry on 07881 785492.

## **Car Wanted**

If anyone is thinking of selling a small car (Golf, Polo or equivalent) in good working order with lowish mileage, please contact Amanda on 01276 472387.

## **Concert Tickets For Sale**

The Stone Roses at Finsbury Park London - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013 - 2 general admission tickets.

Robbie Williams with Olly Murs at Wembley Stadium - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 - 4 tickets block 522 row 33.

Please contact Karyn Macdonald on 07713 130300 or email Kamacdonald8@gmail.com

