

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*This morning we woke to the devastating news of a tragic accident involving Hall Grove Old Boy, Andrew Simpson, who was killed yesterday in a sailing accident whilst training for the Americas Cup in California. Andrew (known to all as Bart), was a huge name in sailing, a double Olympic medal winner and acclaimed as one of the most decent people in sport. He was one of our most famous former pupils, someone who we were very proud of. Our thoughts and prayers are with his parents in Windlesham, his wife and young child.*

## 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, the charming walled gardens of Vine Cottage and Badgers' Cottage and a woodland walk to the boating lake. The entry charge is £5 per adult, children free. Teas and a selection of plants will be on sale. Year 3 children will be using their designs and planting up their garden plots. This is always a lovely event, do please tell your friends and support it.

## Scholarship Success

We are delighted to announce that all three of our candidates for the Hampton School scholarship exams taken earlier this week have been successful in gaining awards. Many congratulations to Charlie Longford who finished top, and to Patrick Ardill and Edward Butler who were in the top six. This achievement is remarkable and reflects so well on the three boys and the support they have got from home and from the scholarship form here at Hall Grove.

## Return to the Forbidden Planet - Congratulations

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Return to the Forbidden Planet for putting on a breath-taking spectacle this week. Over 90 pupils from Years 6 and 7 have worked tirelessly to achieve an exceptional standard of performance and parents have commented on how visually stunning the show has been and how professionally the children have delivered their lines, songs and dance routines. Congratulations to the production team for their hard work and drive to help the children achieve so much. The final show tonight was a roaring success played to a packed house. This has been a special week for those involved and we hope all will be left with fond memories which will last a lifetime.

The professional photographer has captured some wonderful images and details for how to purchase these will be sent out via ClarionCall early next week.

## Fixtures for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May - FIXTURE AMENDMENT

Cricket v Parkside

Please note that

1<sup>st</sup> XI, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and Colts A XI are now away. Please meet at Hall Grove by 0815.

2<sup>nd</sup> XI, U10 A XI are now home, starting at 0930. Please arrive by 0900.

## Pre-Prep Reminder

With the changeable weather please ensure that you send your child in to school with a jumper, sunhat, sunscreen and water bottle each day. Please do not send in squash, fruit juice or fizzy drinks.

## Golf v Eagle House

Well done to the golf team led by Captain Zac Jenkins. In challenging conditions the boys played some solid golf against a determined Eagle House. The first pairing of Zac Jenkins and Henry Gadd won 3 and 2, the second pairing Alex Wessely and

Thomas Walker won 4 and 3, Alex Simmons and Matthew Stevens narrowly lost on the last hole to put the match in an exciting position leaving the fourth pair requiring a minimum of a draw to secure the win for Hall Grove. Danny Wessely and Leo Goosen defied the conditions to come back from 2 down to halve the match on the last hole and secure a win for Hall Grove.

### **3JD Assembly - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

The children of 3JD would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Are you free on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May? That's a week on Sunday. If so, come and join us at The Crown and Tiara Walk in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust. It's a beautiful route through Windsor and The Great Park - you can choose to walk 7 or 13 miles - and there's a T-shirt and a crown or tiara for every walker. It'll be a lovely day out. The walk starts at 1030 and there's Domino's pizza at the end! So get your trainers on and come and join us raising money to support families with seriously-ill children. Sign up today at [www.sebastiansactiontrust.org](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org) or call 01344 622500.

### **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.

### **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 during half term on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May starting at 1100. There will be a service of Evensong at 1800, to which parents are warmly invited. Please email Mrs Salmond Smith to secure a place ([l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk)).

#### Choristers

Mrs Salmond Smith will be with Year 6 at Battisborough next week. However, rehearsals will still be taking place as usual on Monday and Tuesday only.

Congratulations to those who took music examinations last term. The results are as follows:

Adam Wills	Grade 7 piano (merit)
Isabel Norrey	Grade 6 piano
Caitlin Gluckstein	Grade 5 'cello (distinction)
Hannah Gunning	Grade 5 clarinet
Ben Symons	Grade 5 piano
Henry McLeod	Grade 5 tuba
Isabel Norrey	Grade 4 flute (merit)
Rosie Freeman	Grade 4 piano (merit)
Alex Wessely	Grade 4 singing
George Freeman	Grade 3 tuba (merit)
Eden Bray	Grade 3 flute
Oliver Platts	Grade 2 tuba (distinction)
Marcus Dickson	Grade 2 trumpet (merit)
Charlie Millar	Grade 2 saxophone
Claudia Platts	Grade 2 piano
Jana van Eeden	Grade 2 violin
Matthew Lees	Grade 1 guitar (distinction)
Eden Bray	Grade 1 piano (merit)
Izzy Arnold	Grade 1 piano
William Stevens	Grade 1 piano
Aaryan Parkash	Prep Test piano (merit)

### **School Photographs**

The following photo albums are now available on the school website for purchase.

- Year 4 Battisborough Trip
- Surrey Storm Netball Trip

- Colts A Rugby
- David Shepherd Art Competition
- Golf v Eagle House

Select 'Purchase Photos' at the bottom of the school home page, and enter the password **admiral**.

## Sports News

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

ISFA National U11 football finals.

Summer terms are usually a time for cricket, tennis, rounders, athletics and swimming at Hall Grove. However, the success of the Colts A football team meant that a rather important football tournament still had to be played. The Surrey Cup winners had qualified for the first year of the Under 11 Independent Schools Football Association Tournament at St George's Park in Burton – the brand new training centre for the England team. Hall Grove began the competition sluggishly with a win, draw and then heavy defeat in the first three games. This meant the team had to win the last two group games to qualify for the Quarter-Finals. Rediscovering their touch the team achieved this. They could very easily have won the following 'knock-out' match against Bolton School and were unlucky to lose 1-0. Showing great character, the team then won two subsequent matches played to determine final placings. This meant that at the end of the day, Hall Grove finished fifth out of 140 teams. This was obviously an outstanding achievement and the players deserve great credit for the attitude they showed throughout the day. The team included: Devon Gordon (who was particularly outstanding on his last school football outing), Alex Raeburn, Ben Symons, Hogan Whiteley, George Brevett, Jamie Hart (Captain), Cameron Ellis, Jack Humpish, William Gadd and George Freeman.

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

Cricket v Sunningdale

1<sup>st</sup> XI won – Ajeet Dale scored a century not out.

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Won

3<sup>rd</sup> XI Won

4<sup>th</sup> XI Won

Colts A Won – George Freeman, Cameron Ellis both getting half centuries.

Colts B Won

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Cricket v St Andrew's

1<sup>st</sup> XI Won

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Won

Colts A Won

Colts B Won

Cricket v Parkside

3<sup>rd</sup> XI Lost

4<sup>th</sup> XI Lost

5<sup>th</sup> XI Lost

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Cricket v St Andrew's

U9 A lost

U9 B won

U9 C won

### Cricket Results

Our cricketers can once more be pleased with their efforts this week. Our teams won all seven matches against Sunningdale last weekend, the highlight being Ajeet Dale's 100\*, his first hundred for the school. Ajeet can be very proud of his achievement, as he becomes the fourth boy to score a hundred for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in the last ten years. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have made an extremely strong start to the season, winning all three of their matches very comfortably. Edward Butler and Alex Simmons have made particularly good contributions to their success. We are now looking for the teams to sharpen up their fielding in particular, as one or two very close defeats could have been translated into victories with better fielding.

### Surrey Cup Matches

U11 Surrey Cup Cricket. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1400 at home.

U13 Surrey Cup Cricket. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1515 at home.

### Girls' Tennis v St George's Ascot

Well done to the girls team for their fine performance winning three of the four matches.

This week's rounders results are as follows:

2 <sup>nd</sup> VII v Crosfields	won	16½ – 8
U11 v St George's Windsor	lost	9 – 5½
U10 B v St George's Windsor	lost	8½ – 4

U10 A v Queen Anne's Tournament	3rd place	
U9 A v Feltonfleet	lost	10½ - 6½
U9 B v Feltonfleet	won	7 - 4½
U8 B v St Andrew's	lost	9 - 8

#### Years 5 - 8 Netball Fundraising Evening

Please note this has now been moved to June 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Swimming

Please could Years 3 - 8 have their swimming trunks/costumes, flip flops, goggles, caps and towels at school next week as we are hoping to have a full programme of swimming. Swimming caps are now available in the school uniform shop.

## **Half-Term Camps**

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)

#### **Junior Storm Netball Camp**

Years 4, 5 & 6 on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 from 1000 - 1600

Years 7 & 8 on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 from 1000 - 1600 - cost £90 per child. For more details contact 01483 689111.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1000 - 1300 at Surrey Sports Park, Guildford.

Play netball alongside some of the Surrey Storm stars at their end of season festival, open to ages 8-14, £5 per person.

This is a great opportunity for the girls to take part in 4 half hour workshops to learn to shoot, practise ball skills, match play and dance with the Surrey Storm Troopers!

#### **Junior Rounders Camp**

An inspiring, fun Rounders Camp held over the May half-term for players of all abilities aged 6 - 13.

For more information take a look at the website: [www.net-it.org](http://www.net-it.org)

## **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:

- Crown & Tiara Walk
- FOHG Family Tennis Fun Day
- Hockey Summer Camp Flyer

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## **Tuba Wanted**

4 valve tuba required. Interested in selling? Please contact Sarah Freeman on [sarah@freemanonline.co.uk](mailto:sarah@freemanonline.co.uk) or 07886 002199.