

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The school grounds looked most attractive last weekend and the many visitors enjoyed a lovely afternoon. A delicious tea and live music added to the sense of occasion, even if the cold weather did not! Our thanks to our neighbours at Badgers' Cottage, Field House and Vine Cottage for opening their gates too, and to everyone who helped on the day. Well done Year 3 who, with help from their parents, have planted beautiful gardens against the old brick wall.

Local Cricket Clubs

Local clubs are keen to recruit boys and girls to their junior programmes. Hall Grove maintains close links with Bagshot, Valley End, Ascot and Camberley clubs. The more cricket the children play the better they get, the extra practice really does make a huge difference to their school match performance so do please consider joining. Some details are given below after Sports News.

A Medical Update

Last term we printed the harrowing story of a young man who was about to undergo emergency leg amputation and whose family was appealing for a rare blood group for transfusion. His uncle, a former parent at Hall Grove, has written to give an update and extracts are printed below.

"Alex had his operation as planned earlier this year. His recovery is on-going and he has had a few small chemotherapy sessions – nothing as significant as before the operation. He has now started the process of getting his prosthetic leg fitted and is keen to see this through, as he wants to regain his mobility. He has lost a lot of weight and remains very tired, but it is good to see his natural drive coming through. He is in the process of acquiring an adapted car, which will help him in the longer term.

Can you please pass on thanks to all who have been in touch during this time – I also approached Mrs Cooke at Sir William Perkins's school, one of the parents placed the request for donors onto Facebook and I ended up with more than 200 people getting in touch.

Alex was lucky – in the end we did not need huge amounts of help, but the level of support we received was extremely welcome at what was a challenging time for him and his family. Micky Balla was very kind and called around his family to find out how many others could help – it was this first move that started the whole process and gave us all hope.

On behalf of him and his family I would like to say a huge thank you to all at Hall Grove who have responded and all who have held him in their thoughts – it is much appreciated and has helped during a tough time."

A Special Evening

Please note that in the Calendar we have reserved the evening of Friday, July 5th for a special family fun event which will include food, drinks and Shakespearean performance involving all the school in the gardens and grounds. More details will follow in the second half of term but in the meantime please make a note of 1700-2000 on July 5th.

Return to the Forbidden Planet - Photographs

Photographs of the show are now available for purchase. Please use the following link:

<http://goo.gl/yUybH> and enter the password **Planet**

Please note that this is not a profit-making exercise for the school. We felt that parents would value the opportunity to have some really nice photos of the production and we hope that they are enjoyed. There is a lovely slideshow containing the majority of shots and the full catalogue of stills can also be viewed and ordered as required. A 25% discount will be applied to all orders placed before 26th May (excluding canvas wraps), and all orders placed within this period will be delivered to Hall Grove in the first week after half-term (so no additional postage charges will apply). These are 'natural shots' and the photographer did a fantastic job, capturing as many of the children as possible as they moved around the performance space (over 800 to choose from!). Please do make use of this service – if it is well received it may be something we continue to invest in at future events.

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**.

Hall Grove Tennis Tour! 5★ Vale do Lobo Resort on the Algarve

Friday 18th - Tuesday 22nd April 2014

Following the growing success and interest in boys and girls' tennis at Hall Grove we are delighted to offer budding young players the opportunity to kick-start next year's season with a 4 night / 5 day tour to Portugal. This tour is primarily for keen tennis players (boys and girls) who will be in Years 6 to 8 from September next year, however, we may accept applications from those in Year 5 who have a particular talent. The tour package is inclusive of flights and transfers, all meals, and accommodation in the beautiful 5★ Dunas Douradas Beach Club in Portugal's Vale do Lobo Resort. Players will enjoy daily coaching sessions, full use of the resorts facilities, pro exhibition matches and tournaments against other UK school groups. The cost of the tour is £685 inclusive, and a deposit of £250 is required by June 25th 2013. Parents may like to visit the following web link www.5startennisholidays.com. We are initially looking to take 16 players, accompanied by 2 members of staff. Please register your interest with Mr Slape at your earliest opportunity.

Crown & Tiara Walk - Sunday 19th May

Are you free on Sunday 19th May? 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 or call 01344 622500.

Open Morning - Thursday 23rd May

Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 23rd 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.

4DL Assembly - Thursday 23rd May

The children of 4DL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 23rd May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

1KH Assembly - Friday 24th May

The children of 1KH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Friday 24th May. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

FOHG Family Tennis Fun Day - 8th June 2013

Anyone for Tennis...? The Friends of Hall Grove is holding its inaugural Family Doubles Tennis Tournament on Saturday 8th 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 17th May.

Sports News

Tennis

Our tennis session is now in full swing and Hall Grove has already enjoyed some strong performances from the boys and girls teams. The U11 (Years 5 and 6) and U13 (Years 7 and 8) singles and doubles knockout tournaments are also now open and players must sign up by the end of Monday. These tournaments are open to both boys and girls and pairings may also be mixed. A Year 4 tournament will take place in the children's games session. As with other sports, the children are allowed to bring in their own rackets for matches - these must be clearly named and looked after. There is a separate hopper where they can be stored and personal rackets must not be taken by others. This message has been spelt out very clearly to the children in assembly. Whilst the school cannot be responsible for equipment brought in from home, we do our utmost to ensure all property is well looked after. Please note that all personal tennis balls must also be named with a permanent marker and stored in school bags during lessons.

Cricket v Hoe Bridge

1 st XI	lost
2 nd XI	won
3 rd XI	won

U10 A tied
U10 B lost

Cricket v Lambrook

4th XI lost

Cricket v Feltonfleet

U9 A lost
U9 B & C won

Athletics at Yateley

All the children performed very well and put in a lot of effort. They are to be congratulated on their conduct and effort for the day.

Rounders Results

All Wednesday's games were cancelled.

Thursday results:

U9 A Won 14½ – 9½
U9 B Lost 16½ – 9½

IAPS Swimming Results

Last weekend Neve MacDonald and Izzy Arnold competed in the IAPS 2013 National Swimming Finals.

Neve swam U12 25M butterfly in the heats and was seeded 7th. She knocked 0.36 seconds off her qualifying time to qualify 4th for the finals. In the final Neve knocked another 0.08 seconds off her time to come in 4th however the 3rd place swimmer was disqualified and Neve was awarded the bronze medal! Izzy Arnold swam U12 50M breast stroke in the heats and was seeded 12th. She swam a personal best, knocking off an incredible 2.36 seconds from her qualifying time (0.15 seconds off a Club County qualifying time). Izzy qualified 8th for the final and finished 8th with a time of 33.10. Both girls were fabulous ambassadors for Hall Grove.

Valley End Cricket Club

VECC are currently offering training every Friday for U10s – U13s 1830 – 2030 and every Sunday 0930 – 1100 for U7s – U9s. See www.vecc.org.uk for further details or contact James Young (07885 235703 or jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com).

Bagshot Cricket Club

Please find attached letter and membership information for Bagshot Cricket Club training days. There is also the opportunity for boys and girls to attend a few training sessions while they decide whether they wish to join the club. For further details please contact Graham Searle (gwsearle@yahoo.co.uk).

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

Junior Storm Netball Camp

Years 4, 5 & 6 on 28th and 29th May 2013 from 1000 – 1600

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

Sunday 2nd 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

SCL Holiday Activities – May Half-Term

SCL Club Energy and Soccer Camps holiday activities for children aged 4-12.

For more information contact www.scl-online.co.uk or 0845 644 5747

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Crown & Tiara Walk
- FOHG Family Tennis Fun Day
- Hockey Summer Camp Flyer
- Bagshot Cricket Club Parents Letter
- Bagshot Cricket Club Membership Form

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Mum's Golf Day - Friday 7th June

Lucy Wessely, Anna Humpish and Bea Brash are organising a Mum's Golf Day at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club on Friday 7th June - 18 holes of golf followed by sandwiches/wraps, tea and cake. Please email Lucy if you are interested in playing (wessely@sky.com).