

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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The first half of term finished with a most successful Open Day yesterday. Over 50 sets of prospective parents toured the school and met staff and pupils. Our thanks to Year 7 and Remove for acting as guides, their good manners and enthusiasm for the school were most impressive.

We hope everyone has a good break next week. Senior pupils will be doing some preparation for their exams, but this is also a chance to restore energy levels after a very busy start to the term.

Staff News

Mrs Bath would like to thank parents and staff for their continued support, good wishes and kindness. She is due to have her second cycle of chemotherapy next week and so far appears to be coping fairly well with the side effects of the treatment.

Ever Thought of Volunteering?

The Olympics gave many people the chance to experience the rewards of volunteering. Here is another opportunity. Home-Start Surrey Heath is looking to recruit and train parent volunteers to help families with young children. If you can spare 2 - 3 hours a week you could make a real difference to a family living locally. There is a free 8-week course starting on Tuesday, September 10th during school hours. Contact 01276 681121 for further details.

A Family Evening Out

A reminder 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. **Last chance to order for a 25% discount which 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.

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

Saturday 19th - Wednesday 23rd April 2014 (please note change of date)

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 resort's 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.

Music Department

Assembly Performance

This week we were delighted by Yousuf Mirza's superb rendition of Leonard Bernstein's Somewhere. If your child would like to sing or play in assembly after half-term, please ask their instrumental teacher to put them forward. It can be nerve-wracking performing to such a large audience, so musicians are required to know their piece very well.

Middle School Informal Concert

Thursday saw a bumper crop of instrumentalists from Middle School showcase their talents. These concerts are designed to give children the opportunity to perform in a friendly environment, and this week it was particularly good to see so many of our pupils giving up their break time to support their friends and siblings. Well done to everyone who participated but particularly Rosie Millar, Thomas Morley and Issy Llewellyn-Jones, who all impressed for a variety of reasons.

Chichester Cathedral Evensong

Choristers will be performing a service of Evensong in Chichester Cathedral on Friday June 21st. Please save the date, and encourage any friends and family in the area to come and hear these most talented and dedicated young singers. The service begins at 1730 (not 1600 as stated in the calendar) and will last approximately 45 minutes.

National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain

The National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain was formed in 1978 by Vivienne Price MBE, who saw the need for talented children aged under 14 to have their own symphony orchestra. Youth orchestras existed for teenagers, but younger children, if they were admitted at all, felt they did not fit in socially, however brilliant their playing. We have an increasing number of musicians at Hall Grove who meet the required standard for their orchestras. Audition application forms for a place in one of the 2014 orchestras will go on the website late May/early June 2013. For further details please see their website (<http://www.nco.org.uk>).

Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles

During exam week, the following ensembles will be running as normal and children are expected to attend:

Choristers
Hall Grove Choir
Chamber Ensemble
Junior Recorder Ensemble
Junior Brass
Concert Band
Senior Brass
Jazz Ensemble
Percussion Ensemble

UK Junior Maths Challenge 2013

Congratulations to Adam Wills who has been invited to take part in the Junior Maths Olympiad following the UK Junior Maths Challenge. This is a significant achievement. The following were also awarded Gold Certificates, which will be presented at prize giving: Charlie Longford, Henry McLeod, Harry Francis, Zac Jenkins, Patrick Ardill and Marcus Dickson.

Sun Safety at School

Whilst there is no denying the importance of children having plenty of fresh air and sunshine, excessive exposure to the sun is dangerous and we ask parents to be mindful especially during the middle of the day. Teachers are asked to conduct open air sessions in the shade where possible during very warm weather.

Hay Fever

For those children who suffer from hay fever, please could parents either make sure their children have taken medication before they come to school or that medication is sent in, clearly named, and handed to one of the Matrons.

Charity Netball Tournament - Sunday 2nd June

Hall Grove Adult Netball Club is hosting the 2013 Charity Cup Tournament on Sunday 2nd June from 1000 – 1500 on the astro courts. Come along to watch some fast, exciting tournament netball (5 minutes each way) featuring local league teams and our very own Hall Grove Red and Blue squads – who will appreciate your support! The tournament is being held in aid of 'Shining On', a charity in memory of Little Grove pupil, Declan Bennett. There will be a raffle and a barbecue to help raise funds.

FOHG Family Tennis Fun Day - 8th June 2013

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 the attached letter together with an entry slip. If you wish to participate please complete and return the slip attached to the School Office.

'The Government Inspector' Tuesday 11th June

The boys in Year 8 Remove are delighted to present this short play which they have been working on in their drama lessons. Full of humour and eccentric characters, the witty script will make a thoroughly enjoyable watch and parents and children from other year groups are also more than welcome to join the audience. The performance will take place on the stage (behind the stage curtains) and parents should be seated by 1855 for a prompt start at 1900 (the run time is approximately 20 minutes). On the evening of the performance it is expected that the cast will remain at school to prepare and eat supper before the audience arrives.

Sports News

Cricket

It has been quite a week for the 1st XI, who have played five games in seven days and qualified for the semi-finals of the Surrey Cup in the process. Both the Second Round, last Friday against KCS Wimbledon, and the Quarter Final, on Tuesday against Aldro, were extremely tight affairs, with Hall Grove winning both on the last ball of the match and by one run! Rarely does cricket get more exciting – congratulations to the team for holding their nerve in the most testing of circumstances. Sandwiched in between these matches was a fine win over Eagle House, where Captain Ajeet Dale scored a magnificent unbeaten 121, from just 83 balls.

The first half of term has been a successful one, with our cricketers winning nearly 60% of their matches. There have been several individual achievements to celebrate, but above all we can be delighted with the performances of our teams, and special mention to the 2nd XI who have won six out of their first seven matches under the captaincy of Edward Butler.

Girls' Games

This week's rounders results are as follows:

Wednesday 22nd May

1 st VII v Felton Fleet	lost	15½ – 8
2 nd VII v Felton Fleet	lost	16 – 9
U11 v Felton Fleet	lost	16 – 8
U10 A v Ripley Court	won	15 – 5
U10 B v Ripley Court	won	13½ – 9

Thursday 23rd May

Junior House Matches:

Joint 1st place Hawks and Falcons

Joint 3rd place Kestrels and Eagles

Calendar Additions

Thursday 6th June:

Tennis v Lambrook

3 U9 pairs

Boys' Games

Friday 17th May:

Surrey 2nd Round v KCS

1st XI Won

Saturday 18th May:

Cricket v Eagle House

1st XI Won

2nd XI Won

Colts A Drew

Colts C Lost

U10 A Lost

Tuesday 21st May:

Surrey Cup Quarter Final v Aldro

1st XI Won

Wednesday 22nd May:

Cricket v Sunningdale

1st XI Drew

2nd XI Won

3rd XI Won

4th XI Won

Colts A Won

Colts B Won

Cricket v Edgeborough

5th XI Won

Cricket v Feltonfleet

U10 A Won

U10 B Lost

Thursday 23rd May:

Cricket v Sunningdale

U9 A Lost

U9 B Won

Athletics v Woodcote

The boys athletic team competed well in the annual fixture between the two schools. Woodcote won the match but Hall Grove should take heart in some excellent individual performances. The hurdlers and long jumpers performed particular well. The meeting finished on a very positive note for Hall Grove with the senior boys relay team winning a very exciting race.

Tennis News

Hall Grove enjoyed a competitive evening of tennis on Monday as we played host to Sunningdale School. It was lovely to see our astro full to the brim with fiercely contested matches on every court. The standard of play was high from both teams. Our U13 squad lost a number of close games and were defeated 7 - 2 (match wins). The U11 squad was on excellent form and came away as victors, winning 6 - 4. A special mention goes to Maxim Duggan-Hill who stepped in at the last minute to cover an absence. He and partner Henry Coop enjoyed some close wins.

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

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2013 Vouchers

Please hand in any remaining Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers to the Front Office as the promotion has now ended. Thank you.

Newsletter Attachments

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

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

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