

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*The assessment week has gone well; the boys and girls all settled down to their exams very sensibly and we are expecting some good results. For Year 8 it was a big relief to put Common Entrance behind them, and they have had a great time today playing golf and tennis and canoeing in the school's new lake. They are now looking forward to a full programme of outings and activities leading up to the end of term.*

*One good aspect of the wet Winter and the late Spring has been the incredible burst of colour in the back gardens, with a fantastic display from the rhododendrons; it has been one of the best years ever.*

## Sailing News

Over half-term, Piers Nicholls (Year 7) and his helm Jamie Smith (Hayling Island Sailing Club) travelled to Thorpe Bay Yacht Club on the east coast to compete in the RS Feva National Championships 2013. Racing in a fleet of 94 boats they won all three races on the first day. The second day saw more challenging conditions with 15-20 knots of breeze but they managed to secure top 5 results. This made them second overall winning the title of Junior National Champions (U13). Piers and Jamie are also World Junior Champions in this class and we wish them luck in the forthcoming World Championships in Italy in July.

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

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 2013. Parents may like to visit the following web link [www.5startennisholidays.com](http://www.5startennisholidays.com). We are initially looking to take 16 players, accompanied by 2 members of staff and **spaces are filling up quickly**. If you are keen for your child to attend please register your interest with Mr Slape at your earliest opportunity ([d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk)).

## Music Department

### Informal Concerts

Please be reminded that the Upper School Informal Concert is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June and the Pre-Prep Informal Concert is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Both concerts begin in New Hall at 1245.

### Chichester Cathedral Evensong

Choristers will be singing a service of Evensong in Chichester Cathedral on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 1730. All friends and family are welcome.

### Assembly Performance

We were delighted to hear Yousuf Mirza sing 'She', co-written and popularised by Charles Aznavour. Next week's performance will be Adam Wills playing 'Sturdy Build' by Christopher Norton.

### **Year 6 Battisborough Assembly - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Please note that this assembly will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0835. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **IAPS District No. 10 Choral Day**

During half-term, a number of our pupils took part in a Choral Day organised by Hall Grove, held at Wellington College and led by Ralph Allwood MBE. The day ended with a service of Evensong, which delighted and impressed parents and many Heads from the area's Prep and Senior Schools. Such was its success we are very much hoping that this will become an annual event. The children represented the school very well indeed and were superb ambassadors. Many thanks in particular to Mrs Coop for her help on the day.

### **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 so please encourage your child to wear a hat and sunscreen. 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.

### **Panoramic Photograph - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Gillman and Soame, the school photographer, is coming on the morning of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June to take the whole school panoramic photograph. Please make sure your child is wearing full summer uniform.

### **Uniform**

All children should be in full Summer uniform. Boys should be wearing short-sleeved grey shirts. Trainer socks are not accepted uniform for boys or girls, so please provide children with ankle socks. Girls should wear red hair ties and clips and keep other colours for home. Please ensure that all uniform is clearly and securely named. There is a large amount of unnamed uniform and sports kit found during each week.

### **'The Government Inspector' - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 it thoroughly enjoyable to watch so 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 35 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.

### **FOHG Golf Competition - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Don't forget to sign up for this term's Golf Flag Competition next Saturday! Open to all Hall Grove children with trophies for the winners and prizes for the runners-up of the age categories. Just £15 per player with goody bag and drinks in the pavilion. Please see the attached form for all the details. Please email [rachel.bray@btinternet.com](mailto:rachel.bray@btinternet.com) for any further information and make sure to have your forms back by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**.

### **Knight Frank Doubles Team Tennis Tournament - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Hall Grove are looking forward to entering again this year and the team sheet has been up for several weeks (players have been made aware). Please note that this is a team event and that should a player not turn up then their team will not qualify for entry. Boys are requested to register at Charters School (Sunningdale) tennis courts at 0945 for a 1000 start. The first round of this competition will be completed by 1300. Girls are requested to register at St George's School tennis courts (Ascot High Street) at 0945 for a 1000 start. This competition will be completed by 1230. A hog roast lunch will be provided for all competitors (boys and girls) at Charters School at 1300 followed by the boys' finals and prize giving.

### **Sports Day - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Parents are reminded that Sports Day is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. All the children are expected to attend and their families are invited to come and support. The Pre-Prep races will run before lunch. The Middle and Upper School have races both in the morning and in the afternoon. Families are encouraged to picnic in the grounds; there are lunchtime displays and activities.

### **TASC - Royal Ascot Week**

As Royal Ascot commences on 18<sup>th</sup> June, please remember to book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be very busy.

### **Sports News**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Cricket v Yateley Manor

1<sup>st</sup> XI Won

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Won

Colts A Lost

Colts B Lost

Colts C Lost

U10 A Lost

U10 B Won

Rounders v Bishopsgate

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> IV won 15 - 7½

U11 lost 8½ - 7½

U10 A won 13 - 12½

U10 B lost 21 - 11

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Rounders v Hoe Bridge

U9 A lost 11 - 7

U9 B won 10 - 7

Rounders v Feltonfleet

U8 A v won 11½ - 7½

U8 B v won 6 - 5½

U8 C v drew 5½ - 5½

Boys' Athletics v Sunningdale and Bishopsgate

Congratulations to all those who competed in the annual meeting at Sunningdale. There were good performances across the team but those that stood out on the day were Thomas Morley and George Brevett winning their 100m, Charlie Wyatt's fantastic 200m and the U12 and U14 teams winning their relays in two very close and exciting races. The match was very close with Hall Grove finishing second behind Sunningdale.

Boys' Tennis v Lambrook

We had 3 pairs of enthusiastic Year 3 and 4 children who played well against a very experienced Lambrook team. A lot of lessons were learnt in this fun and entertaining afternoon.

### **Looking ahead**

Good luck to the Colts 6 a-side cricket team in the Wellington Sixes on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Windlesham Golf Academy Summer Camps**

Please find attached details of the Windlesham Golf Academy Summer Camps running during the Summer holidays.

## **October Half-Term Netball Camp**

Mrs Lomas is running a Year 4 - Year 8 netball camp this October at Lambrook School. Mrs Maxfield and other qualified coaches will be coaching on all 3 days. Please complete the attached form if interested.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> during school hours. Contact 01276 681121 for further details.

## **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:

- Windlesham Golf Academy Summer Camp
- FOHG Golf Competition
- October Half-Term Netball Camp

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## **Second-hand Upright Piano For Sale**

Julius Bluthner Model 1 upright piano in a rosewood case together with a stool. Originally built in 1907, this piano has been rebuilt and re-polished. It's in excellent condition with lovely tone. £750. Call Meirion 07769655591.

