

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Congratulations to the 1st XI for continuing success on the cricket field. For the first time since 2008 our team has made the final of the Surrey Cup after a gripping semi-final against Parkside on Thursday. We have also enjoyed success at Tennis and Golf this week, as well as many wins for the Cricket and Rounders teams. Well done in particular to the boys and girls for stunning success in the prestigious Knight Frank Tennis Tournament, and to the Golf team for doing so well at Millfield School. Reports on both competitions are printed below. The boys of the U 11 cricket team are playing their Surrey Cup semi-final on Monday, we hope for a good result. They are an excellent team who have performed admirably all season.

The big excitement of next week will surely be the whole school visit to Giffords Circus in Newbury. The children will be taken by bus and will return to school before collection time. This family run circus is now very famous, especially in Gloucestershire where it started several years ago. It features fantastic displays of horsemanship and brilliant acrobatics. It will be a highlight of the term and a great way to celebrate a superb school year.

Staff News

Music

Many congratulations to our Director of Music, Louise Salmond Smith, on her recent appointment as Head of Tormead Junior School, Guildford. Whilst it is certainly a big loss for Hall Grove, we take great pleasure in this career advancement for Mrs Salmond Smith. It is very well deserved. She takes up her appointment in January 2014.

Head of Girls Games

From this September, the Girls Games Department will be headed up by Mrs Kate Maxfield. Mrs Maxfield has taught at Hall Grove for four years now and has proved herself to be an inspirational Netball coach. Mrs Lomas will continue to coach sports part-time, but with increasing girl numbers and a demanding fixture list it has become harder for her to balance out of school commitments with the growing demands of the job. We thank her for all she has achieved for the department this year, the most successful ever for girl games at Hall Grove.

New Science Appointment

The new senior teacher of Physics and Chemistry is Mr Luke McLeod, a graduate from Manchester University. In order to have the best hand-over from Mr Adams his induction period started at half term.

Mr McLeod's previous work was in industry and doing research at Nottingham University. We are very pleased to have him on the staff.

Science and Maths Co-ordinator

The Science and Maths Faculty will be led next year by Year 2 teacher, Mrs Anne Easeman. Mrs Easeman is a Science graduate with a keen interest in Environmental Science. The faculty includes several highly experienced maths teachers under the expert leadership of Mrs Brice, and the senior science will continue to be taught by Mrs Vernon-Smith (Biology) and Mr McLeod (Physics and Chemistry, see above).

Year 8 Visit to Westminster - Monday 24th June

The boys and girls of Year 8 will on Monday be travelling by bus to London for appointments at the Palace of Westminster and at Downing Street. They will visit both the House of Lords and the House of Commons for this exciting trip. They will meet at school at the normal time and will be back at school at 3.00 pm. No special kit is required, but a tidy blazer and clean shoes are essential. Since the trip is within school hours there is no need for an individual consent form, but if any child is unable to go please contact Mr Graham. We are aware that four boys are in the tennis team.

Reception Assembly and sharing Learning Journeys - Wednesday 26th June

The Reception children would like to invite their parents to their Assembly on Wednesday 26th June. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0910. Please remember to send your child to school in a castle dress up outfit and bring their school uniform to change into for the whole school photograph. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Photograph - Wednesday 26th June

This has been re-arranged for Wednesday 26th June. Children must be looking tidy that day; Middle and Upper School will need blazers.

Sports Day - Saturday 29th June

Parents are reminded that Sports Day is on Saturday 29th June. All the children are expected to attend and their families are invited to come and support. Families are encouraged to picnic in the grounds; there are lunchtime displays and activities. **Please see the attached schedule.**

Shakespeare Week - Monday 1st - Friday 5th July

We have a busy timetable planned for the children, filled to the brim with drama workshops, Elizabethan music, visiting speakers, Shakespearean costume and excursions. We are running two trips to The Globe in London (Year 6 on Tuesday, Year 5 on Thursday) both taking place within the children's normal school day with a packed lunch provided. On Tuesday the children from Middle School are invited to wear traditional Tudor dress.

The week will culminate on the Friday evening with a festival of all things Shakespearean, taking place in the gardens between 1700 and 2000. Parents and pupils are invited to join the fun and will be treated to entertainment and a number of mini performances around the grounds. We are delighted to welcome the highly experienced actor and director, Chris Connaughton, as a 'Director in Residence' for the week. He will work with Year 6 children on an abridged version of Macbeth, to deliver an 'Open Air' performance on Friday evening at 1900 (all Year 6 children will be required).

There will be a delicious hog roast and Pimms/soft drinks available for parents and children at £5 per head, tickets for the meal should be bought in advance from Mrs Doherty (Middle and Upper School Parents) or Mrs Leech (Pre Prep Parents). This promises to be a delightful afternoon for all the family and we hope that the whole school community will take the opportunity to celebrate Shakespeare with us (including Year 8 boys and girls returning from Battisborough). We look forward to seeing you all.

Music Department

MTech

Please ensure that any forms for MTech are returned to the school or registered online.

Pre-Prep Informal Concert

When we realised the need for a Pre-Prep concert last year, our very first one in November consisted of a handful of brave performers. Today's concert contained a bumper crop of 19 pianists, singers, percussionists, violinists and recorder players, each one of them performing with great confidence and aplomb. Well done to all involved - we look forward to seeing your musicianship develop as you progress through the school!

Sports News

Another busy week of sport at Hall Grove with outstanding success on the cricket pitches, rounders pitches, athletic track, tennis courts and golf courses.

Friday 14th June

Boys Athletics meeting at Parkside

The team performed well across all the age groups. Hall Grove's high and long jumpers performed well winning six of the eight jumping events. There was no overall team result but Hall Grove certainly shone on the track and in the field.

Tennis News

Players have enjoyed two super evenings of tennis since our last report. Our mixed doubles fixture against Lambrook was a roaring success and it was fantastic our boys and girls communicate so freely and in such good spirit. Both U13 and U11 squads won convincingly, only losing 1 match out of the total 18 played. Our U13 boys squad continued their unbeaten run on Monday evening with an efficient performance against Yateley. The U11 squad had stiffer competition and narrowly lost. A special mention to Leo Goosen who represented the U11's for the first time and who played admirably. Also to Devon Gordon whose game has really come on this term and he has been hitting the ball very nicely indeed.

Saturday 15th June

Cricket v St Johns Beaumont

1st XI, 3rd XI, Colts A XI, Colts B XI, U10 A XI, U10 B XI - Won

2nd XI, 4th XI - Lost

Monday 17th June

Athletics West Surrey Prep schools for Boys.

The boys selected to compete in this event acquitted themselves well and achieved some fine performance, the highlights being James Somper's victory in the U13 high Jump and Yousuf Mirza's 2nd place in the long jump earning selection for the West Surrey team and qualification to the National Championships in Birmingham.

Cricket v MCC

Another exciting match with the 1st XI winning by just one run.

Tuesday 18th June

Golf Millfield Tournament

Congratulations to Zac Jenkins, Xavier Schwarz, Alex Wessely, Henry Gadd and Ben Soanes for finishing second (by just one point) at the Millfield Golf Tournament this week. This was a great result and one that earned plaudits from the Millfield Golf Professional for the excellent way our team played.

Wednesday 19th June

Cricket v Aldro

1st XI, 3rd XI, 4th XI, 5th XI, Colts A XI, Colts B XI, U10 A XI - Won

U10 B XI - Drew

2nd XI, Colts C XI - Lost

Rounders v St Neot's

1st IX, U10 A IX - Won

U11 A IX - Lost

Thursday 20th June

Cricket Surrey Cup semi final

1st XI - Won

Congratulations to the 1st XI who beat Parkside on Thursday afternoon to secure a place in the Surrey Cup final on Wednesday 26th June. The boys won a tight game by 6 runs, with Thomas Walker top scoring for Hall Grove with 38 and Charlie Millar bowling particularly well at the end of the game. Captain Ajeet Dale, fresh from a hat trick for Surrey against Kent last Sunday, led the side impeccably as he has done all season. The 1st XI have now won 11 out of their 15 matches, suffering only 2 defeats, a most impressive record. The final will be at Maori Oxshott Cricket Club, time as yet unknown, but possibly at 1330.

Cricket v Yateley Manor

U9 A XII, U9 B XII, U9 C XII - Won

Cricket v Feltonfleet

U8 A XII, U8 B XII, U8 C XII - Won

Athletics West Surrey Prep schools for Girls.

All the girls' competed very well across all events and should be proud of their efforts. Congratulations must go to Jana van Eeden and Scarlett Creasey winning the U11 rounders' ball throw and U10 long jump respectively. Other notable performances were Anya Froggatt's 2nd in the U11 800m, Izzy Arnold's 3rd in the U13 shot.

Looking ahead:

Saturday 22nd June

Athletic finals for boys and girls from years 3 - 8.

The first event starts at 0930. All competitors selected must arrive by 0910 ready for a prompt start. The event will conclude following the presentations at 1200.

Monday 24th June

Colts Surrey Cup semi-final, played at Hall Grove at 1500. If successful the final will be on Tuesday, June 25th at Almshouse Lane (KT9 2ND).

House swimming

Please ensure that your child has their swimming costume and towel at school for house swimming competitions which will take part during their PE lessons. Wednesday 3rd July years 3 and 4, Thursday 4th July years 5, 6 and 7.

Sports summer team photo's Tuesday 9th July

Please could parents ensure your child has clean sports kit at school on this day.

Summer Camp

Activate Sport are running sports academies at Surrey Sports Park, Guildford over the Summer and half-term holidays.

For more details see www.activatesport.co.uk or tel 0115 973 1676 to book. Flyer attached.

Knight Frank Doubles Team Tennis Tournament Winners - Sunday 16th June

In a week of thrilling tennis at Queens Club, our boys and girls followed in Andy Murray's footsteps to achieve some spectacular results of their own. Congratulations to Alex Wessely, Harry Francis, Henry Gadd and George Janes who won the Knight Frank Doubles Team Championship on Sunday. The standard of play was extremely high and the final against St Johns Beaumont was eventually decided by an extended tie-break. Having gone 2 - 5 down, our boys showed enormous spirit and resilience to claw their way back and win 10 - 6 in a heart pounding final triumph.

Congratulations also goes to our girls team, Margaux Gathy, Caitlin Gluckstein, Rosey Freeman and Eden Bray who battled courageously to finish runners up in the girls draw. Hall Grove is fast developing a reputation for excellence in tennis and all pupils who represent the school should feel very proud.

Dan Slape

FOHG Golf Tournament

Saturday saw the second encounter in this year's Hall Grove Flags competition. With the US Open underway at Merion, the Hall Grove children encountered similar tough conditions of their own, battling against not only the course but the howling wind and rain! Despite the 'English summer' the spirits of all involved never dampened which was shown throughout the fun filled day. The course was set up as tough as it could get, with knee high rough, tight cut greens and even the added obstacle of spectating horses. With each golfer receiving thirty six shots it was important to take care over each one. Understandably with the conditions which faced us this proved difficult for a few competitors. It looked more like a November morning than that of Mid June, due to the wellies, waterproofs and umbrellas being used, the determination from the players was inspirational and outstanding. With their flags in hand all 27 competitors drove and putted their way around the course, to see who could carry their flag the furthest. Thank you to everyone who took part and made it such a special day, but now onto the eventful winners: Reception & Year 1 winner James Brash (James completed the 7th hole with his 36th shot which was a great achievement), runner up Thomas Warren.

Year 2 & 3 winner Adam Humpish (Adam started the 8th hole on his 36th shot which was very nicely done), runner up Shrey Rawal & Linus Bray.

Year 4 & 5 winner George Freeman (George's 36th shot ended 2 feet from the 9th hole, a great effort), runner up William Stevens.

Year 6, 7 & 8 winner Xavier Schwarz (Xavier impressed us all by completing the 9 holes and finishing on the green of the 1st for the second time round!!!), runner up Ben Soanes.

I would very much like to thank everyone that participated and helped make the event yesterday a success especially all the parents as without their support this would never work. Myself and James are very pleased with the progress being made during the Saturday morning sessions, this is really highlighted in these events so congratulations to all competitors.

From The Berkshire Golf Professionals I hope everyone had a good time.

Harry Mills & James Warrington

Holiday Courses & Camps

Please see attachments for holiday courses and camps available.

Tubs4Tablets

Hall Grove has registered to take part in the Flora (in partnership with Tesco) Tubs4Tablets scheme. Tokens can be found on special tubs of Flora Original and Flora Light 500g. For every 100 tokens collected, Hall Grove will receive a new Asus Memo Pad 172. There is no limit on the amount of free tablets that the school can claim. The tubs will be available from Tesco stores from 24th June and all applications for Asus tablets must be made by 27th September 2013.

Please help us claim as many as we can and return any of the special lids to the school office. Thank you

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Windlesham Golf Academy Summer Camp
- October Half-Term Netball Camp
- Sports Xtra Summer Camps
- Activate Sport
- Pre-Season Football Training
- Sports Day 2013 Schedule
