

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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We are delighted to have been given the go-ahead to start work on our new Early Years Building at the top of the garden. This has involved meeting a large number of local authority compliance issues. Over the next few weeks there will be a lot of construction activity in the area behind the netball courts and parents are asked to take great care when parking on the courts or driving along the return road. Some disruption is inevitable, please be patient.

Today we had a fun Mufti Day and raised a lot of money for Children in Need. We are planning another event to raise money for the Philippines Appeal. More information will go out next week.

This weekend we have girls and boys competing in national sporting competitions; Gymnastics at Birmingham and Football at Shrewsbury. Good luck to both teams.

Independent Schools Fair 2013

Our stand at the Schools Fair in Battersea was well-attended and attracted quite a bit of interest. Our thanks to the staff who gave up time to man it.

The Drive

A parent writes:

"Is it possible to remind people in the newsletter that the drop and run system in the morning and afternoon is purely for dropping and running? Quite a few cars are being left there while parents get out which results in the system not working efficiently. If parents need to go into the school they need to use the parking and not park on the turning circle. This morning cars were backed up to the A30 and during the long crawl up the drive you could see cars on the circle with no one in them."

We could not put it better ourselves! Do please take note.

6LM Assembly - Thursday 21st November

The children of 6LM would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 21st November. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 4 Battisborough Trip

Year 4 parents are reminded that in the Summer term their children have their first residential trip to Battisborough House. Although this is a very exciting prospect, for some children the thought of staying away from home can cause upset. If you feel your child would benefit from a practice boarding night or two, please contact our Head of Boarding, Mrs Tilley (l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk) to book places. On Friday 21st March 2014, we will be inviting the whole year group to have a sleepover at school in preparation for the trip. Details of this will be circulated nearer the time.

Year 6 Cake Sale

Congratulations to Josh Tyrer and friends in Year 6 who raised over £40 today with their cake sale for Children in Need. Thank you to Year 6 children who brought in some extra pennies to buy their goodies!

Bagshot Library - Volunteers Wanted

If anyone would like to volunteer to help keep Bagshot Library going, training is arranged next week on the 18th or 20th November. For more details contact Cllr Glyn Carpenter (Glyn.Carpenter@surreyheath.gov.uk). This is a good opportunity for someone with an hour or two to spare who would like to help a worthwhile community project.

Tesco Opening in Bagshot

There are plans for a new supermarket in Bagshot. Tesco is looking to develop the Jack's Fish and Chip Shop site on the A30. The public is invited to view the scheme and offer their comments. If you are interested, drop in to the function room at Three Mariners Pub and Restaurant, 56 High Street, Bagshot, Surrey, GU19 5AW on Thursday 21st November between 1100 and 1900.

Music Department

Stowe Recorder Day

Yesterday, four of our recorder players visited Stowe School for a day of spectacular playing with virtuoso Piers Adams and his accompanist, Iain Laks. From Swinging Safari to Jingle Bells, a range of music was played and Piers treated us to some of his own showstoppers. We saw many different types of recorder, and even a gemshorn. What a super day out, and one we hope to repeat!

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

This week's girls' hockey results are as follows:

1 st VII v Edgeborough	lost	3 - 1
U11 A v Edgeborough	won	7 - 1
U10 A v Edgeborough	drew	3 - 3
U10 B v Edgeborough	won	4 - 1

Netball

This week's girls' netball results are as follows:

U9 A v Edgeborough	drew	3 - 3
U8 A at Cranleigh Festival	3 rd in pool	
U8 B at Cranleigh Festival	1 st in pool	

The U8s took part in their first tournament and, despite strong winds and icy air, they performed fantastically. Special mention to Lyla Smith whose shooting accuracy was truly amazing.

Girls' Sport Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Saturday 16th November - Bradfield U11 Netball Tournament. The team should meet at Hall Grove at 0830. An order of play has been sent home with the girls selected to play.

Saturday 16th November - Good luck to Margaux Gathy, Eden Bray, Rosie Freeman and Isabel Norrey who are competing at the IAPS Gymnastics Championships in Birmingham.

Wednesday 20th November - 1st VII will now go to Highfield, Liphook for a netball fixture at 1400. 2nd VII will play away at Bishopsgate at 1500. U11 and U10 fixtures remain unchanged.

Wednesday 20th November - U13 IAPS Hockey. Sadly, we did not make the final so please disregard this calendar entry.

Football

On Monday the Colts A XI competed against Cranmore in the Surrey Cup Plate Competition and lost 5 - 3 on penalties after extra time. It was a hard-fought competition and the Colts A team played very well.

Congratulations to George Freeman and Ethan Gunning for receiving their junior football colours.

Rugby

1 st XV v Hoe Bridge	lost	24 - 5
2 nd XV v Hoe Bridge	won	44 - 5
3 rd XII v Hoe Bridge	won	45 - 10
Colts A v Hoe Bridge	lost	24 - 14
Colts B v Hoe Bridge	lost	35 - 14
U10 A v Hoe Bridge	won	25 - 15
U10 B v Hoe Bridge	lost	5 - 0
U10 C v Hoe Bridge	drew	10 - 10
U10 D v Hoe Bridge	won	4 - 1

Weekend Fixtures

Saturday 16th November - Hall Grove Rugby 10-a-side Tournament. The boys selected to play should arrive promptly at 0845.

Sunday 17th November - Good luck to the boys selected to take part in the National Football Finals.

Gift Fair in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust

A huge thank you to all who supported the annual Sebastian's Action Trust Gift Fair last Saturday - over £3,300 was raised. Despite the cold weather and persistent rain, our first Pre-Prep Fun Run was a tremendous success! The children were brilliant; all dressed up in their trick-or-treat outfits and had great fun finding the witches and wizards, and seeking treats! A big thank

you must go to all those who helped – our witches, wizards who were wonderfully scary in costume. Also the Marshalls who kept the children from any mishaps near the lake and tractor shed and the lovely Upper School girls who helped the children along the route. Thank you to everyone who got family and friends to sponsor them – their generosity is so appreciated by everyone at the Trust.

The Gift Fair was a fabulous day out for all members of the family. Shoppers stocked up on gifts, cakes and crafts from some of the terrific stalls – regulars as well as some newcomers. Delicious refreshments were on sale throughout the day keeping visitors refreshed and sated, and every year group hosted wonderful activities including tombolas and games. The Gift Fair would not be possible without the support offered by all the year reps and the incredibly enthusiastic children who relished the opportunity to help others with complex medical conditions who face challenging times.

Operation Christmas Child

Our thanks to all those who have donated Christmas boxes under the Samaritan's Purse scheme. The boxes are being collected next week so please bring any filled shoe boxes to the School Office by Monday morning. Please ensure that each box has a payment envelope inside, as directed in the leaflet sent home before half-term.

Gamesmaker Choir at the Rugby League World Cup

Mrs Graham will be singing at Wembley with the Gamesmaker Choir at the Rugby League World Cup semi-finals on Saturday 23rd November. She has been enjoying the challenge of learning 12 national anthems off by heart including ones for France, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Samoa in their native tongues, along with various popular songs.

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