

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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It has been a busy Summer and Autumn around the main house, a late 18th century Grade 2 Listed Building. Important conservation work has been done to renew the protective render to the soft red bricks, and we have also taken this opportunity to replace some Victorian plumbing and remove defective external pipework. Fortunately this project is now at last coming to an end and the scaffolding will come down next week. The external decorations will be completed next Summer.

The Drive

We would like to remind you again about not blocking the flow of traffic on the drive at collection times by parking or leaving vehicles unattended. Not adhering to the guidelines causes a great deal of stress and frustration to others.

Years 5 and 6 Parent Interview Schedules

The Years 5 and 6 schedules were sent home today with the children for the Parent Interviews taking place on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd December.

Children in Need

The total raised on Friday for Children In Need amounts so far to £1,043.10. What a wonderful result, well done!

Dress for Warmth

As the weather becomes colder it is essential that the children have lots of layers to wear. For games, they are encouraged to wear their school skins, sports tops and tracksuits. Please make sure all uniform is clearly marked with name tapes.

Hall Grove Review

We are in the final stages of preparing the 2013 Hall Grove Review for publication. As always, there are a number of photographs of children, but the vast majority of these do not have a name attributed to them. However, if any parents do not want their child featured, please let Mr Tyrer (p.tyrer@hallgrove.co.uk) know by Monday morning.

Reception Parents - Friday 13th December

Reception parents are invited to come and share their child's Learning Journey work and sample Christmas cookies on Friday 13th December from 1400 in the classroom. If this time is inconvenient, parents are more than welcome to have a look at their children's work when they drop off to school that morning.

Recycling Bubble Wrap

If you have any unwanted bubble wrap, please take it to the pottery workshop in the coach house for use by the Ceramics department.

Music Department

Informal Concerts

Yesterday, we were treated to a super concert by some of our Pre-Prep musicians. It will be Upper School's turn this coming Thursday, at 1245 in the Headmaster's Drawing Room.

Instrumental Courses

• The National Schools' Symphony Orchestra is holding two Orchestral Days in January, one in Oxford and the other in Cambridge. These days are free of charge to orchestral musicians of Grade IV/V standard and upwards, aged 8 to 13. The number of places is limited, so early application is advised.

- The English Brass Academy's Easter Course will run from 7th to 11th April 2014 at the Purcell School in Hertfordshire, and the Summer Course will run from 4th to 8th August 2014 at the Yehudi Menuhin School in Surrey. The course is offered to children from Grade I upwards either on a residential or day basis.
- The National Prep School Orchestras Course will run from 13th to 19th July 2014 and once again be held at Wellington College. This course is always popular with Hall Grove pupils, and is conveniently local for those children who do not wish to board.

Please see the attached flyers for information on each of these specific courses. They are extremely valuable experiences for any potential music scholars or just for those who enjoy the experience of playing in a large orchestra.

Carol Service

If there are any parents or elder siblings wishing to participate in this year's Carol Service singing Alto, Tenor or Bass, do please contact Mrs Salmond Smith for further details.

IAPS National Gymnastics Competition

Eden Bray, Rosie Freeman, Margaux Gathy and Isabel Norrey travelled to Birmingham last Saturday to compete in the IAPS National Gymnastics final. All four girls prepared for this event in their own time, planning and practising their routines to ensure they held their own. Their hard work and dedication paid off with the team coming 5th and Rosie being placed 17th and Margaux 18th overall. The team were rewarded with a trophy for Best New School attaining the highest score for a new school entry. The girls and their supporting parents thoroughly enjoyed the glitz and glamour of this national event. Special thanks to Mrs Gathy for her supporting coach rôle.

Sports News

Girls' Hockey

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

1 st VII v Bradfield	won	3 - 0
2 nd VII v Bradfield	won	3 - 0

Netball

Bradfield Netball Tournament - the U11 girls won 1, drew 1 and lost 3 games. Well done to all the girls who took part in this tough competition.

This week's netball results are as follows:

2 nd VII v Bishopsgate	drew	6 - 6
U11 A v Bishopsgate	lost	16 - 3
U11 B v Bishopsgate	won	8 - 3
U10 A v Bishopsgate	won	13 - 1
U10 B v Bishopsgate	lost	6 - 2
U9 A v Feltonfleet	won	6 - 2
U9 B v Feltonfleet	drew	2 - 2
U9 C v Feltonfleet	won	2 - 0
U8 A v Feltonfleet	won	3 - 1
U8 B v Feltonfleet	won	3 - 1

Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Monday 25th November: Years 3 and 4 girls' House hockey - Parents are invited to support the girls' House hockey matches that will start promptly at 1330 on the astroturf. Match tea will be served in the pavilion at 1430.

Wednesday 27th November: U11 A and U10 A Netball v Coworth-Flexlands will now be an away fixture and NOT home as in the calendar.

Football

The 1st team travelled to Shrewsbury School for National 6-a-side finals on Sunday hoping for further success after last year's excellent 5th place. There were a number of strong footballing schools on show and everyone knew that they had to be at their best to compete. The group stage was competitive throughout and a couple of draws were split by two superb performances. The first came up against Formarke Hall, who have a rich history in the competition, and the 4-0 victory was about as convincing as it could possibly have been. There was also an excellent 3-0 thrashing of Shrewsbury House who have been the strongest side in Surrey this season. The boys topped the group and came up against a very talented Chigwell side in the semi-final. Unfortunately, our opponents were the better team on the day and deserved their victory. It was a fantastic achievement for a school of our size to be challenging such strong footballing schools and it was great to go a step further than last year. Many congratulations to the boys for all their efforts, and for keeping up our recent success on a national stage.

The week's football results are as follow:

U8 A v Parkside	lost	6 - 3
U8 A v Lanesborough	won	3 - 1
U8 B v Parkside	lost	3 - 1
U8 B v Lanesborough	lost	4 - 3
U8 C v Parkside	lost	4 - 0
U8 C v Lanesborough	lost	4 - 0
U8 D v Parkside	drew	0 - 0

U8 D v Lanesborough

lost 2 - 0

Rugby

Eight schools participated in the annual Hall Grove Tens Rugby Tournament last Saturday. The Hall Grove team performed very well, reaching the final for the first time in the tournament's history, before losing narrowly to Lanesborough. The boys began with two comfortable victories against Edgeborough and Feltonfleet before losing their final group game to the eventual winners. This put us through to a semi-final against Hoe Bridge, who we had lost to the previous week. It was a tense, tight and physical affair, with neither side giving an inch. We narrowly secured victory in the final minute after Charlie Millar nonchalantly knocked over the most difficult of conversions from the right touchline. Lanesborough had beaten us comfortably in the group game and a measure of the improvement from our boys was evident in the final, with us losing 10-5 and spending most of the second half camped in our opponents 22. The squad then went over to Highfield on Wednesday which proved to be a difficult afternoon. After narrowly losing to the hosts, we were comfortably beaten by strong teams from Portsmouth Grammar School and RGS, Guildford.

This week's rugby results are as follow:

U9 A v Hoe Bridge	lost	25 - 20
U9 B v Hoe Bridge	lost	30 - 25
U9 C v Hoe Bridge	drew	25 - 25

Boys' Calendar Additions and Amendments

Thursday 28th November: U9s Rugby v Feltonfleet is now a home match.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal. The boxes were picked up on Wednesday and the total number collected by Hall Grove was 87.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Instrumental Course Flyers
- Christmas Fair Leaflet
- Santa Fun Run Flyer

The Wentworth Christmas Fayre - Monday 25th November

Christmas shopping in the beautiful surroundings of the famous Wentworth Ballroom from 1000 to 1600. Raffle in aid of the Woking and Sam Beare Hospices. Entrance £5 (children free). Wentworth Golf Club, Wentworth Drive, Virginia Water, GU25 4LS.

Santa Fun Run in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust - Sunday 8th December

Get in the Christmas spirit on Sunday 8th December and join in a Santa Fun Run held at Virginia Water. Participants of all ages are welcome, so please include the whole family and make a day of it. The run will start at 1000 and the entrance cost will include a medal and Santa suit each. All proceeds will go to the charity which helps families with seriously-ill children. Please register your place by visiting www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/santarun or give the office a ring on 01344 622500.

For Sale

Eight original Flexifoil power kites. 6ft/178cm various colours. Use one or stack multiple for extra power. All unused. Perfect Christmas gift for children aged 12 and up or adults. RRP £150. For sale for only £65 each! Call Frin 07544 465974.

