

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Another wet week, but some welcome sunshine at the end. Everyone will be ready for the half term break when it comes next Friday.*

*This week's Senior Schools Fair was well attended and from the feedback received from parents it was both helpful and informative. The schools attending represented a good mix of co-ed and single sex, day and boarding. We hope the event will have encouraged Years 5 and 6 parents to look at some of the different options. The visiting schools were all very complimentary about Hall Grove, our children, staff and parents. We have some very good senior school links and we value the friendships we have made over many years.*

## Scholarship News

We are delighted to announce the following senior school awards:

Wellington College: Rosie Freeman (Music Scholarship), Caitlin Gluckstein (Music Exhibition)

Cheltenham College: Penny Salmond Smith (Music Exhibition)

Farnborough Hill: Emma Counsell (11+ Academic Scholarship)

St. George's Ascot: Aimee Thompson (11+ Academic Scholarship)

## 'Off Games'

If children are at school but not well enough to participate in games lessons, they will be expected to wrap up in warm clothes and go outside to watch the lesson. The 'off games' children will be involved where possible by helping with scoring and umpiring. They are also encouraged to walk around the pitches if the weather is cold. Please ensure that your child has suitable warm clothing in school (including their black school coat) and a pair of outdoor shoes or wellie boots. On match days there will be a programme for those unable to participate in games. For further information or advice, please contact the Matrons.

## Years 5 - 8 Parent Interview Reply Slips

Please ensure the completed slips are handed in to the School Office by Monday's deadline.

## Year 4 Performing Arts Evening - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

With a 1920s 'Bugsy Malone' theme, the children are really excited at the thought of performing a number of short scenes, songs and dance routines. The children will require costumes and, whilst this is a relaxed, informal performance, 'gangster' style costumes will add to the atmosphere and a simple costume of black trousers/leggings with a white collared shirt will be perfectly adequate for boys and girls. We have a dress rehearsal in the morning and costumes should remain at school ready for the evening performance. In the evening all children should return to school and be dropped off to their form rooms no later than 1830. Parents are then invited to take their seats in New Hall. At the end of the performance the children will return to their form rooms for collection. We hope you enjoy the show!

If you would prefer your child to remain in school after the end of their normal school day, a small number of places will be available at boarders' supper. If supper is required, please contact Mrs Tilley to make a booking ([l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.tilley@hallgrove.co.uk)).

## Music Department

### Music Competition

Please be reminded that the deadline for all entries for the Music Competition is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. If there remain any queries, please contact Mr Waltho ([j.waltho@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:j.waltho@hallgrove.co.uk)) or Miss Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)).

### Pre-Prep Informal Concert

Yesterday, a selection of Pre-Prep children took to the stage and performed to friends, family and teachers. From beginner performers with the first few notes under their fingers right through to accomplished musicians (including Isabel Harvie

performing her own composition!) this was a most enjoyable lunchtime of music. There will be further informal concerts throughout the rest of the year, and we look forward to hearing from more of our talented and dedicated children.

### Learning an Instrument

Whilst we already offer a wide range of instruments and have a good number of children learning, we are always looking to expand and offer more lessons. Learning an instrument culturally enriches, provides many satisfying hours of enjoyment and offers opportunities to perform with others across different age groups, schools and even cultures. It also, so evidence suggests, is strongly linked to a range of brain functions and actually supports academic work and the ability to focus, to think multi-laterally and to develop intrinsic motivation. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument please contact Miss Post or Mr Waltho for further details, whether it's an instrument we currently offer or not. Music lessons are offered throughout the school day, usually on a rota basis to minimise the impact on any individual class lesson.

## **Sports News**

### Netball

Congratulations to our U10 A team who won the St. George's, Ascot Netball Tournament on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. They scored twenty goals on the day across all matches and only conceded two, winning all their games comfortably. A fine performance.

Surrey Cup Netball: due to the rain the U13 Surrey Cup Netball was postponed again on the 5<sup>th</sup> February - we are awaiting confirmation of a new date.

Netball House Match results:

U11/10 1<sup>st</sup> Falcons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kestrels, 3<sup>rd</sup> Eagles, 4<sup>th</sup> Hawks

U9 1<sup>st</sup> Hawks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Falcons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels, 4<sup>th</sup> Eagles

U8 1<sup>st</sup> Falcons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kestrels, equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Eagles and Hawks

This week's netball results are as follow:

U11 A v Yateley Manor U12 lost 15 - 9

U11 B v Yateley Manor U11 A lost 14 - 11

U10 A v Yateley Manor lost 7 - 6

U10 B v Yateley Manor lost 15 - 3

### Girls' Calendar Amendments

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: given the weather forecast for tomorrow (rain and strong winds!), a decision has been taken to postpone the U8 Hall Grove Netball Festival. The festival was intended to give the girls a positive, fun experience and it seems foolish to proceed under the circumstances. We hope to run the event in the Summer term.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February: the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Netball teams will now travel to play indoors at Lightwater Leisure Centre against Dolphin. 2<sup>nd</sup> VII start time will be 1430 and 1<sup>st</sup> VII will be 1515.

### Rugby

The rain finally got the better of the pitches this week causing several rugby matches to be cancelled as the season drew to a close. The sevens team will continue to train in preparation for forthcoming tournaments.

This week's rugby results are as follows:

Colts A Squad 1 v Staines Prep won 55 - 15

Colts A Squad 2 v Staines Prep won 50 - 15

### Boys' Hockey

The boys' hockey got off to an encouraging start against St. George's Weybridge, who are renowned for their hockey. Despite losing the majority of the matches both the U10s and Colts teams competed well and were unlucky not to get more from the games.

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

Colts A v St. George's Weybridge lost 4 - 3

Colts B v St. George's Weybridge lost 9 - 1

Colts C v St. George's Weybridge lost 3 - 0

Colts D v St. George's Weybridge drew 3 - 3

U10 A v St. George's Weybridge lost 2 - 1

U10 B v St. George's Weybridge lost 4 - 0

## **IAPS National Judo Championship 2014**

Congratulations to Jana van Eeden for winning the gold medal in the Under 36kg category in this year's IAPS Judo Championships. Jana was our only entrant this year due to commitment clashes for both Oli Fricker and the girls in the squad. Jana is an exceptional Judoka who trains and competes hard. She really deserves this success.

## **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2014 vouchers which are currently being issued for every £10 spent in stores, online and at fuel stations. We would be grateful if you would send in any vouchers that you receive.

## **Chelsea Football Club - Easter Soccer School**

Details are now available for the Chelsea Football Easter Soccer School being run at Hall Grove from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April. Please see the flyer and forms attached.

## **FOHG Golf Tournament - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Please be advised that tomorrow's FOHG Golf Flag Competition has been cancelled due to green conditions.

## **Newsletter Attachments**

The following document is attached to this week's newsletter:

- Chelsea Football Easter Soccer School Information

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