

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Parents will be very sorry to hear that Sandra Bath has been unwell recently. As a result of this, she is about to embark on a second course of chemotherapy. Sandra has been working from home and, whilst she is keen to return to the school office as soon as she is able to, she needs a period of complete rest first. We send her our very best wishes and pray that the next phase of treatment goes well for her. As we are having to use more than one person to cover the front desk, there may be an element of disruption which we hope to keep to a minimum.

Scholarship News

We are delighted to announce three major awards to Wellington College. Eden Bray won one of the top academic Scholarships with excellence noted particularly in English; Rosie Freeman and Margaux Gathy also did very well finishing in the top 15 and they have been awarded academic Exhibitions. This is a great result for the three girls and a tribute to their hard work and to the skill of the teachers who prepared them. Arjan Bhalla and Neve Macdonald both gained admission to the school through the scholarship exams.

Last week we heard that three boys from Year 8 had their places confirmed at St George's Weybridge as a result of their scholarship exams: Sam Armitage, Charlie Brennen and William McKechnie. Well done.

Music Department

Instrumental Competition

This year's Instrumental Competition finished earlier with some dazzling playing from our Senior Strings pupils. Our three judges were all very impressed with the standard of musicianship shown by the children, from beginners all the way up to those playing at Grades 7 and 8 level. They also remarked very favourably on the confidence and politeness shown by our children - well done to all, children and parents!

The full list of winners hints at the range of musical opportunities on offer here at school, and also highlights the splendid work of instrumental teachers, ours within school and the many teaching children outside school. It is only with the valued support of instrumental teachers and parents that the children are able to make the progress that they do, and this intellectual and cultural development will reap rewards for them throughout their life.

Woodwind - Cole Lam (Class A), Amelie Wyatt (Class B), Alice Myers (Class C), Rosie Freeman (Class D)

Percussion - Tara Rijal (Class A), Ben Symons (Class B)

Strings - Rory Coleman (Class A), Jonathan Butler & Gabriella Brinn-Johnson (Class B), Archie Graham & Amy Greengrass (Class C), Henry Coop (Class D)

Keyboard - Jessica Humberstone (Class A), Shrey Rawal (Class B), Oscar Fry (Class C), Rhett Wooldridge (Class D), Freddie Coughlin (Class E), Harry Coxon (Class F), Archie Graham (Class G), William Chen (Class H)

Vocal - Beatrice Brockman (Class A), Isabel Norrey (Class B)

Brass - Alex Kong (Class A), Cameron Tonkin (Class B), George Freeman (Class C)

Next Friday at 1915 in New Hall there will be an Instrumental Competition Winners' Concert, at which all winners are invited to perform their winning piece, and selected children who were highly commended for their performances will also be invited to perform. An email will shortly be sent out to the parents of those selected with further details. If you have any queries please get in touch with Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) or Mr Waltho (j.waltho@hallgrove.co.uk).

Spring Concert - Thursday 27th March

The Spring Concert will take place on Thursday 27th March in New Hall starting at 1900. This will be a wonderful evening of music and an opportunity to witness the hard work that has taken place over this term. All pupils, parents and friends are warmly invited to attend the concert. The full list of participating ensembles is still to be confirmed, but likely to be as follows: Hall Grove Choir, Girls' Choir, Senior Recorder Ensemble, Senior Brass, Junior Brass, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, Junior Strings, Woodwind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. If your child is in any of these ensembles, please ensure that they are in the

Admiral Room with their instrument (if applicable) by 1840 at the latest. They may stay for supper, but please make sure you book them in as soon as possible. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please let Miss Post know as soon as possible (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk).

Choristers

The final details regarding the trip to Manchester will be emailed out shortly. Our Choristers will be giving a short concert at Liverpool's stunning Anglican Cathedral (the largest cathedral in the UK and 5th largest in the world) on Monday 24th March at 1230. The main event, so to speak, will be our live broadcast on Radio 4 Long Wave for the Daily Service on Tuesday 25th March. We will also record for a further edition of the Daily Service (broadcast date to be confirmed). The broadcast can also be found on a Radio 4 DAB side station and more information can be found by following this link - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>.

2PL Assembly - Wednesday 19th March

The children of 2PL would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 19th March. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pre-Prep Spring Celebration - Tuesday 25th March

Pre-Prep children would like to invite their parents to their Spring Celebration on Tuesday 25th March at 1330 in New Hall. Following this, the Reception parents are invited to the Reception classrooms to look at the children's Learning Journeys.

Sports News

Girls' Sport

IAPS Regional Netball Finals U13

The 1st VII netball team travelled to High Wycombe Netball Centre to take part in the IAPS Regional Netball Finals on Friday 7th March. They finished 2nd out of 16 schools - a fantastic achievement. The senior girls played with a huge amount of courage, determination, speed and skill, and thoroughly deserve the honour of representing Hall Grove and the South of England at the National IAPS Netball Finals at Roedean on Saturday 15th March. Thank you to all the proud parents who were there throughout the day to support the girls. The results were as follows:

v Edge Grove	won 12 - 1
v Swanbourne House	won 10 - 3
v Bilton Grange	won 6 - 2
v Godstowe	won 5 - 2
v Ashfold	won 9 - 4
v Highfield (Hants)	won 5 - 2
v Winchester House	draw 6 - 6
Won Pool A, unbeaten, 53 goals for 20 against	
Semi-Final v Downsend	won 6 - 5
Final v Eagle House	lost 5 - 9

Lambrook Lacrosse Tournament

On Wednesday the U11s competed in the Lambrook Lacrosse Tournament and finished in 2nd place. The results were as follows:

Under 11s came second

v Edgeborough	won 6 - 4
v St. Andrew's	won 4 - 3
v Lambrook	lost 1 - 2

Under 13s came fifth

v Lambrook	lost 0 - 3
v St. Andrew's	lost 0 - 5
v St. Swithun's B	won 2 - 0

This week's netball results are as follows:

U10 A and U10 B took part in the highly competitive Bishopsgate Netball Tournament. Both teams played well and some great netball was once more on display. The U10 A team came 3rd and the U10 B team came 10th

U11 B v Eagle House	lost 5 - 12
U10 B v Eagle House	lost 4 - 5
U9 A v Eagle House	drew 4 - 4
U9 B v Eagle House	won 3 - 0
U8 A v Eagle House U9 B	lost 1 - 2
U8 B v Claremont	lost 1 - 3
U8 C v Claremont	won 11 - 0

This week's cross country results are as follows:

Year 4 v The Marist	4 th in team event
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Year 5 v The Marist 4th in team event
Year 6 v The Marist 3rd in team event

Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Saturday 15th March: 1st VII Netball Team to meet at Hall Grove at 0645 for a prompt departure to Roedean School in Brighton. All spectators are very welcome to attend to support the Hall Grove girls. Please note, dogs are not permitted at Roedean.

Boys' Sport

Rugby 7s

1st VII v Feltonfleet 4th place in their pool

Hockey

Year 4 Hockey House results: 1st Kestrels, 2nd Eagles, 3rd Falcons, 4th Hawks

1st XI v Hoe Bridge drew 2 - 2

2nd XI v Hoe Bridge won 2 - 1

3rd XI v Hoe Bridge lost 0 - 1

4th XI v Hoe Bridge drew 0 - 0

Colts A v Hoe Bridge lost 0 - 3

Colts B v Hoe Bridge won 2 - 1

Colts C v Hoe Bridge lost 0 - 3

Colts D v Hoe Bridge lost 0 - 3

U10 A v Hoe Bridge lost 4 - 5

U10 B v Hoe Bridge lost 1 - 3

U10 C v Hoe Bridge lost 0 - 3

U10 D v Hoe Bridge lost 0 - 4

U10 E v Hoe Bridge drew 1 - 1

U9 A v Lambrook lost 0 - 1

U9 A v Hoe Bridge won 1 - 0

U9 B v Lambrook drew 2 - 2

U9 B v Hoe Bridge lost 0 - 3

U9 C v Lambrook won 5 - 0

U9 C v Hoe Bridge drew 2 - 2

U9 D v Lambrook won 2 - 1

U9 D v Hoe Bridge lost 0 - 1

Boys' Calendar Reminders

Saturday 15th March: Hockey v RGS Guildford is being played at the following times:

0845 5th VII, 6th VII

0945 3rd VII, 4th VII

1045 1st XI, 2nd XI

Monday 17th March: Hockey House Matches for Year 3 will start promptly at 1345.

Saturday 22nd March: U13 Rugby 7s at 1400 away at Woodcote; U11 Rugby 7s at 1400 away at Sunningdale.

Sunday 23rd March: Bradfield Hockey Tournament for Boys and Girls. Please arrive at Bradfield at 0945 for a 1015 start and collect from Bradfield at 1700.

FOHG Golf and Tennis Lessons

The promise of Summer and hopefully good weather brings increased interest in these Saturday lessons so be sure to register your child as soon as possible with Rachel Bray (rachel_bray@icloud.com) for golf and Leslie Gathy (lesliemg@btopenworld.com) for tennis.

The second annual FOHG Family Tennis Tournament is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 7th June. The event is open to all Hall Grove pupils in Years 3 and above with their adult partner. The FOHG Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday 14th June.

Rachel Bray and Leslie Gathy

Easter Tennis Camp

We were exploring options to arrange an Easter Tennis Camp. On this occasion it has not been possible, however we are working with Premier Tennis to look at new opportunities later in the year.

Chelsea Football Club Easter Training Camp

Details are attached for the Chelsea Easter Football Camp being held at Hall Grove from 7th to 11th April.

Windlesham Golf Academy - Easter Golf Camps Plus Additional Date

Please see attached details and form for Easter Camps. Please return forms together with payment to the Hall Grove School Office.

Camberley Rugby Club

Please see attachment with information about Camberley Rugby Club's Open Day.

Easter Hockey Wolf Pack

The Hockey Wolf Pack is back this Easter at Woking Hockey Club. Please see the attached flyer for dates and booking details.

The Sunningdale Indoor Cricket School Easter Coaching

Please find attached information regarding Easter holiday cricket coaching. James Young can be contacted at jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com or, by mobile, on 07885 235703.

Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps

Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps are currently looking for new recruits to join their group. The group meet each week and do a variety of activities including field craft, first aid, shooting, map reading, cooking and parades. Please see attached flyer or contact Emma Woodcon 07754 500344 / Deb Tippett 07725 441358 for more information.

Baseball Registration Open!

The local baseball team, who practise nearby at ACS on the A30 (just before the Saville Garden turning), are looking for new players across a number of year groups. Practices are Friday evenings and games are generally Saturday afternoons. For more information, please see the attached flyer or call Tod Saltzman on 07894 419808.

Save the Date: Saturday 5th July - Hall Grove Family Fun Day 1500 – 2000

Hall Grove will host a Circus Mini Big Top as well as an array of exciting fairground attractions. Fun for all ages and an event not to be missed. More details to follow soon.

Lost and Found

A set of house keys have been found on the grounds and handed into the School Office.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Chelsea Football Easter Soccer School Information
- Windlesham Golf Academy - Easter Golf Camps
- Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps
- Camberley Rugby Club - Try Rugby
- Easter Hockey Wolf Pack
- Baseball Registration Form
- The Sunningdale Indoor Cricket School Easter Cricket Coaching
- Sebastian's Action Trust Flyer

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Sebastian's Action Trust - Swinley Forest Run

As part of their support for Sebastian's Action Trust, Knight Frank Estate Agents are now sponsors for the Swinley Forest run being held in September. Attached is a flyer about the run which has a link to their website for people to enter.

Au Pair

An experienced au pair, Diana Amariei, is currently seeking employment. Diana has a degree in education and over 6 years' work experience with children. For further details please contact Diana via email (diana.eu@hotmail.co.uk). For a telephone reference please contact Liz Watters on 07789 848488.