

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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As we get ready for the Common Entrance exams just after Half Term, we are delighted to record one further academic award for a Hall Grove pupil. Thomas Hazell won a scholarship at Hampton School. All six of our Year 8 Remove candidates have won awards this year. Well done to them all. Now we look to the rest of Year 8 to come up trumps with CE!

We wish all families a pleasant half term holiday.

Hall Grove E Safety Policy

Parents will find the school's recently updated E Safety Policy attached to this newsletter. Please read this carefully and we strongly advise parents to discuss the contents with their children.

Parents' Forum

Our thanks to those parents who were able to attend the meeting on Thursday. It was a very helpful discussion and we appreciated the honest feed-back and the most useful exchange of ideas.

Years 4 - 7 Exams, Guidance Notes and Revision

Today we are sending out, and putting on the website, some exam guidance and revision notes for Years 4 - 7. By sending this out at the beginning of Summer half-term, hopefully this will reassure parents and pupils - much of the groundwork for the exams has quite naturally been covered in lessons and preps, and there is much to be done on the return from half-term. Not all of the notes have given precise timings or mark allocations as part of the essential experience of preparing for and taking exams is that not everything will be known in advance, and you may find yourself having to think 'on your feet'.

Children may have been given guidance on things that could be looked at over the half-term, such as regular reading or vocabulary practice, but at Hall Grove we firmly believe that the holidays are also a time for recharging of batteries. The children should take the opportunity to rest, play, explore and discover the world about them, perhaps reinforcing some of their learning whilst doing so.

Year 1 Pirates

This has been an exciting week for the Pirates of Year 1, culminating in an action-packed outdoor day on Friday. A bit of wet weather did nothing to dampen their spirits and they had a lovely day.

Matrons' Notes

Medical Information Forms

We are currently updating our medical records to include a summary of each child's immunisation details. A yellow medical form has been sent home today and needs to be completed for each child and returned to the School Office after half term.

Swimming

Children must bring in their FULL swimming kit and, should they arrive at school wearing their kit, please ensure they have underwear to change in to afterwards.

Sun Safety at School

Whilst there is no denying the importance of children having plenty of fresh air and sunshine, excessive exposure to the sun is dangerous and we ask parents to be mindful especially during the middle of the day. Teachers are asked to conduct open air sessions in the shade where possible during very warm weather. Please ensure your child has sun lotion applied before they come to school.

Hay Fever

For those children who suffer from hay fever, please could parents either make sure their children have taken medication before they come to school or that medication is sent in, clearly named, and handed to one of the Matrons.

Netball Festival

Last Sunday saw a big Netball Festival on the Hall Grove Astro. 12 adult teams competed, raising funds for a wonderful charity, "Shining On", that remembers a little boy who died whilst at Little Grove some years ago. It was a great occasion with top quality netball, families picnicking in the sunshine and an excellent barbecue on the go. The organiser, Mrs Riddy, wrote:

"I just wanted to thank you for allowing us to use the Hall Grove grounds for our tournament on Sunday. It was a huge success and we raised £1310 for the "Shining On" Charity. Again we were complimented several times on the beautiful venue, which does make all us mums proud to be part of the school. Please pass on my thanks to the wonderful games teachers Mrs Maxfield and Mrs Carmichael, not only for all their help in preparing the courts, but for helping us by playing so we could field two Hall Grove teams. By spending time with them and seeing the quality of the teachers' game it's easy to see why the girls at Hall Grove are so very strong at sports."

Year 5 Parents Invitation to Bradfield College - Friday 6th June

All Year 5 parents are invited to attend a short performance of the children's work at 1800 and a drinks reception with canapés will follow. Mr Graham will say a few words on the subject of schooling after Hall Grove and the Headmaster of Bradfield College, Simon Henderson, will give an overview of the College and an insight into life at a senior school. Minibuses will return to Hall Grove afterwards with any children who have not been collected.

FOHG Family Fun Day Tennis Tournament - Saturday 7th June

The FOHG are once again organising a family doubles tournament on Saturday 7th June. The event is open to all Hall Grove Middle and Upper School children. Their doubles partner can be a parent, relative, friend or older sibling (13+). Further information and a registration form are attached to this week's newsletter and should be returned to the School Office by Monday 2nd June. We look forward to seeing you there!

FOHG Summer Term Golf Tournament - Saturday 14th June

This term's golf tournament will be played in a Texas Scramble format on the afternoon of Saturday 14th June and is open to all Hall Grove pupils. Please see the attached form for further details and registration. Please email rachel_bray@icloud.com to enter or with any questions. Please do not leave forms at the school office.

Knight Frank Team Doubles Tournament - Sunday 15th June

The team sheets are now up for this event. We would like to stress that this is a 'team' event and that if a player fails to turn up on the day their team of four will not be eligible to compete in the tournament. This could obviously cause embarrassment and certainly disappointment for those involved, so it is vital that parents are fully aware of their child's obligation and commitment. Hall Grove are defending champions in the boys draw and having finished runners-up last year our girls are hoping to go one better this time around. All matches are to be played at St George's, Ascot this year and on the day pupils are asked to register at 0930, with play starting at 1000. We wish all those taking part the best of luck!

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Hall Grove Family Fun Day - Saturday 5th July - Update

The 1600 Circus Show has now sold out and the other two shows are close to full capacity. However, it is not too late to join us for what promises to be a fabulous, fun afternoon. Don't forget the other entertainment we have to offer, with many attractions for both our young and older children. Please take the time to book your tickets now, remembering to put your child's class on the form, to make the distribution of tickets easier closer to the event. We are working with limited car parking capacity so we would ideally like to keep vehicles to one per family; any extra cars will cost £5. Thank you for the tremendous response we have had for the Hall Grove Family Fun Day and we wish you all a super half term break.

FOHG

South Africa Cricket Tour 2015

A cricket tour, open to all boys currently in Years 6 and 7, is being organised for next February. Please email firm interest to Mr Lewis at t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk. There will be a meeting to discuss the potential trip on Wednesday 4th June at 1900 in the Admiral Room.

School Website Updates

The following photograph album has been added to the school website:

- Year 6 Battisborough Trip

The school website has also now been made 'smartphone' friendly, which should aid viewing when using a phone.

Music Department

The gentlemen from St Anne's Mens Group were treated to a fantastic short concert last Friday evening from William Chen, Henry Coop and Caitlin Gluckstein. Between the three children they performed on piano, 'cello, recorder, organ and violin to a very high standard, and we received many favourable comments about the quality of music-making and the importance here at Hall Grove. A big thank you to the children and parents, and we look forward to future events with more of our up-and-coming musicians perhaps a little lower down the school.

After half-term we have an Upper School Informal Concert (Thursday 12th June) and a Pre-Prep Informal Concert (Thursday 19th June). These are great opportunities to perform in a relaxed and supportive environment, and are particularly useful for

children preparing for Associated Board or Trinity music exams. If your child has a piece that is ready for the concert, particularly if they learn outside school, please contact Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) so that we may arrange this.

At Assembly today the children in Middle School heard two more of our instrumental teachers giving short demonstrations - Mr Ledger (brass) and Mr McBride (drums). Not only were the children bowled away by these performances, but they also had the chance to hear Harry Coxon (Year 5) perform on the harp. Harry was poised, confident and produced a great sound and, he told Mr Waltho, he'd only just started learning, having had four lessons! If your child is interested in learning more about drums, any of the brass instruments or harp (we now have a contact and may be able to arrange lessons in school) please contact Miss Post.

The National Preparatory Schools Orchestras (www.npsco.co.uk) run residential courses to give young prep school musicians a chance to share in their music-making with other children from other schools, working on technique, broadening their musical experience, making new friends and having fun. They are running two courses at Wellington College from 13th - 19th July this Summer, both for the more experienced instrumentalist and for the young and enthusiastic player. For further details please visit their website or contact Mr Waltho (j.waltho@hallgrove.co.uk). These are highly recommended, led by very experienced professional musicians, as well as offering recreational activities, including Wellington's sports centre.

Sports News

Golf v Bradfield

Hall Grove entered two pairs last Sunday in the Prep Schools Golf Tournament at Bradfield College on an immaculate course. Jack Humpish and Charlie Brennen played some great golf and came 3rd in the U13 event. Special mention should be made of Jack who came 3rd in the individual event and also managed to have 2 birdies in 9 holes! Well played. The junior pair, Will Stevens and Danny Wessely, played brilliantly and won the U11 event. Hall Grove came 2nd in the overall tournament which is a fantastic effort, and they only missed winning by 2 points! We'll learn for next year boys! The team effort was exemplary and they should all be very proud of their performance.

Mr Gold

Athletics v Yateley Manor

Well done to all those competing in the Yateley Manor athletics meeting on Tuesday. There was stiff competition from the other three schools but the Hall Grove team acquitted itself well across all events. Notable performances came from the following children who won their events: Joshua Symons - long jump, Thomas Morley - 100m, Anya Froggat - 1500m, William Creasey - javelin, Isabel Norrey - hurdles and James Somper - hurdles.

Swimming

Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 will swim weekly after the half term break. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school every Monday.

Girls' Games

Swimming v St Mary's Ascot

Well done to the U13 swim team who finished 2nd out of 5 teams in an inter-school relay gala.

Wednesday 21st May

Rounders:

Round robin 7 games:

v Ryde School	won 6 - 1
v The Hawthorns	drew 3 - 3
v City of London Freemans School	won 4.5 - 3
v Hoe Bridge A	lost 6 - 4.5
v St Ives	won 6 - 3
v Staines Prep	won 6.5 - 2
v Hoe Bridge B	won 6 - 5.5
1 st IX v Bishopsgate	won 14 - 13.5
2 nd IX v Cranleigh	won 11.5 - 9
U11 A v Bishopsgate	won 11 - 10
U11 B v Bishopsgate	won 18 - 10
U10 A v Bishopsgate	won 18 - 5.5

Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Thursday 5th June: Additional fixture for the U9 A rounders team playing Notre Dame at Hall Grove at 1430.

Monday 16th June: Additional fixture rounders for U9 A, B, C at 1345 at Hall Grove.

Swimming - hats and costumes: Parents are reminded that girls in Years 3, 4 swim weekly and do require swim hats. These can be purchased from the Uniform Shop along with the school swimming costume.

Boys' Sport

Tennis v Sunningdale

1 st pair U13	won
2 nd pair U11	lost

Cricket v Sunningdale	
1 st XI	won
2 nd XI	won
4 th XI	won
Colts A	won
Colts B	won
Colts C	lost

Boys' Calendar Reminders

Sunday 8th June – Colts 6-a-side Cricket Tournament will take place at Wellington College at 0900. The team sheet will go up after the half-term break.

Tuesday 3rd June – The Surrey Cup Colts A match will take place at Aldro at 1400.

Half Term and Summer Sports Camps:

Surrey Sports Park Half Term Camps: Please visit <http://www.surreysportspark.co.uk/book> for more information on a variety of camps running at the sports park.

Valley End Half Term Cricket Club Camp: Tues 27th – Friday 30th May 1000 – 1600. £35 a day. Please book through jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com or text 07885 235 703.

Tottenham Hotspur Football Camp – Please see attachment.

Chelsea Football Summer Camps: 28th – 31st July from 1000-1500. Cost per child per day £20 or £72 for all four days.

Pre-season 26th – 29th August from 1000 – 1500. Cost per child per day £20 or £72 for all four days. This will be ideal pre-season training for Years 1 – 8. Please register your interest for either or both camps with Mrs Carmichael at n.carmichael@hallgrove.co.uk

Sainsbury School Vouchers

The response collecting these vouchers has been fantastic. Just one last push is needed for them to be handed into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Bagshot Cricket Club

Bagshot Cricket Club run a very successful Colts section from U8 to U17. For more information please see attached flyer or contact Graham Searle 01276 682995 or email gwsearle@yahoo.co.uk

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Hall Grove Family Fun Day Flyer
- Hall Grove Family Fun Day Booking Form
- FOHG Family Tennis Tournament
- FOHG Summer Term Golf Tournament
- Tottenham Hotspur Football Camp Flyer
- Bagshot Cricket Club

Mums' Golf Day - Friday 4th July

Lucy Wessely is organising a Mums' Golf Day at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club on Friday 4th July – coffee at 0900, then 18 holes of golf followed by sandwiches/wraps, tea and cake. Please email Lucy if you are interested in playing (wessely@sky.com).