

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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What a wonderful week of sunshine!

Congratulations to the 31 Year 8 boys and girls who sat Common Entrance exams last week; all passed into their senior schools with a high proportion (62%) of grades at A or B level. Whilst a number of the candidates had already secured their places we were delighted to see such strong results which pointed to good teaching and learning. Together with the academic scholarships won earlier, this has been a most successful year.

Tonight promises to be a lovely Summer evening with a full moon as the sun goes down. All are welcome to join the picnic by New Hall - 1930 for 2000.

Glyndebourne Evening at Hall Grove

See above. Do please come and join us for a lovely evening.

Hall Grove Sponsored Quiz

PLEASE HELP US TO GIVE GIRLS AN EDUCATION

We would like to ask you all for your help. We know that our education means that we have a world of opportunities ahead of us and that it will give us the chance to choose what we do with our lives. The kidnapping of the schoolgirls in Nigeria has made us realise that, in some developing countries, many girls do not have this choice. They are not allowed to have an education and many are treated like possessions – in fact, 42% of the girls in the developing world are not enrolled in school. Before we leave Hall Grove we would like to make a difference. Some organisations are helping girls in developing countries to get an education. One such organisation doing amazing work in this area is Room to Read. It costs £160 to send one girl to school for one year so we would like to raise enough money to send 10 girls to school for one year. We will be running a sponsored quiz and we would like to involve the whole school. There will be different quizzes for different age groups with book token prizes for each group. But this is not a test – the aim is to raise sponsorship for doing the bumper quiz and the biggest prize is for the person who raises the most money. Quizzes and sponsorship forms have been sent home today for families to tackle over the weekend – quiz entries and sponsorship money must be returned to the school office by 1700 on Wednesday, 18th June. Please take part in the quiz, have fun and help us send more girls to school. *The Girls of Year 8 Remove*

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 email rachel_bray@icloud.com to enter or ask any questions.

Knight Frank Team Doubles Tournament - Sunday 15th June

Good luck to all our boys and girls taking part on Sunday. All matches are to be played at St George's, Ascot this year and on the day all pupils must register before 0930 (the organisers have requested boys to register at 0900). Boys should wear tennis whites, with girls wearing red skirts and a top provided by the Girls' Games department. All players must bring a water bottle, sun cream and a peaked cap, and we suggest that all players have a change of kit to use as required. There is a free Hog Roast at 1330 for players and spectators, and light refreshments are on sale throughout the day. We suggest all parents return at lunchtime to either collect, or watch the remaining matches. Finals are to be played at 1530.

A reminder that if a player does not turn up on the day, their team of four will be unable to participate. Please arrive in good time.

3CH Assembly - Tuesday 17th June

The children of 3CH would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 17th June. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Puzzle Challenge Day - Tuesday 17th June

On Tuesday, the school will be hosting workshops run by the Happy Puzzle Company. The puzzles and workshops are aimed at enriching the children's Maths knowledge and understanding. Puzzles will be for sale with a 10% discount at the end of the school day until 1700 in New Hall. Please see attached flyer for more information.

TASC - Royal Ascot Week

As Royal Ascot commences on Tuesday 17th June, please remember to pre-book any TASC requirements as it is likely to be very busy.

4KF Assembly - Thursday 19th June

The children of 4KF would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 19th June. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sports Day - Saturday 28th June

Parents are reminded that Sports Day is Saturday 28th June. All the children are expected to attend and their families are invited to come and support. The Pre-Prep races will run before lunch. The Middle and Upper School have races both in the morning and in the afternoon. Families are encouraged to picnic in the grounds; there are lunchtime displays and activities.

Music Department

It's all go at the moment musically - our Choristers have returned from a very enjoyable, very tiring and very hot time in Italy. They sang for the Mass services at Sorrento Cathedral, and San Giovanni and Santa Maggiore in Rome. They also had time to take in some of the sights - Positano, Amalfi, Pompeii, Vesuvius, the Pantheon, the Colosseum and Saint Peter's, amongst many others. Needless to say they had a fantastic time, garnering many positive comments and praise from friends, families and strangers alike, for their behaviour, courtesy and, perhaps above all, their music-making.

We have also had a most enjoyable informal Upper School lunchtime concert with some additional Middle School performers, and are looking forward to the Pre-Prep informal concert next Thursday (1245 in New Hall for those who would like to come along). We also have our end of term concert, which our ensembles are all busy rehearsing for, Sports Day (which our Marching Band will be providing a display for) and our end of year Evensong to look forward to.

This is also the time of year for Associated Board grade exams, and I know that many of our children will want to be practising hard!!! If you would like your child to take advantage of our after-school supervised practice sessions in these last few days and weeks, please get in touch with Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk).

Sports News

Calendar Reminders

Saturday 21st June Athletics finals day. This is for selected athletes only.

Saturday 28th June Sports Day. All pupils are required to attend. This is an all-day event.

Claremont Athletics: Well done to all the competitors for their fine performances at the annual Claremont athletics match. Many boys and girls were making their debut for the team and performed beyond our expectations. Every time there was a field event or a race was run there was a Hall Grove athlete either winning or in the top 3. There were 4 other schools competing and Hall Grove came second by just 2 points to Claremont.

West Surrey Athletics Final: We were very pleased to take 14 girls from Year 4 - 8 to compete at the West Surrey Athletics finals at Guildford on Tuesday. It was a very competitive event and the Hall Grove girls performed admirably. Anya Froggatt came 2nd in the 1,500m, Natalie Camp 2nd in long jump and 4th in 600m, India Underwood 2nd in rounder's ball throw, Rosie Millar 3rd in long jump and Caitlin Pawinski 3rd in both 75m hurdles and high jump. Well done to all the girls who participated and thank you for the parents who came to support.

Golf v Eagle House

The golf team, which consisted of 18 boys and girls, went to Wellington College for a match against Eagle House, and what a match it turned out to be! All 9 pairings played the stunning Wellington course for 2 hours and every game was very close. Hall Grove narrowly lost 5 and a half to 3 and a half. A special mention must go to Josh Tyrer and Freddie Brennen as it was Josh's first golf match and he managed to secure a point with Freddie, so well done boys.

I have to say that I have seen many sights on a golf course, but seeing 36 children on a beautiful Wellington golf course in the sunshine, with all the parents out supporting, was one of the best sights I have seen, and we managed to capture a great team picture at the end.

Mr Gold

Girls' Games

Rounders

1 st IV v St George's Ascot	won 10.5 - 2
2 nd IV v St George's Ascot	won 9 - 4
U11 A v Lambrook	lost 4.5 - 9
U10 A v Lambrook	won 30 - 4.5
U9 A v Hoe Bridge	lost 7 - 10
U9 B v Hoe Bridge	won 16.5 - 6
U9 C v St Andrew's	lost 12.5 - 17.5
U8 A v St Andrew's	won 13.5 - 10
U8 B v St Andrew's	won 16 - 14

Tennis

U13 v Pangbourne	won 7 - 2
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Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments

Saturday 14th June Rounders v Sherfield, all matches have been cancelled by the opposition.

Monday 16th June Additional fixture of Rounders v Lambrook for U9 A, B, C at 1330 at Hall Grove

Boys' Games

Wellington College 6-a-side: The Colts A competed in the Wellington 6-a-side cricket tournament on Sunday. It was perfect cricket weather and the grounds were looking immaculate on arrival. Each group consisted of 5 teams with the winners, runners-up and third place teams going through to their respective semi-finals. Our group was relatively unknown with only St Andrew's being a regular on our fixture list. A last ball victory over Windlesham House gave us a good start before a narrow loss to The Beacon in a match of high quality from both teams. Two more victories over St Andrew's and Gayhurst secured second place and we moved into the Plate Semi-Final against Caldicott. Unfortunately, we were second best and that was to be our last match of what was a thoroughly enjoyable tournament for everyone involved. Special mention must go to George Freeman who scored the majority of the team's runs including 32 in one over of a group match. Well done boys.

Cricket

U13 XI v MCC Academy	won
3 rd XI v Bishopsgate	won
4 th XI v Bishopsgate	won
Colts A v Cranleigh	lost
Colts B v Cranleigh	won
U10 A v Cranleigh	won
U10 B v Cranleigh	won
U9 A v Aldro	lost
U9 B v Aldro	lost
U9 C v Aldro	won
U8 A v Aldro	lost
U8 B v Aldro	lost
U8 C v Aldro	lost

Tennis

U13 v St John's Beaumont	drew
U11 v St John's Beaumont	won

Boys' Calendar Reminders

Saturday 14th June Cricket v St John's Beaumont. **Please note the start time for all matches is now 0900.**

U10 A to meet at Hall Grove at 0840.

Colts A, U9 A to meet at St John's Beaumont at 0840.

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 an 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

FOHG Family Fun Day Tennis Tournament

Despite the treacherous forecast, 18 doubles teams prepared themselves to battle the elements, and each other, in the Second Annual FOHG Family Tennis tournament last Saturday afternoon. In the end, the only use for an umbrella was for a sun parasol. The sun came out right on time and everyone enjoyed playing some fun-filled matches in the beautiful Summer weather. Two tournaments took place and, after a tight battle in the Middle School section, Luca (Year 5) and Marc Allera were pitted against Sam (Year 5) and Anthony Wells in the final. It was a well-fought match that included some excellent points and exchanges culminating in a victory for the Wells family. In the Upper School draw, last year's runners-up, Will (Year 8) and Mark Creasey edged one better by beating Margaux Gathy (Year 8) and Mr Lewis in the final. There is clearly a lot of enthusiasm for tennis at Hall Grove and it was lovely to see so many Hall Grove families enjoying the game together. In the

words of one participant, 'It was a privilege to be part of a brilliant day seeing the kids play so well with the grown-ups in such great spirit'. A big thank you to MANTIS, our official ball supplier, and to everyone who entered this year's event. A special mention as well to Nicky Clark, Lisa Allera, Pia Brennen, Jo Stevens and Jane Walker for all their help with the organisation and logistics of the day.

FOHG Golf and Tennis Committee Leslie Gathy, Rachel Bray and Francesca Keen

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

Final week to purchase tickets for the Hall Grove Family Fun Day. Last booking day is 20th June. We have experienced tremendous ticket sales but still have a few left for the 1830 Circus Show, please come and join us.

FOHG

Hall Grove Tennis Tour - 18th - 22nd April 2015

On the back of a very successful tennis tour earlier this year we are pleased to announce plans to return to Portugal to train at the prestigious Vale do Lobo Tennis Academy next Spring. This tour is aimed at boys and girls from next year's Upper School who are passionate about tennis (playing regularly at school or in a local club) and is ideal preparation for those aspiring to represent one of the school teams next Summer. The approximate cost of the tour will be £710 per pupil which includes return flights, four nights full board accommodation at the 5* Dunas Douradas Beach Club and all tennis instruction. Facilities and coaching are of a very high standard. Unfortunately, places are limited, therefore we strongly advise that you communicate your interest to Mr Slape (d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment (and no later than Tuesday 17th June). In the event that the tour is oversubscribed, consideration will be given to playing ability. Drop off and collection will be from London Gatwick airport. This tour is not open to parents.

Summer Holiday Courses & Camps

Please see attachments for holiday courses and camps available.

- Windlesham Golf Academy 2014 Summer Golf Camps and Advanced Coaching Days.
- Chelsea Football Summer Camps. Details above.

Newsletter Attachments

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

- Hall Grove Family Fun Day Flyer NEW
- Hall Grove Family Fun Day Booking Form NEW
- Windlesham Golf Academy 2014 Summer Golf Camps and Coaching Days
- Tottenham Hotspur Football Camp Flyer
- Bagshot Cricket Club
- Puzzle Challenge Poster/Voucher
- Feat for Feet Flyer

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Au Pair required in Austria

Franz and Anna Maurer and their 2 girls (2.5 and 4.5 years old) live in the 18th district in Vienna (easy access to the city centre) and are looking for an au-pair girl from September 2014 who will speak English to their girls. The parents speak English fluently, so German is not a requirement - there is however plenty of time for someone wanting to do a language/university course. Their current au-pair has been with them for 4 years and is now looking for a new challenge. Working hours are (circa) 3 afternoons per week, 1-2 evenings per week and 1 weekend per month. Accommodation is a separate flat (beside theirs), fully furnished and circa 40m². Payment EUR 350 per month. They also have a holiday house about 1.5 hours' drive from Vienna where they like spending their weekends during the Summer. Should you know of anyone who may be interested in the job, please ask them to contact fionazeller@hotmail.com

Christopher's Smile - Sunday 14th September

Christopher's Smile *Feat for Feet* has been put together to include as many of you as possible. We have devised a 7km route which you can walk, hop, jog or run! We are encouraging individuals and teams to register and if you'd like to take part in the fancy dress side of the event, that's great too! We have prizes for fastest runners in a number of categories, most imaginative fancy dress and best fundraisers. Just do whatever you would like to do. Have fun, take up the challenge and support children's cancer research. For more information and to register, click the link http://www.christopherssmile.org.uk/Feat_For_Feet.php