

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*This has been a sad end to the week, and we record our deepest sympathy to the family of Sandra Bath for their loss. We will all miss Sandra very much indeed; as the familiar face at the front of house she was utterly reliable and always cheerful. Our thanks to the parents who have sent in messages. The school office has coped magnificently during Sandra's absence and we are very grateful to all those who have given help.*

*Please study the timings for Sports Day next Saturday (below) and take note of the adult dress code for the day which is 'smart casual'.*

## **Sports Day - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Parents are reminded that Sports Day is Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Pre-Prep children are to come to the track ready to assemble into their groups at 1200 wearing white sports kit. Years 3 - 8 children should wear clean white kit with House T-shirts. Adults are asked to observe the dress code for the day, 'smart casual'.

### Timings:

- 1130 Field and track events for Years 3 - 8
- 1215 Pre-Prep Sports
- 1245 Lunch Break, class displays and art exhibition open
- 1345 Lunch Entertainment
- 1400 Athletic competitions resume for Years 3 - 8
- 1600 Presentation of House Cup on the athletics track followed by teas

**Please see the attached schedule for more detailed timings.**

### Gazebos

Parents are welcome to bring tents and gazebos for lunchtime picnics, and may put them up on Friday evening or early Saturday morning if they so wish. All structures should be erected on the upper field only, not on the slope leading down to the athletics track where they would impede the viewing of the track.

## **Hall Grove Art Exhibition - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

The children of Hall Grove would like to invite you and your family to the Annual Hall Grove Art Exhibition to be held in New Hall. Each child will proudly have at least one piece of art work on display and this annual event is a super way to see the culmination of work from the Art, Ceramic and DT departments.

## **Year 7 to Bradfield College - Greek Play and Workshops - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 7 look forward to an action-packed day at Bradfield College next week. Workshops in dance, music, photography and art will follow a Greek theme, before pupils are treated to a matinée performance of Sophocles' Antigone in Bradfield's newly renovated Greek Theatre (in Greek, but with English surtitles). Year 7 should arrive at school in their Hall Grove tracksuit worn over white shorts and white tops on Tuesday morning, with clean trainers. We will depart after assembly and regular refreshment and a picnic lunch will also be provided by Bradfield. The matinée performance of Antigone is due to start at 1530. It will not feature Hall Grove pupils however parents are very welcome to attend. We will depart at the end of the performance at 1700 and aim to return to Hall Grove by 1800. Parents may collect directly from Bradfield but we do ask that you communicate your intention to do this in writing, and in advance. We remind parents that it is only possible to collect another family's child with prior written notification from their parent/guardian.

## **8JB Assembly - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

The children of 8JB would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Masterchef 2014 - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Congratulations to the following chefs who have made it through the first trials: Giorgio Fernandez-Poulopoulos, James Brum, Danny Saveliev, Harrison Duff, Alice Myers, Eden Bray, Tommy Hessien, Ryan Thompson, Piers Nicholls, William McKechnie and William Creasey. We're really looking forward to the dessert challenge on Thursday at 0930. Good luck! A huge thank you to all the parents and chefs that entered, it has been our highest standard so far since we began. *Miss Dowse*

## **Shakespeare Week - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Following the success of last year's event, Hall Grove look forward to hosting another 'Shakespeare Week' from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The week will feature a number of interesting assembly speakers, and give the whole school the chance to celebrate William Shakespeare's life and some of his magnificent works. We look forward to welcoming back the highly experienced and inspirational Chris Connaughton as 'Director in Residence'. He will work with Year 6 to deliver an abridged version of Romeo and Juliet on the Friday evening (performances start from 1845). This is in the school calendar and it is expected that Year 6 pupils will remain at school in preparation to perform. There will be a hog-roast and refreshments for pupils and parents and we look forward to seeing you all. More details to follow.

## **Hall Grove Family Fun Day - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Update**

Ticket sales close today so please do not submit any more forms after today as we will have to return them. Wow, what amazing sales, thank you for such a great response!! Tickets will be issued at the end of next week via classes. Does anyone have any large gazebos that we can borrow on the day please? Can we please have some volunteers to assist with set up (around 1230-1400ish) and to clear up from 2000 onwards? If you can help with either of these then please contact Jo Conner on [jocconner@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jocconner@yahoo.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you all there and have our fingers crossed for fine weather! *FOHG*

## **Music Department**

### **Summer Concert**

Please be reminded that the Summer Concert will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 1900. All school ensembles, including Choristers, will be performing in the concert, so if your child is a member of any ensemble they will be expected to attend. If you wish them to stay at school for supper, please ensure you book them in in the usual way.

### **The Topsy-Turvy World of Gilbert and Sullivan**

Next Thursday Candlelight Opera will be paying Hall Grove another visit, introducing Years 3 - 6 to the delightful stories and music of Gilbert and Sullivan. They will be putting on workshops for the children and rounding the day off with a short (40 minutes) recital of some of G & S's 'greatest hits'. Upper School children will be there to enjoy the performance in New Hall. Parents are very welcome to come along, bringing younger children by all means, to enjoy the high-quality music-making - anybody at last week's 'Glyndebourne Evening' will be able to attest to the top-quality entertainment provided by Candlelight Opera.

## **World War 1 Centenary Garden Party - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

St Anne's Church in Bagshot, together with the Royal British Legion, is hosting a World War 1 Centenary Garden Party on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 1430. The Bagshot Concert Band will be playing well known tunes from the period - some of which will involve a sing-a-long. There is a celebrity invited guest and there will be prizes for the best period costumes: so dress up if you can. Hall Grove has 10 tickets for sale on a first come first served basis at £10 each adult, to include tea, cakes and Prosecco - children go free. Apply to the school office as soon as possible.

## **Sports News**

### **Knight Frank Tennis Tournament**

We are delighted to report that our girl's tennis squad won the prestigious Knight Frank Team Tennis Championships on Sunday. Having finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2012 and runners-up last year, our A team of Margaux Gathy, Caitlin Gluckstein, Rosey Freeman and Eden Bray had their sights firmly fixed on the number one spot this year, and were over the moon to finally lift the victory cup. In fact, the breadth and depth of our girls' game is such that we ended up with an 'all Hall Grove' final. Our B team of Isobel Norrey, Alice Myers, Zara Stewart and Abigail Rowland all played some wonderful tennis and finished worthy runners-up.

The boys' draw was equally competitive this year. Unfortunately, we were unable to defend our title successfully and our teams did not make it through to the semi-final stages, however all our entries made it through to the Plate Competition. Our A Team of Miles Atkins, Charlie Millar, William Creasey and Tommy Hessien ended up in a gripping final against our C Team (Manu Prasad, Pierre Gathy, Danny Wessely and Fraser Robertson). The A Team ended up victorious and were proud to collect their trophies.

Thanks to Knight Frank Estate Agents for another super event, St George's School Ascot for hosting this year, and Simon Grassi for arranging and overseeing the tournament. With entries from Gordon's, The Marist, St George's, Charters and Charters Tennis Academy, competition was fierce. Our players upheld their revered reputation and, as the girls proved at the weekend, Hall Grove remains one of the very best tennis schools in the area.

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Cranleigh School 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennis Festival**

The following Year 8 pupils have been selected to play: Miles Atkins, Charlie Millar, William Creasey, Piers Nicholls, Margaux Gathy, Caitlin Gluckstein, Rosey Freeman and Eden Bray. We will depart via minibus following assembly with matches starting at 1100. Lunch and snacks will be provided by Cranleigh and pupils should bring a cap, water bottle and adequate sun protection. Boys are to wear tennis whites, with girls wearing red skorts and matching tops provided by the girls' games department. We aim to return for the children's normal end of day collection time.

### **Calendar Reminders**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Athletics finals day. This is for selected athletes only. Athletes to arrive at 0915 for a prompt 0930 start, estimated finish time 1130.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day. All pupils are required to attend. This is an all-day event. Arrival at 1115 for a prompt 1130 start.

**Parkside Athletics** Well done to all the competitors for their fine performances at the annual Parkside athletics match. There were some inspiring performances to reflect on. Hall Grove finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Senior Biathlon** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Years 5 - 8 Biathlon took place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June during our games afternoon. The weather could not have been any better, the sunny afternoon reflecting everyone's cheery disposition and the pupils all put in some tremendous individual efforts. Years 5 and 6 swam 6 lengths of the pool and ran 1,200m and Years 7 and 8 children swam 8 lengths and swam 1,500m with some unlikely heroes and heroines coming to the fore.

The highlight of the afternoon was however the great sense of camaraderie the children showed, supporting each other, with the older children particularly displaying leadership and encouraging younger children to compete to the best of their abilities. An honourable mention should be made for Charlie Millar. Billy Easeman said "I just wanted to do my best - and I did", Oscar Hancock said "I thought I'd hate that - but I loved it!" So did the staff - well done. Results have been displayed on the sports team notice board. Overall winners are as follows:

Year 5	Amelia Finn - 8 min 50s, Samuel Wells - 8 min 13s
Year 6	Antonia Gathy - 7 min 12s, Marius Martin - 7 min 50s
Year 7	Becky Murray - 12 min 05s, Jamie Hart - 9 min 20s
Year 8	Izzy Arnold 9 min 24s, Piers Nicholls

**Woodcote Athletics** Well done to all the competitors for their fine performances at the annual Hall Grove v Woodcote House athletics match. There were many performances beyond my expectations. It was a draw between Hall Grove and Woodcote House on 95 points all.

Congratulations: well done to James Somper (high jump), Anya Froggatt (1500m) and Danny Wessely (800m) who have all qualified for the National Athletics Finals in Birmingham on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. These athletes plus Felix Stewart, who narrowly missed out on qualifying for the nationals, all received their athletics colours for their contribution to Hall Grove Athletics teams.

Rugby Congratulations: Felix Connolly who has been selected to join the Harlequins EPP....this is where the hard work starts for what we hope will be a prosperous year.

### **Girls' Games**

Rounders

1 <sup>st</sup> IV v St George's Windsor	won 16.5 - 3.5
2 <sup>nd</sup> IV v Sherfield	lost 6 - 24
U11 A v St George's Windsor	lost 7 - 10.5
U11 B v St George's Windsor	lost 8.5 - 14.5
U11 C v St George's Windsor	won 9 - 4.5
U10 A v St George's Windsor	lost 2.5 - 3
U9 A v Edgeborough	lost 7 - 12
U9 B v Edgeborough	lost 2 - 10.5
U8 A v Edgeborough	won 11.5 - 10.5
U8 B v Edgeborough	drew 7.5 - 7.5

Tennis

U13 v St George's Windsor	won 3 - 1
U11 v St George's Windsor	won 4 - 3

### **Girls' Calendar Reminders and Amendments**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:

Postponed fixture of rounders against Lambrook for U9 A, B, C at 1330 at Hall Grove.

The Marist U11 A and U10 A Tournament is expected to finish at 1700. Please email Mrs Maxfield k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk if you wish to collect your daughter straight from The Marist.

### **Boys' Games**

Cricket

1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Aldro	lost
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Aldro	won
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v Aldro	won
4 <sup>th</sup> XI v Aldro	lost
Colts A v Aldro	lost
Colts B v Aldro	lost
U10 A v Aldro	lost
U10 B v Aldro	won
U10 C v Aldro	lost
U9 A v Yateley Manor	lost
U9 B v Yateley Manor	lost
U8 A v Yateley Manor	won

#### Tennis

U13 v Yateley Manor	won 9 - 0
U11 v Yateley Manor	won 6 - 3

### **Sports Clubs & Camps**

#### Bagshot Cricket Club

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

#### Chelsea Football Summer Camps

28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July from 1000 - 1500. Cost per child per day £20 or £72 for all four days. Pre-Season 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:n.carmichael@hallgrove.co.uk).

## **Hall Grove Tennis Tour 2015**

Thank you for your interest. This tour is now fully booked.

## **Newsletter Attachments**

The following documents are attached to this week's newsletter, including details of holiday courses and camps available:

- Windlesham Golf Academy 2014 Summer Golf Camps and Advanced Coaching Days
- Chelsea Football Summer Camps - details within 'Sports News'.
- Pleiades Leisure Summer Camps 2014 - Soccer Coaching & Multi-Sport Activities. Venues: Foxhills & Hinchley Wood.
- Bagshot Cricket Club
- National Preparatory School Orchestras Courses, July 2014
- Holy Trinity Church Summer Club - a Summer club for primary school aged children from 5th - 8th August.
- Feat for Feet Flyer

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## **Bike 4 Cancer**

Vana Parker (mother of Tano in Year 4 and Abby in Year 1) will be starting the 7 Day Ultimate 3 Peaks Challenge on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June to raise money for the Bike 4 Cancer charity. The group starts in Scotland by climbing Ben Nevis and then cycles (approx. 100 miles a day) to Scafell Pike. After hiking up and down Scafell Pike they will cycle to Wales to finish by climbing Snowdon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The total cycling distance is 500 miles in addition to hiking up and down three mountains. The aim is to make it back in time for Sports Day! The Bike 4 Cancer charity helps families affected by cancer, promotes health and exercise as a prevention tool, and donates to cancer research too. If you are able to help with any sponsorship please visit the following website <http://www.bike4cancer.org/vana-sara-3-peaks-cycle>

## **Christopher's Smile - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Have fun; take up the challenge and support children's cancer research. Christopher's Smile *Feat for Feet* has been put together to include as many of you as possible. We have devised a 7km route along 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. For more information and to register, click the link [http://www.christopherssmile.org.uk/Feat\\_For\\_Feet.php](http://www.christopherssmile.org.uk/Feat_For_Feet.php)

## **For Sale**

Renault Clio 1.2, 2003 (53 registration), silver metallic paint, 62,000 miles. A great little car. Would be an ideal first car or au pair's car, £2000. Available mid-July. Call Frin 07544 465974