

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*In view of the poor weather forecast for Saturday morning, all sporting fixtures have now been postponed and there will be no tennis or golf lessons.*

## **Wellington College Music Scholarships**

We were delighted to receive the news from Wellington this week that Ethan Gunning has won a Music Scholarship and Danny Wessely a Music Exhibition. Many congratulations to them both.

## **Eagle House Cross Country**

Congratulations to all those who competed at Eagle House today. There were some excellent results and individual performances. Full details in next week's newsletter.

## **Mobile Telephones**

A reminder that mobile phones are not under any circumstances allowed at school other than as may occasionally be sanctioned by the Boarding House for children staying overnight.

## **Year 5 Present 'Scenes from Matilda' – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 5 children are excited to invite their parents and family to 'Scenes from Matilda' on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February. They will remain in school prior to performing and will receive a hot snack and refreshments. Parents should take their seats in New Hall from 1815 and the performance will start at 1830. At the end of the performance parents are requested to wait in New Hall. The children will be sent down when they are ready. We hope you enjoy it!

## **Reminder: Reception, Years 1 and 2 Parent Interviews**

Reception, Years 1 and 2 Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February in your child's classroom.

## **Reminder: 2LB Class Assembly**

- 2LB Assembly Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0900.

## **Half Term Grades**

Half term grades will be sent out by email next week. Should a hard copy of the grade sheet be required, please contact the School Office.

## **Music**

### **Associated Board Exams - Spring Term**

This term we will be hosting Associated Board exams here at school for many of our children on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March (over two days now due to the number of entries allowed on each day). Today Miss Post has emailed all those who have been entered with the full timetable for the two days.

### **Informal Lunchtime Concerts**

Today we had the fifth of our Informal Lunchtime Concerts, a very select gathering chiefly for some of our guitarists, one cellist and one violinist. We are always keen to hear children when they have something ready to perform, as

advised by our peripatetic staff, and are delighted to have a concert even when the number of performers is in single figures. We have two more Informal Concerts this term:

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February      Brass and Woodwind  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February      Vocal and Percussion

### **Reminder: Instrumental Competition Week, 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Instrumental Competition is later this term and we have a prestigious panel of judges from some of the senior schools to which we regularly send children. The competition is open to all instrumentalists, regardless of ability, and all children are strongly encouraged to participate. If your child learns an instrument in school, their teacher will submit an entry on their behalf. For those who have lessons outside school, the entry form is available on our website (Parents / Newsletter / Form Downloads) and must be submitted to Lizzie Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Hopefully this amount of time will allow for discussion with your child's instrumental teacher and the selection of an appropriate piece of music with which your child feels comfortable. Late entries shall not be accepted because multiple changes to the schedules are unfair on parents taking time off work to see their children perform; please respect this and ensure that any entries arrive by the deadline. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

### **Instrument Storage**

All musical instruments brought into school must be stored either in the area outside the Clanwilliam Room (the music classroom) or, exceptionally, in a child's classroom. We are very concerned about a number of instruments that have been found in and around the Wessex Building, where they can very easily be damaged as well as being subject to whatever the weather and temperature changes will do to delicate and vulnerable instruments.

### **Sports News**

#### **Sports Tour April 2017 - Current Year 5 Rugby and Current Years 6 and 7 Netball Tour Easter 2017**

Just a reminder that we are hoping to run a combined sports tour to Jersey. The Jersey Games run from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The children will receive elite coaching from leading sports coaches culminating in a tournament at the end of the week to decide the Jersey Games Champions. Many schools from the UK mainland attend and the trip is always heavily oversubscribed. We will need to make a provisional booking to hold flights in due course and would welcome children irrespective of their level of play. (Contact Ian Tullett – [i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk))

#### **Girls' Games**

The U11 A team participated in a netball tournament at The Hawthorns School in Redhill where they had a really successful morning winning all of their 5 group matches, scoring a total of 20 goals and conceding only 2. This result took them to meet GHS in the semi-final, a team who had decisively beaten them the week before; the girls played exceptionally well and after a nail-biting 12 minutes came out as winners by just 1 goal. That took them into the finals against a well-drilled Hoe Bridge who were just too good! The girls should be proud of themselves – they play with flair and passion and we are excited to see what the next month brings for them.

The U11 and U10 girls travelled to Guildford High School for a block fixture. GHS has one of the largest cohorts of girls in Surrey which makes them really tough opposition. We had a couple of narrow losses and the U10 B team had a terrific win with Lily Mae Turner having a sensational game as goal attack.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VII teams had another extremely busy week with matches at St George's Ascot where the 1<sup>st</sup> VII had an emphatic win and the 2<sup>nd</sup> VII lost by 1 goal. On Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VII were at Cranleigh for their annual U13 netball tournament. The 1<sup>st</sup> VII played out of their skins in the rounds, winning 6 matches and drawing 1. This took them to the semi-final where they faced Highfield (Surrey). The match was closely contested and the team were unlucky to lose 6 – 8. The 2<sup>nd</sup> VII had a tough pool but despite this won 4 matches and lost 3. Well done to all.

On Thursday all the girls were involved with fixtures with the U8 A & B teams playing Guildford High School and, despite 2 losses, it was invaluable match experience. The U8 C & D teams faced strong opposition when they travelled to Claremont. The C team lost and the D team won – well done to Lola Thunder Rogers who was outstanding in the D team. The U9 A & B teams played their fixtures at Holme Grange where they excelled themselves and had really strong wins. The final fixture of the afternoon was the U9 C team who played against Sheffield and had a decisive win.

#### **Girls' Games Notices**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February – U10 A Queen Anne’s netball tournament  
Please note that this has been cancelled.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – U11 A Surrey Schools netball tournament will take place at Guildford High School. The tournament will start at 1330 and will be finished by 1630. Parents may collect direct from the tournament; otherwise the estimated return time to Hall Grove will be 1730.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – The guest lacrosse coach due to run the senior girls master class is regrettably unable to attend on Wednesday. We have therefore arranged additional fixtures. Please note that the matches for the 2<sup>nd</sup> (1530) and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams (1600) v Danes Hill will be on the single court. This will be followed by 1st and 2nd VII v Farnborough Hill (on the astro) at 1630 - collection will be by 1730.

### **Boys’ Games**

Rugby v Edgeborough and Bishopsgate

A fantastic afternoon of rugby on Wednesday which saw every boy in Years 5 to 8 play competitive rugby for the school. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV recorded a solid win away at Edgeborough and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, much to Mr Wheeler’s delight, managed to win both of their games. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XV won their game 36 - 34 in a thriller, with Henry Lawson scoring his first Hall Grove try and Jack Dale running the length of the pitch to score his try.

The Under 11s won all their matches and the Under 10s won two and lost two.

Rugby v Aldro / Staines Prep / Edgeborough

The Under 9s enjoyed a triangular block of fixtures to end their season, with lots of tries scored and several close games. The Under 8s have had a fantastic season, with some brilliant rugby on display against two strong schools in Aldro and Edgeborough.

Overall a really enjoyable season of rugby and thanks to Mr Cottrell for all his hard work. The boys now move to hockey in Games until the Easter holidays.

### **Boys’ Games Notices**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Boys’ Hockey House Matches

Please note that the Boys' Hockey House Matches (Years 5 - 8), due to be played tomorrow, are postponed until later in the term due to the weather forecast.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - IAPS U13 Boys’ Hockey Qualifiers

Boys selected to play in this tournament at Canford School are to meet Mr Marland at Hall Grove at 0700. Their first match is at 0950, and boys need to provide their own packed lunch. Estimated return time at Hall Grove is 1700.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February - U8 Boys’ Hockey v Eagle House

Please note that the Under 8 hockey fixtures have changed times:

1400 - U8 B and U8 C

1430 - U8 A

All games are being played at Eagle House.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Colts A hockey

Please note that the Colts A fixture v Hoe Bridge is now cancelled as the team has been entered into the Wellington Prep Schools Under 11 Hockey Tournament which starts at 1000 and will last all day. Further information will go out to relevant parents in due course.

### **Reminder: Golf Course**

Unfortunately the school golf course is too wet to play at the moment and the Saturday morning lessons have been cancelled.

### **FOHG**

**FOHG Golf Competition** (*weather permitting and subject to the condition of the grounds*)

Budding golfers please come along and join in the Texas Scramble competition on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 1345 at Hall Grove. Open to all children at Hall Grove.

Categories: Reception and Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3, Year 4 and above.

Cost £15.00 which includes golf goody bag and drink.

Email [fohgtennishgolf@gmail.com](mailto:fohgtennishgolf@gmail.com) to reserve your space along with your name and age group then Harry & Sam will sort out our teams.

## **FOHG Ball - Saturday 19th March 2016**

Classic Cars and Fabulous Frocks will be held at Mercedes-Benz World on Saturday 19th March. Only 3 weeks left to purchase your tickets to what promises to be a spectacular night. An on-line booking form with instructions was sent again today through a Clarion Call message. If you wish to download the booking form including instructions to complete manually, this can be found on the school website under "Newsletter Form/Downloads". If you need any further details please email [fohgball@gmail.com](mailto:fohgball@gmail.com).

## **Senior School Open Mornings**

- Leighton Park School, Reading  
8<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June - 0118 987 9600
- Luckley House School  
15<sup>th</sup> March, 0900 - 0118 974 3221
- Farnborough Hill (afternoons)  
29<sup>th</sup> January, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1330 - 01252 529811
- Reed's School, Cobham  
5<sup>th</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> November - 01932 869001
- King Edward's Witley  
6<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March - 01428 686700
- The Marist Senior School  
26<sup>th</sup> February, 0915 - 01344 624291
- Roedean  
5<sup>th</sup> March – email: [dba@roedean.co.uk](mailto:dba@roedean.co.uk)

## **February Half Term Camps**

### **Reminder: Energy Kidz Holiday Club at Charters School**

Fun-filled and action-packed clubs for 4 - 11 year olds.

Call 0333 577 1533, email [info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk) or book online at [www.energy-kidz.co.uk](http://www.energy-kidz.co.uk).

### **Reminder: HYPE – Holidays Young People Enjoy – Camps**

Multi-activity camps including football during half-term - please see flyer attached.

### **Reminder: Chertsey Museum Education Service**

February half-term fun activities - please see flyer attached.

## **Newsletter Attachments**

The following information is available on the school website:

- Instrumental Competition External Entry Form
- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- FOHG Ball Booking Form
- Energy Kidz Holiday Club Flyer
- HYPE Camps including Football
- Chertsey Museum Education Service

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016 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, there is a collection box in the school office.

## **Join Windlesham Guides!**

For girls aged 10 to 14.

Mondays 1800 -1930 at St John's Link, Windlesham.

For more information, please call Rachael (Windlesham Guides Leader) on 07817 532541.