

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*Since last week there has been yet more exciting scholarship news. Beatrice Brockman has won an Academic Scholarship to Downe House, Ella King a Sports Scholarship to St George's Weybridge, Antonia Gathy a Sports Scholarship to Wellington and Ivan Chernyaev an Art Scholarship to Wellington. Many congratulations to them all.*

*Monday was a big day for Year 5, and we congratulate them for their night of song and dance when they performed some scenes from Matilda to their parents. Congratulations also to the girls Netball teams for some great results, to the Cross Country team for their success and for a remarkable result for our Polo players in Hall Grove's first ever Polo match! Full details of these and other events below.*

*We wish all pupils a relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing them back again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.*

## **Townsend-Warner History Prize 2016**

For the first time in the long and prestigious 130 year history of the competition, there were over 1,000 pupils from prep schools all over the country sitting Paper 1 of the Townsend-Warner History Prize in January. The first paper has 100 demanding one-word or one sentence answers, some being straightforward, others rather obscure. Former competitors include our very own Mr Parkinson! Congratulations to the five children from Years 7 and 8 who succeeded in qualifying for Paper 2: Henry Coop, Freddie Coughlin, Pierre Gathy, Max Tenenbaum and William Chen.

## **'Scenes from Matilda'**

Our congratulations to Year 5 children who put on a thrilling performance of Matilda on Monday evening. A big thank you to parents for their support, and to the staff. We are delighted the children achieved such an entertaining and accomplished performance on the night, it really was a spectacle!

## **Late collection at TASC**

If you are running late to collect your child from TASC please do call the School Office so a message can be communicated to staff and children.

## **Parking**

Please can we remind parents not to park on the tennis courts which are used for sports after 0900, particularly when attending 'Stay and Play' in The Barn on Wednesdays.

## **Reminder: Application for Authorised Absence**

With the long school holidays we do not advocate taking children out of school during term time. However, we do recognise that there are sometimes exceptional circumstances which necessitate this. All applications for authorised

absence must be in writing and with as much notice as possible, using a form now available on the website (under the 'Parents' tab), or from the School Office. The Headmaster will consider all applications, bearing in mind the child's school attendance throughout the year, as well as the reason for the request. If the Headmaster does not authorise the request a reason will be given. We are obliged to inform the Local Education Authority of any concerning levels of absence.

Absence forms are not required for medical and dental appointments, senior school visits / exams / appointments, external music or dance examinations, however **please ensure you have informed the School Office** of these absences in addition to writing in your child's diary or informing their teachers.

## **Matron's Note**

### **Medication**

Any prescribed medication brought into school e.g. antibiotics, **must be** accompanied by a 'Parental Consent for Prescribed Medication Form' which can be obtained from the Front Office, Matron or the School website.

## **Years 3 and 4 Parent Interviews**

Years 3 and 4 Parent Interviews will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in your child's classroom. These appointments can **only** be made using our online booking system which allows you to choose your own appointment, after which you will receive an email confirming your interview time. You will be advised via ClarionCall when the Parent Interview online booking system is open.

## **7MW Class Assembly**

- 7MW Assembly - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0835.

## **Music**

### **Informal Lunchtime Concerts**

Today we had the sixth of our Informal Lunchtime Concerts, with 16 of our wind and brass players. 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 one more Informal Concert this term:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February      Vocal and Percussion

### **Reminder: 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.

### **Tempest Flute Trio Workshop at Bradfield College**

Earlier this week some of our more experienced flautists spent the afternoon at Bradfield College learning about extended flute techniques, playing in a large flute ensemble, creating a story, composing and improvising a thoroughly contemporary piece of music. The children were great ambassadors for the school in their playing, their creative input and their total sense of focus and attention at all times.

## **Sports News**

### **Hall Grove Polo 'A' Team vs Papplewick 'A' at the Royal Berkshire Polo Club - 9<sup>th</sup> February**

*"Our Polo Team (India Underwood, Rhett Wooldridge and Shrey Rawal) had its first ever match since the inception of the popular after-school club on Tuesday evenings against Papplewick A team. After the hail had settled on a cold and blustery evening the arena at the Royal Berkshire Polo Club was set for our 3 budding polo stars. Under the expert coaching and guidance of Cool Hooves Polo School the teams planned their tactics, selected their horses and lined up for the throw in.*

*Excitement and nerves were the order of the day for both players and parents watching on the side-lines. Hall Grove got off to a dream start with Rhett scoring the opening goal of the match. Two goals in succession from Shrey saw Hall Grove take a comfortable lead much to the shock of the more experienced opponents. India provided great support with a solid midfield performance. A short half time team talk established the game plan for the second chukka.*

*Papplewick fought back hard at the start of the second chukka and scored two goals without answer, putting pressure on Hall Grove. The team dug deep and some very strong defensive play from Rhett and Shrey freed up India to score a great goal. This was followed*

*in quick succession with 2 goals from Rhett and 1 from Shrey who were both visibly thrilled with their hat tricks! India came close to scoring twice. Papplewick got a late goal just at the end of the game resulting in a very convincing 7 - 3 win for Hall Grove.*

*Of note was the teamwork and support shown between these three young polo players. The Hall Grove spirit really shone through. I was however most impressed with the manners and decorum shown by our children both on and off the pitch. They were gracious in victory, showed sportsmanship to their opponents and were courteous to the grooms and support staff. Much was to be learned from their conduct on the evening.*

*Well done to the debutants and we look forward to further matches and successes on the polo field.”* **Vivek Rawal**

### **Eagle House Cross Country – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Congratulations to the cross country team on their successful performance last week. Full results are as follows:

U8 Boys - 1<sup>st</sup> overall, with Elias Flo winning the race

U8 Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup>

U9 Boys - 4<sup>th</sup>, Sam Johnson was placed third

U9 Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup>

U10 Boys - 6<sup>th</sup>, Harry Mayhew was placed second

U10 Girls - 7<sup>th</sup>

U11 Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup>

U11 Girls - 1<sup>st</sup>, Nathalie Camp winning the race

U13 Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Danny Wessely was placed second

U13 Girls - 1<sup>st</sup>, Emily Myers was placed third

There were ten teams taking part in the events and these excellent results are very encouraging for the rest of the season.

### **IAPS National Prep Schools Cross Country Championships - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

The following children have been selected for this event and are encouraged to maintain some training over half term. We recommend a circuit of the lake at Virginia Water, a suitably challenging distance for runners of all ages. More details about the event will follow in due course:

U11 Girls

Nathalie Camp

Rosie Millar

Ellie Monk

Sarah Vandenberg

U13 Girls

Emily Myers

Madeleine Berenson

Antonia Gathy

Ella King

Lucia Jackson

U11 Boys

Harry Mayhew

Adam Humpish

James Crane

Callum Kinner

U13 Boys

Danny Wessely

Rocky Chapman

Alex Uphill

Henry Coop

Thomas Morley

### **Girls' Games**

On Wednesday the U11 A netball team competed in the Surrey Cup netball finals. We were really unlucky to be in a really hard section with both of our old adversaries, Guildford High School and Hoe Bridge! Before we faced them we beat Putney, Caterham and Notre Dame, scoring 30 goals and conceding only 2. The match against Guildford was exciting and right up until the few last minutes the team were winning, but Guildford scored 2 quick goals in succession and took the match to a draw. Next Hoe Bridge, as usual they were well drilled and disciplined and beat us 8 - 3. The team played in the quarter finals against Halstead winning 10 - 1; this meant a place in the semi-final of the Surrey Cup beckoned and a rematch against Hoe Bridge! All of the squad played in the match and we came back from being 8 - 2 down in the first half to losing the match 10 - 6. What a day!! The final was Guildford v Hoe Bridge; Guildford took the crown and the Hall Grove girls yet again performed with determination, speed and skill - they did themselves and the school proud. Commendations for Pippa Marlow whose shooting was outstanding, Carmen Schellekens who was fearless in defence and Rosie Millar for her relentless work in the centre of the court. We are looking forward to the challenge of IAPS regionals on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> VII had fixtures on Wednesday against Danes Hill and Farnborough Hill. The 1<sup>st</sup> VII had an emphatic win with Ella King showing great maturity supporting her team mates and displaying strong leadership skills. The 2<sup>nds</sup> had a narrow loss and Emily Myers, playing in defence, had a really good match. A draw for the 3<sup>rds</sup> was a wonderful way to end the afternoon fixtures and Issy Llewellyn-Jones impressed her coach by putting into practice on a number of occasions strategies learnt in the lesson on Tuesday.

The U11s and U10s played a block fixture against St Andrew's Pangbourne and such is the strength and depth of the Year 6 girls who play netball that the B team faced their A team and our C team faced their B team. We had two very narrow losses, and St Andrew's Pangbourne coaches commented on how well the girls played. The U10 A team drew - well done to Lily Mae Turner for fighting her way back into the A team and forming a great shooting partnership with Grace Aldridge; the U10 B team notched up another win with Zoe Legge playing well in defence and Scarlett Young playing exceptionally well in mid court, being voted player of the match.

The junior girls had a very exciting block fixture against Eagle House with the U8 C team having a 4 - 0 win - congratulations to Afia Kher Hussein-Mohammed who shot really well and scored 2 of the goals. Chloe Townsend and Abby Parker were both voted girls of the game by the opposition. The U9s had two impressive wins: the A team played an exciting end to end match winning by just one goal and the B team had a solid result, with all the girls displaying eagerness to improve and learn.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

Half Term Netball Camps – Mrs Maxfield is looking forward to welcoming lots of girls onto the netball camp over half term:

Years 3 - 5 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Years 5 - 8 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Netball v St Mary's Ascot

Please note parents may collect from St Mary's after the fixture at 1730 or from Hall Grove at 1800.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Netball v Halstead

Please note the later fixture time of 1545. ALL of the U8 girls will be involved in this fixture. Girls may either be collected directly from Halstead after match tea at 1630 or from Hall Grove at 1715.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Netball v Eagle House

This is an H5 (versatile) tournament and we have been able to include a 2<sup>nd</sup> team - squads of 6 will be selected. Girls may be collected from Eagle House after the event or from Hall Grove at 1700.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Netball v Eagle House

This is an H5 (versatile) tournament and we have been able to include a 3<sup>rd</sup> team - squads of 6 will be selected. Please meet Mrs Maxfield at Eagle House by 0900. The event is scheduled to be finished by 1200.

### **Boys' Games**

On Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> VII travelled to Canford School for their regional round of the IAPS U13 Hockey Tournament. Drawn in a group with schools closely located to us it was a great chance, having just started our hockey season, to see some progress over the day. All the boys were a credit to the school and made huge progress as the day wore on. They lost their first game v Eagle House but followed that up with wins against KCS Wimbledon, Perrot Hill and a draw against Hoe Bridge before losing a close game against Edgeborough. They played Sandroyd in the last 16 and lost 3 - 2 in a very tight, cagey game. A special mention to Ethan Gunning who made some superb saves throughout the day and was very impressive.

The rest of the top end of the school faced Eagle House in a block hockey fixture with all boys taking part. It was a tough day results-wise, as our hockey season has just begun, but there were plenty of encouraging signs of progress. We hope the boys will work hard in training sessions before fixtures against St Andrew's Woking and Ripley Court after half term.

Hockey v Eagle House

The Years 3 and 4 boys played Eagle House on Thursday and performed well, making improvements as the game wore on. They are showing that they are listening to advice. A pat on the back to the Under 8 B team for winning their 2 games.

## **Boys' Games Notices**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February - U8 Boys' Hockey v St Andrew's Woking

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 away.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February - U9 Hockey v St Andrew's Woking

Please note that the C team are now playing at 1400 and the D team at 1430, both matches, as per the calendar are away at St Andrews.

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.

## **FOHG**

**Reminder: 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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Classic Cars and Fabulous Frocks will be held at Mercedes-Benz World on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. To be on pole position don't forget to buy your tickets as there are only 2 weeks left for ticket sales to what promises to be a spectacular night. 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> 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  
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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: HYPE - Holidays Young People Enjoy - Camps**

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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Chertsey Museum Education Service**

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

### **Easter Camps**

#### **Ultimate Activity Camps at LVS, Ascot**

Ultimate Activity Camps will be running their exciting day camps at LVS Ascot School from 29<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April and are offering parents £40 off per week or £6 off per day if booked by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016. 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
- Ultimate Activity Camps
- Feed Your Family Right

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### **Chennai Raffle Unclaimed Prizes**

Raffle ticket winners 29 and 59 have still not collected their prize from the School Office. Please collect if you have a winning ticket!

### **3<sup>rd</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.

### **Feed Your Family Right**

Magda Schellekens (mum of Carmen and Daniela in Year 6), Nutritionist and Health Coach, is launching her 4 week "Feed Your Family Right" programme in Virginia Water in March. This is designed for busy parents eager to nourish their growing family with healthy and delicious meals and to learn HOW to get the family on-board to eat healthily. Please find attached flyer for more information. Magda is offering a free Cook Book to all Hall Grove parents who book before the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016. Contact Magda on [magda@healthyforlonger.com](mailto:magda@healthyforlonger.com) or text: 07970 192428

### **For Sale**

2 boys Ridgeback MX20 all terrain bikes for sale. One blue and one silver. Good condition. £80 each. Contact Tina McKinnon (Year 4) 07967 192243