

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Another week – and another good bit of Year 8 scholarship news! Well done Katie Walker for a Sports Scholarship and Minnie Anderson for an All-rounders Award, both for Lord Wandsworth College. Many congratulations!

Next Thursday we have a Hall Grove Open Morning for prospective parents. Whilst we are full in most age groups, with waiting lists in several, we are keen to promote our wonderful new Early Years unit in The Barn so do please spread the word to friends and work colleagues.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Laws on the birth of a little girl delivered safely on Wednesday morning weighing 7lb 13oz. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Reminder: Years 3 and 4 Parent Interviews

Years 3 and 4 Parent Interviews will be held on Monday 29th February and Wednesday 2nd March in New Hall (as advised earlier this week, and not 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.

Years 7 and 8 Parent Interviews

Years 7 and 8 Parent Interviews will be held on Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th March in New Hall. 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.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday and it would be lovely to see some of the children from Pre-School to Year 5 dressing up as their favourite characters from a much-loved novel, tale or poem. We would like to ask that children do not come dressed as superheroes, please.

The Book Fair will be visiting us during the week commencing 14th March. All children will have the chance to view the range of books during the week and spend the World Book Day vouchers which will be distributed. The fair will also be open on Monday 14th March and Tuesday 15th March between 1530 and 1630 for parents to come and make purchases.

Open Morning – Thursday 3rd March

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 3rd March from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we should be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

FOHG Ball - Saturday 19th March 2016

Ticket sales for the Ball have been zooming away with many of you already booked. One question we've been asked a few times is if it's possible to come along if you can't make up a full table of 10. The answer is most definitely YES, as long as you're happy to share a table with some other lovely school parents who are in a similar position. We'd be really grateful if you could pass on this information, and encourage people to let us know if they would like to attend so that we can do some table match-making. If anyone is still thinking of booking a table please act quickly as we are nearing full capacity and ticket sales close today. Please contact fohgball@gmail.com to book your last tickets.

Poetry Competition 2016

The final for our poetry competition this year will be held on Wednesday 23rd March. Over the next few weeks we encourage all children from Years 3 - 8 to learn a poem which they will perform in one of their lessons before their class/set. The very best from each group will go forward to the final. Children may choose from their own year group list OR from any of the more senior lists. Please see the school website for more poem suggestions.

Over the past few years this has been a successful occasion, encouraging children to commit poetry to memory for enjoyment and intellectual development. The key criteria for judging a poetry performance or declamation are:

<i>Audibility</i>	It is vital that the words are clearly heard
<i>Enunciation & Phrasing</i>	Clarity of pronunciation (as appropriate for the poem) and a sense of meaning delivered through appropriate pauses
<i>Presentation</i>	A sense of occasion in delivery (for example facial expression, stance)

Class Assemblies

All parents are welcome to attend their child's Class Assembly and we look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.

- 7MW Assembly - Thursday 3rd March
- 3VB Assembly - Tuesday 8th March
- 6HT Assembly - Thursday 10th March

Year 4 Pre-Battisborough 'Sleepover' at Hall Grove - Friday 4th March

Year 4 parents are reminded that their children have been invited to a 'sleepover' at School next Friday, 4th March, in preparation for their trip to Battisborough House next term. Please ensure you have returned the form to Miss Furness with the necessary information completed.

Music

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Today we had our final Informal Lunchtime Concert of this term, an eclectic mix of genres and styles from some of our singers, drummers and one recorder player! There were many enjoyable, assured performances and it was a delight once more to hear from some of our children.

Instrumental Competition Week, 14th - 18th March

The full schedule for the Instrumental Competition is being drawn up and we will email parents of those taking part early next week. We have a very experienced line-up of judges and we hope the children find the experience valuable, enjoyable and a useful spur for them as they continue to practise. All performances will be on New Hall stage, and friends and family are most welcome.

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.

Sports News

Cross Country

Well done to all those who competed in the Ludgrove Relays. This is traditionally a boys event but Ludgrove allowed us to enter the girls' teams to give them some vital experience in preparation for the Nationals at Malvern College. There were twenty teams competing in each age group, the U13 boys A team and U11 boys A acquitted themselves well, both teams finishing a creditable 8th place in a very strong field. Another notable performance was the 11th place finish by the U11 girls. The U13 girls' team and boys B teams also ran well and there were very positive performances from a number of individuals which bodes well for the Nationals.

Sailing

Hall Grove is entering a team into the IAPS National Sailing Regatta this year; the event is taking place at The Andrew Simpson Sailing Centre in Weymouth named after former Olympian and Hall Grove pupil. If your child is an experienced sailor and has RYA stage 2 qualifications or equivalent please email Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) if this event is of interest to you.

Girls' Games

The senior girls had a busy and successful week winning eight of their twelve netball fixtures against St Mary's Ascot, Feltonfleet, Holme Grange and Coworth. The 1st VII should feel particularly proud scoring over 50 goals in just 2 matches and showing what a versatile and strong squad they are. Particular congratulations to Scarlett Creasey not only playing "up" a year but also playing in attack, defence and mid court with ease!

On Wednesday every girl was involved in fixtures with the U11's playing against U12's. They won all of their fixtures and continue to show great progression as they head towards their senior years; Phoebe Thunder-Rogers had a great day scoring 8 goals, Natalie Camp, Ellie Monk, Milly Male and Alex Kong all played for the senior teams and performed well. Zoe Legge, Florence Coughlin and Amelia Brown showed great commitment for the U10's. Well done to all.

The U8's had fixtures against Halstead Prep School and displayed some fast ball skills; Emily Barnard, Amber Kelsall, Chloe Townsend, Jemima Jackson and Josie Bratt all had tremendous games and should be congratulated for their hard work and determination particularly in the face of adversity. Good luck to the girls participating in the U8 and U9 netball festivals at Eagle House over the weekend.

Girls' Games Notices

The girls will be playing lacrosse in their games lessons; they will need to have gum shields and football boots are preferable.

Saturday 27th February – Netball v Eagle House

This is an H5 (versatile) tournament. Please meet Mrs Maxfield at Eagle House by 0900. The event is scheduled to be finished by 1145.

Thursday 3rd March:

- Additional fixture - please note there is an additional U8 A netball fixture v Claremont (a) 1400.
- Fixture amendment - U9 A and B will play at 1430.
- U11 IAPS netball squad please meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove by 0730.

Friday 4th March

- U13 IAPS netball squad please meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove by 0730.

Saturday 5th March - Netball v Danes Hill

Please meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove by 0800. The event is scheduled to be finished by 1200. Collection from Hall Grove will be 1245.

Boys' Games

Colts A – IAPS Boys Hockey Tournament

The Colts A hockey team had a very enjoyable day at Tonbridge School competing in their IAPS qualifying tournament. The players performed admirably in the morning against very strong opposition. Archie Rhodes was particularly impressive saving reverse stick shots heading for the top corner of his goal and Adam Humpish was heroic in defence and attack. Qualifying for the prestigious Vase competition in the afternoon, the team showed the benefits of their considerable packed lunches. Demonstrating superb stick skills and prowess in front of goal against three teams they reached the final, and a taste of glory seemed inevitable. Sadly, despite playing the entire final in the opposition 'D', the team lost on penalty shuffles. Nonetheless, the team can feel proud of their efforts.

Hockey v Ripley Court and St Andrew's

All boys were involved in fixtures on Wednesday; the Under 10s were unfortunate that their opponents were late meaning their matches were very short. However in two weeks the A and B teams can look forward to the Hall Grove tournament.

The Colts teams were unlucky in their matches, losing by the odd goal. The Colts B must remember that the game isn't over until the final whistle; they were leading 1-0 with a few minutes to go and ended up losing 3-1.

The senior teams enjoyed success, with four out of five wins. The 1st XI winning 4-2, Ethan Gunning and Freddie Coughlin playing especially well. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th VII's all enjoyed great victories and played some good flowing attacking hockey. The 5th team narrowly lost 2-0 but should be proud of themselves as they played a 3rd team from St Andrew's.

The Under 9's continue to make improvements as the whole year group played St Andrew's.

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 5th March – Hall Grove U10 Tournament

Please note that as well as the U10 A team, the U10 B team has also been entered for this tournament. It is due to start at 0930 and should be finished by 1200.

Saturday 5th March – U13 7s – Feltonfleet Tournament

Unfortunately Feltonfleet have cancelled their 7s tournament scheduled for this date.

Wednesday 9th March – Hockey v Hoe Bridge

The 5th VII fixture has been moved and will now be played at 1400 at home.

Wednesday 9th 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 U11 Hockey Tournament which starts at 1000 and will last all day. Further information will go out to relevant parents in due course.

Saturday 19th March – House Hockey Matches

Please note that the RGS Guildford hockey fixtures on this date have been cancelled. Instead, the rearranged hockey house matches will be played as follows:

0900 - 1000 Year 5

1000 - 1100 Year 6

1100 - 1200 Years 7 & 8

Easter Chelsea Football Camp

Chelsea Football Club will be running an Easter camp at Hall Grove Tuesday 29th March to Friday 1st April. For details and to book please visit <https://www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk/soccerschools/booking/bookCourse.htm> the course code is:

S-EAS2-16-HGSS

Cricket and Rounders Pre-Season

There will be pre-season cricket and rounders camps at Hall Grove on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th of April from 1000 – 1500. The cost is £35 per child per day. A form will be sent out to parents in due course.

FOHG

2nd 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 5th 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 to reserve your space along with your name and age group then Harry & Sam will sort out our teams.

Cricket Tour Fundraising – Saturday 5th March

A group of eager cricketers will be running a refreshment stall at the U10 Hockey tournament to raise money for their proposed Cricket Tour to Dubai. They would welcome support from any parents, children and spectators attending the various Saturday morning sporting commitments (Golf, Tennis, Riding, Mountain Biking and Hockey etc).

Senior School Open Mornings

- Leighton Park School, Reading
8th March, 10th May, 7th June - 0118 987 9600
- Luckley House School
15th March, 0900 - 0118 974 3221
- Farnborough Hill (afternoons)
29th April, 1330 - 01252 529811
- Reed's School, Cobham
5th March, 7th May, 10th September, 12th November - 01932 869001
- King Edward's Witley
10th March - 01428 686700
- Roedean
5th March - email: dba@roedean.co.uk

Easter and Summer Camps

Reminder: Ultimate Activity Camps at LVS, Ascot

Ultimate Activity Camps will be running their exciting day camps at LVS Ascot School from 29th March - 8th April and are offering parents £40 off per week or £6 off per day if booked by 1st March 2016. Flyer attached.

Energy Kidz Holiday Clubs at Charters School

Energy Kidz Ofsted registered holiday clubs offer your child a fun-filled, action-packed school holiday with exciting games and activities, delivered in a safe and supervised environment.

Find out more and book now: 0333 577 1533 / info@energy-kidz.co.uk / www.energy-kidz.co.uk

Flyer attached.

Forres Summer Camps

Forres Holiday Camps run for prep school children in the Summer. These are brilliantly organised and would be much enjoyed by Hall Grove boys and girls. For further information please contact 01865 766155 or info@forresholidays.org or collect a flyer from the School Office.

Windlesham Golf Academy Easter Camps

Please see attached flyer for information and booking form.

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
- Ultimate Activity Camps
- Energy Kidz Holiday Club
- Feed your Family Right Flyer
- Golf Easter Camps

Reminder: 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 extending the offer of a free Cook Book to all Hall Grove parents who book before the 1st March 2016. Other dates for a programme will be available after the Easter break. Contact Magda on magda@healthyforlonger.com, 07970 192428 or <http://www.healthyforlonger.com/whats-on/>