

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Congratulations to Year 5 children who have completed a magnificent collage with Mrs Foley which has been selected for exhibition at the Natural History Museum as part of the David Shepherd Conservation Project. It is a super piece of work. Congratulations also to Heidi Kelsall for winning an Art prize sponsored by Balfour Beatty as part of their community relations project. Heidi's drawing has been published in a company calendar and she won herself a prize of £20 and £200 for the school. The company is doing the engineering work to the M3 Motorway.

Reminder: 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. You should have received an email confirming your interview time.

Years 5 and 6 Parent Interviews

Years 5 and 6 Parent Interviews will be held on Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th 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.

Open Morning – Thursday 17th March

There will be a second Open Morning taking place on Thursday 17th March from 0930 to 1130. As before 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.

After School Clubs and TASC

Please note that the final clubs of this term are Friday 18th March. TASC will operate as usual until Wednesday 23rd March, inclusive. Please remember to book any TASC requirements as places are limited and it is likely to be busy once clubs have finished.

Reception Spring Celebration – Tuesday 22nd March

The children in Reception would like to invite their parents to join them for a 'Spring Celebration' on Tuesday 22nd March at 1400 in New Hall. Please could the girls bring in a school Summer dress by Friday 18th March. Boys will be wearing the uniform they are in that day. Please take your seats in New Hall by 1350 as the performance will start at 1400.

Reminder: 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 (Middle and Upper School).

- 3VB Assembly - Tuesday 8th March
- 6HT Assembly - Thursday 10th March
- 2KH Assembly - Wednesday 16th March at 0900
- 4KF Assembly - Thursday 17th March

Music

Instrumental Competition Week, 14th – 18th March

The schedule for the Instrumental Competition is available on the school website. All performances will be on New Hall stage, and friends and family are most welcome.

London Irish St. Patrick's Day Match, Sunday 20th March

A team from London Irish came today to film some of our singers as they rehearsed with Mr Heffer. Their mascot, Digger, came along as well and the children were delighted to sing for the cameras. Final details will be sent out shortly.

Associated Board Exams - Spring Term

This term we will be hosting Associated Board exams here at school for many of our children on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th March. The examiner will be Kate Andrews. Could all children arrive 20 minutes before their scheduled exam time to allow time a short warm-up and administration on the day. All timetables were emailed several weeks ago, but if you have any questions please feel free to get in touch.

Sports News

Girls' Games

IAPS U11 National Netball Finalists

Many congratulations to the squad of ten Year 6 girls who competed in the regional round of the IAPS netball on Thursday. With 50 schools competing for just 8 places it was always going to be an exceptionally hard day. However, such is the strength and depth of the U11 squad they did a magnificent job! They played 11 matches, scoring 75 goals and conceding only 9. They won 10 matches and lost only 1 by just 2 goals. All of the girls worked tirelessly throughout the day supporting each other, working hard on and off the court, remaining focused throughout the day and they should be extremely proud of this achievement. Yasmin van der Zijl was an outstanding Captain and Jessica Gunning was relentless playing centre almost until she dropped! They head to the finals at Roedean on Saturday 12th March to fly the flag for Hall Grove. Good luck girls.

Last Saturday we took 15 U8s to participate in the annual Eagle House netball festival. This was an opportunity for the girls to get to play in various positions and they all did extremely well. The A team were particularly impressive winning all of their matches and drawing the final one. Well done to Mia Adams who shot particularly well.

The U11s had two tough matches against St George's Windsor with the A team narrowly pipping them by one goal, and the B team being beaten by girls who were MUCH taller than themselves. However these were two great team performances - well done. The U10s met some strong opposition from St George's Windsor but produced some good performances from Scarlett Young, Lyla Gilbert and Clara Finn in particular. Unfortunately the matches against Halstead had to be cancelled due to the Astro being an unplayable surface covered in hailstones. The U11 lacrosse team v Claremont had a good game with a very feisty performance from Alex Kong. The U10 lacrosse team, very ably captained by Libby Lomas, had an excellent win with impressive performances from Florence Coughlin and Kaitlyn Wyatt. There were no senior netball matches but some girls were fortunate to be chosen to play hockey in the boys' teams.

The juniors had a block netball fixture against Claremont Fan Court; they won 3 out of the 4 matches with the U8s winning by an impressive 8 goals - what a wonderful way to end their netball season. Congratulations to the U9s, who played really well with both the B and C team winning by significant scores. The A team had really tall opposition, which made it hard to get past. Despite this they worked really hard and should be proud of their season.

Girls' Games Notices

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 1230.

Saturday 12th March - Netball v St George's Weybridge Netball Tournament

Please meet at St George's at 0900, the tournament is due to finish at 1230.

Boys' Games

Rugby 7s at Lord Wandsworth College

The 1st VII enjoyed their first rugby 7s tournament of the season on Wednesday at Lord Wandsworth College. Mr Cottrell was pleased with how the team performed on the day, with wins against Crosfields and a draw with Lord Wandsworth College. They were led well by Oscar Hancock and special mentions should be made of Pierre Gathy and Luca Allera who stood out.

Hockey v Lambrook, Parkside and Cranleigh

Our senior block hockey fixtures were always going to be tough with so many out at Wellington Scholarships and the rugby 7s, but it gave a great opportunity for the girls to step in and play. Well done to them all for their effort and attitude. Conditions didn't favour fast-paced flowing hockey due to the cold and hail, with matches being stopped several times to wait for the hail to relent. The 1st VII lost narrowly as did the 3rd and 5th teams. The Colts A and B teams lost narrowly too and have worked hard in training on being more clinical in front of goal. Congratulations to the C team who won 6-1. The Under 10s continue to work hard in training sessions under the tutelage of Mr Gold; they must keep their heads up and continue working on their basics. The A and B teams are involved in the Hall Grove Hockey Tournament on Saturday morning - good luck.

The Under 9 A team went to Surbiton Hockey Club on Tuesday for the annual Parkside tournament, making real progress, and should be proud of how they are improving. Felix Jackson and Akhil Kapoor were especially effective in defence. All the Under 9 boys went over to Cranleigh School for a block fixture on Thursday and had an enjoyable afternoon, well done to the D team on a good win.

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 5th March - Hall Grove U10 Tournament

The U10 A and B teams are to meet at Hall Grove at 0900, the tournament should finish at 1130.

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.

The 1st XI game is being played at Woking HC with a 1430 start time.

Reminder: 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 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: 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

A ClarionCall message has been sent to parents about this.

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

FOHG

FOHG Golf Competition CANCELLED

The continuing wet weather means the FOHG golf competition has sadly been cancelled tomorrow because the greens are unable to be mown. The next tournament is scheduled for the Summer Term, May 21st, and surely by then the rain will have stopped sufficiently to let the grounds dry out! Contact email: fohgtennisgolf@gmail.com

FOHG Ball - Saturday 19th March 2016

We are now on the home stretch; tickets for the Ball will be distributed next week. We are looking forward to a great evening.

Reminder: Cricket Tour Fundraising Sausage Sizzle – Saturday 5th March

A group of eager cricketers will be running a refreshment stall offering sausages, samosas, sweets, cakes and bacon butties from 0900 – 1130, 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).

Uniform Shop Easter Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop will be open during the Easter holidays as follows:

- Thursday 7th April 1500 – 1700
- Wednesday 13th April 0900 – 1100

Easter and Summer Camps

2nd 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.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: Windlesham Golf Academy Easter Camps

Please see attached flyer for information and booking form.

Chelsea Football Club Easter Soccer School at Hall Grove School

Tuesday 29th March to Friday 1st April, 1000 – 1500

Book online now at chelseafc.com/foundation

For further details please contact Tom Bird – email tom.bird@chelseafc.com or call 07921 050309

Hype Easter Camps

Multi-Activity Camps at Bishopsgate School, Egham & The Marist School, Sunninghill

Activities include swimming games, arts and crafts, nature drawing, bush craft, treasure hunts, street dance and much, much more.

Easter Football Camp at The Marist School, Sunninghill

The Football Camp enables children to have fun whilst developing game understanding, confidence and new skills, in the expert hands of professional and highly trained coaches.

For more information and online booking please visit frogsandfriends.org or call 01344 898330.

Reminder: Forres Summer Camps

Forres Holiday Camps are 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. Applications have to be made soon because places do fill up.

Sunningdale School Holiday Common Entrance Revision Course

If any Year 7 or 8 parent thinks their child may benefit, we suggest you speak to Mr Lewis for further details.

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

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Instrumental Competition Schedule
- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- Ultimate Activity Camps
- Energy Kidz Holiday Club
- Golf Easter Camps

Do you need help with your Ironing?

For a quick and very efficient service locally please call Vander on 07761 678372.