

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*We are delighted to announce the award of three more senior school scholarships. Abbie Mayhew has gained an Academic Scholarship at St George's College, Weybridge; Tabitha Norrey won the Sports Scholarship at St Mary's School, Ascot; Harry Chen was awarded one of the top Academic Scholarships at Wellington College. These are very significant achievements by the three pupils concerned, congratulations to them all.*

*It's been a busy week with Year 5 away in Devon and lots of activities on at school. Today we enjoyed bright sunshine and some fun Tennis and Basketball, a great introduction to these exciting sports.*

*Best of luck to our very talented Under 11 Netball Team (coached by the inspirational Mrs Maxfield) who are competing in the IAPS National Netball Finals at Roedean School on Saturday; to the Judokas competing in the IAPS National Judo Finals at High Wycombe; to the swimmers going to the Surrey Schools Gala at Guildford and to the Cross Country team competing in the IAPS National Cross Country Finals at Malvern College on Sunday. In addition we have several other Hockey and Netball matches tomorrow, all the details are given below.*

## **Year 5 Battisborough Report by Zoe Legge, 5LM**

Battisborough is a wonderful place; it has amazing facilities, amazing learning opportunities and it is great fun for all the pupils. We have spent most of our time outdoors and the weather has been very good (most of the time, except for the time the wind caused a power cut but that was actually good fun because we got to play with torches!). The teachers have been delighted with our behaviour, of course! Thank you Year 5 for a wonderful week at Battisborough, you have been great company.

## **Reminder: Years 5 and 6 Parent Interviews**

Years 5 and 6 Parent Interviews will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March in New Hall. You will have received an email confirming your interview time.

## **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).

- 2KH Assembly – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 0900
- 4KF Assembly – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- 5ST Assembly – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

## **Reminder: Open Morning – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

There will be a second Open Morning taking place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **King Edward's Art Competition**

Congratulations to the following pupils whose art work has been selected for an Art Competition at King Edward's School, Witley. The theme was 'Take a Famous Artist', and a maximum of 10 entries were allowed from each school. The work will be on display and prizes awarded on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1730 – 2000.

Amaarpreet Grewel – Rousseau style clock; Danyal Najib – Riley inspired clock; Joshua Tyrer – Oldenburg inspired breakfast sculpture; Katie Walker – Oldenburg inspired Popcorn sculpture; Rosie Millar – Picasso style portrait; Maisie Payne – Picasso style portrait; Oscar Fry – Giacometti runner; Oliver Goringe – Giacometti rugby player; Harry Mayhew – Giacometti fencer. Good luck to all entrants.

*Mrs Foley*

## **The Book Fair**

The Book Fair arrived today and the children will be taken to browse through the titles on offer during one of their Literacy or English lessons next week. There is no obligation to buy, but your child may bring home a form with details of a book and its cost. If you would like to make a purchase, please return the form with either cash or a cheque made payable to "Hall Grove School Ltd" by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. (Please do not staple the cheque to the form.) Whilst there are multiple copies of the books and these will be given to the children who have brought payment, please note that it may be necessary to make some additional orders. All such books will be ordered on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and delivered to school before the end of term. Parents are welcome to come to the balcony in New Hall to browse and buy books next Monday and Tuesday between 1530 and 1630.

## **After School Clubs and TASC**

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

## **After School Clubs – Summer Term 2016**

A Clarion has been sent today detailing the clubs available for the Summer term. This information is also available on the school website under the Extra Curricular tab.

## **Reminder: Pre-Prep Spring Celebration – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

The children in Pre-Prep would like to invite their parents to join them for a 'Spring Celebration' on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 1400 in New Hall. Please take your seats in New Hall by 1350 as the performance will start at 1400.

## **An Introduction to Modern Boarding – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1830 – London Venue**

Tonbridge and Benenden will be holding a combined event in London entitled 'An Introduction to Modern Boarding'. The evening, which will be led by Tim Haynes, the Headmaster at Tonbridge, and Mrs Samantha Price, The Headmistress at Benenden, will help parents to better understand the ethos which allows pupils to flourish as boarders in our schools, as well as giving an insight into the broad and varied life of a boarder. The event will be held at The In and Out Club, No. 4 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4JU. For further information please call Vervan Larmour on 01732 304297 or email Dawn Bradford [dbr@benenden.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dbr@benenden.kent.sch.uk). A limited number of tickets are available at the Hall Grove Front Office.

## **Music**

### **Ensembles Concert Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

As stated in previous newsletters we will be holding our annual Spring Ensembles Concert on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1900. Children who are in an ensemble should be back in school by 1840 in school uniform with their instruments, and congregate in the Admiral Room. We would anticipate the majority of students going home before the concert, but if your child does need to stay for supper, please book this through the School Office as soon as possible. All our ensembles have been working extremely hard towards the concert and it will no doubt be a highly enjoyable evening!

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

The schedule for the Instrumental Competition is available on the school website as well as both music notice boards (Archway Room & opposite the Clanwilliam Room). All performances will be on the New Hall stage, and friends and family are most welcome. Please ensure your child has their music and instrument on the day!

With our all-time highest number of entries for the competition, we will unfortunately not be able to invite everyone to the Winners Concert on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Once the competition has finished on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Miss Post will email all of those whom we would like to perform on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **London Irish St. Patrick's Day Match, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

We are very much looking forward to taking 77 of our singers to perform before the kick-off for the rugby match against Gloucester. Final details have been sent out to all relevant parents at the beginning of this week. Please do get in contact with Miss Post ([l.post@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.post@hallgrove.co.uk)) if you need any more information.

### **Associated Board Exams – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Our ABRSM exams are fast approaching and we hope there is some focused practice going on! The exams will be held in the Drawing Room on the 18<sup>th</sup> and in New Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child is fully aware of their exam time and knows that they should come up to the music department twenty minutes beforehand. The timetable was emailed several weeks ago but is now up on both music notice boards as well. Please get in contact with Miss Post if you need any more information.

## **Sports News**

### **Cross Country**

Good luck to all those competing in the IAPS National Cross Country finals at Malvern College being held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Children selected for this are to meet at Hall Grove at 0730. The estimated return time is 1730.

### **Fencing**

Good luck to Marcus Sands (Year 7) who is representing Hall Grove in our first ever Fencing competition at Woodcote House on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Girls' Games**

Another busy week of fixtures for the girls; last Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> VII competed at the regional IAPS finals and came a very credible 4<sup>th</sup> in their pool, winning 4 of their 7 matches. Led by their captain, Tabitha Norrey, the squad showed true grit and determination and should feel very proud of their netball achievements this season.

On Saturday the U10 A squad travelled to Danes Hill for a tournament and really impressed Mrs Maxfield with their speed and ball skills, where they won 4 of their 6 matches and were placed third. Congratulations to Billie Deighton and Scarlett Young who both had an exceptionally good morning.

Despite the very wet and cold weather on Wednesday afternoon the seniors had their final matches of the netball calendar with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VII winning convincingly against Holme Grange and Dolphin Prep, the 3<sup>rd</sup> VII (with quite a few Year 6s) had a tough match against Pangbourne College. Despite the result the girls continued to try really hard and should be commended for their dogged perseverance. The U11s played their fixture at Hoe Bridge with both Victoria Fearnhead and Grace Harvie playing particularly well.

Finally, may we take this opportunity to wish the U11 A netball squad the very best of luck at the IAPS netball finals at Roedean on Saturday. Over the last year this squad has worked incredibly hard at school and within their club training sessions to perfect their netball skills and thoroughly deserve a place at the Nationals.

### **U9 v Hoe Bridge**

The U9 girls had their final netball fixtures against Hoe Bridge on Thursday, it has been such a pleasure to see this young group of girls grow in confidence over the last few months, each and every one of them showing great potential for next year. They listen and always try very hard to put into practice what is asked of them, they have been such a delight to teach this term. They should feel very proud of their achievements – well done to each and every one of them.

We took two teams to compete against local schools at The Marist Cross Country event and both teams ran their socks off. The Year 4 team came 3<sup>rd</sup> by 3 points with Catriona Wood coming 3<sup>rd</sup>, Matilda Bernabo 10<sup>th</sup>, Maddie Uphill 11<sup>th</sup> and Nerys Tullett a very credible 14<sup>th</sup> out of 32 runners. However, the stars of the event were our U11 team who came 1<sup>st</sup>: Nathalie Camp 1<sup>st</sup>, Ellie Monk 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rosie Millar 7<sup>th</sup> and Sarah Vandenberg 9<sup>th</sup>. What an afternoon for these girls who go to Malvern on Sunday to compete in the IAPS National Cross Country event. Good luck to all of our runners who are representing the school.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

U8 A Netball tournament St George's Weybridge

Please meet at St George's at 0900, the tournament is due to finish at 1100.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Netball v Eagle House will be an U12 netball fixture only.

U13 Lambrook Lacrosse Tournament - please note all U13 girls will be selected to participate, this tournament is due to start at 1400 and will be finished by 1600.

U11 Lambrook Lacrosse Tournament - please note this is due to start at 1400 and will be finished by 1530.

U11 Hoe Bridge B and C Netball Tournament - please note this tournament is due to start at 1400 and will be finished by 1600.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March

U10 A Netball tournament St George's, Weybridge

Please meet Mrs Maxfield no later than 0800 at Hall Grove, the tournament is scheduled to be finished by 1300 and collection from Hall Grove 1330.

Lacrosse v St George's, Ascot - all Year 7 girls will be required to play and some Year 8 girls. Please check team sheet for those selected, meet at Hall Grove no later than 0930.

### **Boys' Games**

Hockey v Hoe Bridge

On a foul Wednesday afternoon the senior boys had a block fixture against Hoe Bridge. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI were a little disappointing, not working together as a team and committing to tackles, something they must learn from for their next fixture. The 3<sup>rd</sup> VII had a great win, with almost all boys getting on the score sheet, a credit to the type of hockey they played. The 4<sup>th</sup> VII drew 2 - 2 and the 5<sup>th</sup> VII just lost a thriller 1 - 0. On Thursday the U9 A-E teams played. Results were in favour of Hoe Bridge but the boys played well, especially the E Team with a fantastic win.

### **U10 Hockey Tournament**

The U10 A and B teams played a hockey tournament held at Hall Grove last Saturday. Despite the cold conditions, the morning was a huge success. Some strong teams came to play and considering our U10s started hockey just after half-term, they performed admirably. With every game they got better, understanding their positional roles and by the end, playing some attractive, flowing hockey.

Eight teams competed in two groups, with our A and B teams separated and, as luck would have it, they had to play each other as they both finished third in their respective groups. This turned out to be a very competitive match where the A team eventually came through as 2 - 0 winners.

Thanks must go to Mr Marland and Mr Tullett for an excellent morning, fluently organised and enjoyed by everyone.

### **U11 Wellington Prep Schools Hockey Tournament**

On Wednesday the Colts A hockey team played in the annual hockey tournament at Wellington. The boys had an outstanding morning beating four out of the five teams in their group, scoring 8 and conceding just 2 goals. Unfortunately the team missed out on the final by goal difference and ended up finishing fourth. Nonetheless they played some outstanding hockey and can be very proud of their efforts - watched and admired on the side-line by Barry Middleton (the England and Great Britain hockey captain) and by Mr David Beckham. Suffice to say almost every garment of clothing had been signed by the time we departed.

### **Boys' Games Notices**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Surrey Schools Swimming

Good luck to the boys competing in this event at the Spectrum on Saturday evening.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March - IAPS Judo

Boys are to meet at High Wycombe Judo Centre (HP12 4UE), time depending on their weight category. They should have already discussed this with Mr Fricker.

The weigh-in times are as follows:

0815 - 0845      U30kg, U34kg, U38kg

1100 - 1130      U42kg, U46kg

1200 - 1300      U50kg, U55kg, U60kg O55kg O60kg

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Hockey v Moulshford

Boys selected to play in 2<sup>nd</sup> VII, 3<sup>rd</sup> VII, 4<sup>th</sup> VII and 5<sup>th</sup> VII are to meet Mr Marland and Mr Tomlinson at Hall Grove at 0830, the estimated return time at Hall Grove is 1330. Matches are being played at Cranford House School (OX10 9HT).

Under 10 A and B teams should meet at Hall Grove at 0940 for matches that start at 1000.  
Colts A and B teams should meet at Hall Grove at 1040 for matches at 1100.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Bradfield Hockey Clinic Year 5

All Year 5 boys are going to Bradfield College on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March for a hockey clinic. They need to arrive at school in games kit wearing a tracksuit with shin pads and mouth guard. They will leave at 1100 from Hall Grove and return in time for the end of their day at 1620.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Clarion Call message has been sent to parents about this.

### **Sausage Sizzle Fund Raising**

The Dubai Tour cricketers had a very successful Saturday and by popular demand will be back with cakes, hotdogs and bacon butties at the Sausage Sizzle for the House Matches on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Reminder: Easter Chelsea Football Camp**

Chelsea Football Club will be running an Easter camp at Hall Grove Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **Hall Grove Cricket and Rounders Easter Camp**

Final call for this 2 day camp. Please contact Mr Tullett ([i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk)) for further details.

### **London Youth Baseball League**

The local team for the London Youth Baseball League are still looking for players to sign up for the season which is just beginning. Please see attached flyer for contact details.

### **Reminder: Uniform Shop Easter Opening Hours**

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

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April                      1500 – 1700
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April                0900 – 1100

### **Easter and Summer Camps**

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

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk) / [www.energy-kidz.co.uk](http://www.energy-kidz.co.uk)

Flyer attached.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Windlesham Golf Academy Easter Camps**

Please see attached flyer for information and booking form.

### **Reminder: Chelsea Football Club Easter Soccer School at Hall Grove School**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1000 – 1500

Book online now at [chelseafc.com/foundation](http://chelseafc.com/foundation)

For further details please contact Tom Bird – email [tom.bird@chelseafc.com](mailto:tom.bird@chelseafc.com) or call 07921 050309

### **Reminder: 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](http://frogsandfriends.org) or call 01344 898330.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:info@forresholidays.org) or collect a flyer from the School Office. Applications have to be made soon because places do fill up.

### **Chertsey Museum Easter Fun**

Various Easter fun activities on 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April. To book or find out more please see attached flyer or telephone 01932 565764 / [www.chertseymuseum.org](http://www.chertseymuseum.org)

### **Reminder: Sunningdale School Holiday Common Entrance Revision Course**

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

### **Senior School Open Mornings**

- Leighton Park School, Reading  
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  
7<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> November - 01932 869001

### **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
- London Youth Baseball League
- Chertsey Museum Easter Fun

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### **'Feed Your Family Right' Programme**

Due to popular demand, a third date has been added to the programme starting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016, in Virginia Water. Magda Schellekens (mum of Carmen and Daniela in Year 6), a Nutritionist and Health Coach, is running the programme 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. For more information please see attached flyer or visit <http://www.healthyforlonger.com/whats-on/>

If interested, contact Magda on [magda@healthyforlonger.com](mailto:magda@healthyforlonger.com) or 07970 192428.