

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Congratulations to our school caterers, Connect Catering, for finishing (3rd year running) in the top ten of the Sunday Times 100 Best Companies to Work For. The company has certainly been working hard here at Hall Grove keeping the children and staff well fed, and it has also taken on the cooking at Battisborough House for our field trips. We are very fortunate to be so well looked after. The school has made a big investment in the kitchen, servery and Dining Hall over the last two years and we are really beginning to reap the rewards now.

This week we have been treated to some splendid performances in the annual music competition, over 240 in total. The visiting judges were delighted by the standard and by the depth and range of the talent. Our thanks to Mr Waltho and his team, especially to Miss Post who worked so hard to ensure all the arrangements were in order. Next week the musicians will be working hard with the two concerts and the Easter Service; they are also singing in front of a huge crowd at the Madejski Stadium on Sunday.

5ST Class Assembly – Tuesday 22nd March

5ST would like to invite their parents to attend their Class Assembly. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.

2nd Reminder: Pre-Prep Spring Celebration – Tuesday 22nd March

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

Easter Service – Thursday 24th March

Our Easter Service will be taking place in New Hall on Thursday 24th March at 1030. This is always a lovely occasion with beautiful music; all parents are warmly invited to attend.

School Invoice and Reports

The Summer Term invoice was emailed to parents earlier this week. We ask that the fees are settled promptly and no later than Wednesday 20th April. We continue to make a charitable donation to the Royal National Children's Foundation of £10 per term per child and this cost is included in the school fees; further details of this charity can be found on the school website. You can also find copies of all the School Insurances on the school website (Admissions/Fee Information) or get copies from the Accounts Office.

A School Report / Grades Sheet will be emailed during the final week of term.

Hall Grove School Summer Term Calendar

A provisional electronic copy of the Summer Term Calendar will be emailed during the final week of term and a printed version will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

Reminder: After School Clubs, TASC and Twilight

Please note that the final clubs of this term are on Friday 18th March. TASC and Twilight 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.

After School Clubs - Summer Term

All After School Clubs will start in the week commencing Monday 25th April.

End of Term Arrangements – Thursday 24th March

1030	Easter Service in New Hall
1145	Exhibition Hockey Match
1200	Pre-Prep collection time
1215	Years 3 and 4 collection time
1230	Years 5 and 6 collection time
1245	Years 7 and 8 collection time

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform is to be worn from the first day of next term, Wednesday 20th April.

Reminder: Dates for the Diary

Pre-Prep Sports Day	Friday 24 th June
Sports Day (Years 3 - 8)	Saturday 25 th June

Poetry Competition

Congratulations to all those who have been selected to perform in the Poetry Competition on Wednesday morning. Both competitions will be held in New Hall and parents are more than welcome to attend. The Middle School competition will begin at 0900 and the Upper School competition will begin at 1125. This year we are very fortunate to welcome our guest judge, Sarah Donarksi from Wellington College.

Book Fair

Thank you to all those who have returned the slips and money for the Book Fair. Many books have already been distributed and any additional orders will be delivered to school by the end of term.

Music

Instrumental Competition

This week has been jam-packed with fabulous music-making from our musicians! We have enjoyed over 240 performances across four days and now have 36 very worthy winners. There will be a concert for some of the winners of the Competition next Wednesday (23rd). If your child has been invited to perform Miss Post will have sent you an email with further details by the end of the weekend. Congratulations to the following children who won their category:

Keyboard

- A** Zac Symons
- B** Bruno Allera
- C** Rishya Rawal
- D** Leo Barker
- E** Fred Beer
- F** Toby Hancock
- G** Oscar Fry
- H** Benedikt Meyer-Bothling
- I** Daniel Fussey
- J** Oliver Hudson

K Yun-Yun Lai
L Henry Coop
M William Chen

Strings

A Sam Hudson
B Rory Coleman
C Oscar Fry
D Harry Coxon
E Henry Coop

Woodwind

A Elsie Evans
B Jasmine Wyles
C Annabel Hatten
D Sophia Brennen
E Grace Harvie
F Pierre Gathy
G Amelie Wyatt

Percussion

A Lily Hardy
B Xavier Sanz
C Tara Rijal

Vocal

A Sunheri Gadhoke
B Billie Deighton
C Zöe Legge
D Issy Llewellyn-Jones

Brass

B Jonathan Butler
C Jessica Gunning
D Freddie Coughlin
E Ethan Gunning

Music Practice Club

Practice Club runs from Monday - Friday from 1630 - 1800. Children are welcome to come for half hour slots within these times. If you currently have a music practice slot you will need to rebook this for next term with Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk). These sessions are supervised by a member of the music department who can give guidance as to what they should be practising and help to get them into a better routine when practising at home.

Music Exams

Well done to all of those who have taken ABRSM exams today and good luck to those taking them tomorrow. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before your exam time and make your way to the Music Office. There is no need to be wearing school uniform tomorrow. The results usually take between 2 - 3 weeks to arrive and we will email them out as soon as we have heard.

Ensembles Concert

The following ensembles will be performing in the Ensembles Concert on Monday 21st March. Children should return to school by 1840 in school uniform with their instrument. The concert will be held in the New Hall at 1900.

Choristers
Hall Grove Choir
Girls' Choir
Junior Brass
Jazz Ensemble
Senior Brass
Concert Band
Senior Strings
Junior Strings
Recorder Ensemble
Woodwind Ensemble
Percussion Ensemble

Sports News

Cricket and Rounders Easter Camp - FULL

Please note that the Hall Grove Cricket and Rounders camp is now full and we will be unable to accept any late requests or arrivals on the day - without exception.

IAPS JUDO

Well done to all the boys who competed at the IAPS Judo in High Wycombe. They all acquitted themselves well and should be proud of their efforts. Henry Sturm was crowned IAPS Champion and won gold in the U30kg category. His opponent in the final was none other than James Crane, who fought very bravely and won silver. Thomas Morley and Max Tenenbaum both won Bronze medals in the U38kg category. Well done to all the boys as this meant that Hall Grove came second in the team event, beaten by Bishopgate by one point!

IAPS Cross Country

Mr Tullett took a group of athletes to the IAPS National Cross Country Championships at Malvern College on a very misty Sunday morning. Following intensive early morning training sessions and hard work in PE and Games lessons he was confident of Hall Grove's chances. There were over 1200 athletes running in the four age groups and eighty-one schools competing. The U13 boys and girls teams competed well with the most notable performance in these two races coming from Danny Wessely, the team captain in the boys' race, and Antonia Gathy in the girls' race. The U11 boys ran well with Adam Humpish bringing the team home and certainly showing promise for the future. The outstanding performance of the day was Nathalie Camp's victory in the U11 girls' race. She showed great maturity and tactical awareness to dominate the race from start to finish. Not only did Hall Grove have its first National Cross Country Champion on this day, we also won a bronze medal in the team event. Nathalie was backed up by her deputies, Ellie Monk, Rosie Millar and Sarah Vandenberg, who were well placed in the race to achieve their thoroughly well deserved medal.

Marcus Sands holds the distinction of being the first Hall Grove pupil to compete in a fencing match. He went to Woodcote House on Monday evening and performed really well, finishing in third place out of fifteen competitors in an individual competition. Well done Marcus!

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 19th March

U10 A Netball tournament, St George's Weybridge

Please meet Mrs Wyman no later than 0900 at St George's Weybridge. The presentation is scheduled for 1230 and collection from St George's Weybridge is at 1300.

Lacrosse v St George's, Ascot

Those selected for the team should meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove no later than 0930, collection from 1100.

IAPS U11 National Netball Finals

Ten U11 netballers along with their coaches travelled to Brighton last Saturday 12th March to participate in the very prestigious National netball finals, a huge competition in the netball calendar - the girls had worked incredibly hard to earn their place at the event. A very tough draw meant it was going to be a challenging day and the girls worked together to ensure the team put out their best performance on the day. Led by Captain Yasmin van der Zijl the defence were awesome, together with Carmen Schellekens and Victoria Fearnhead the girls worked tirelessly. Mid court was made up of the very fast Beatrice Brockman, Nathalie Camp, Jessica Gunning and Ellie Monk. All the girls took to the court at some point during the day and showed terrific maturity when switched on and off; finally the shooting trio who had practised relentlessly, Gabriella Brinn-Johnson, Pippa Marlow and Vice-Captain India Underwood, completed this talented squad. The girls played 8 matches and won 5, and were placed a very credible 4th in their pool. The experience and memories they took from the day will hopefully be the building blocks of their senior sporting careers. We are excited by the prospect of what the future will bring with such a strong sporting group of girls.

At the other end of the spectrum the next generation of netball players, our talented U8s competed in a netball tournament at St George's Weybridge. The girls won 5 and drew 1 of their 6 matches which placed them 2nd on goal difference. Captain Abby Parker was delighted to be awarded silver medals for the team and our top defender Amelie Lomas was voted the girl of the tournament. This team have progressed so much over the season and should be very proud of their efforts.

Our final afternoon of Spring fixtures was an exciting mix of netball and lacrosse with all of the girls involved in matches. We took two teams to play at the Lambrook lacrosse tournament where the seniors won two matches, drew

one and lost two. They were placed 3rd overall and Minnie Anderson displayed some amazing attacking skills to keep the opposition on their toes. Meanwhile Hall Grove hosted an U10 lacrosse festival with Crosfield and Edgeborough bringing along their Year 5 players. What a sight to behold in the Spring sunshine with so many enthusiastic players participating in this fast and furious sport!

The U12 and U11 netball teams went off to play Eagle House's U13 A and B teams! This challenging fixture allowed the girls to be stretched and they met the challenge head-on, with the U12s narrowly losing to a versatile A team and the U11s beating Eagle House U13 B team convincingly 21-7. There was some solid play from the girls and a great way to finish the season.

The U11 B and C netball teams were invited to play in the Hoe Bridge B and C tournament and our two teams played well but the heroes of the afternoon were the C team led by Maisie Payne who put in the performance of a lifetime. They won 4 and drew 1 match which put them top of their pool. They beat St Hillary's in the semi-final and went on to play Guildford High School in the nail-biting final; the match went goal for goal taking the game to golden goal (sudden death). Darcy Atherton won the vital toss up and the ball was transported to goal with incredible speed via Cristina Brown, to Camilla Lawson and then straight to Jeeya Obhrai who scored the winning goal with a swish! A tremendous effort with the team being completed by the defence who were made up of Navlleen Grewal and two Year 5 girls Billie Deighton and Catherine Clarke. Careful and precise with the ball, tenacious and hard working throughout, the girls were undoubtedly the best team in the tournament and were a real credit to the school.

We had a wonderful afternoon on Thursday with all the girls playing in lacrosse festivals. The Under 9s fielded three mixed ability teams for the friendly triangular hosted by Edgeborough. All three teams played some spirited lacrosse and achieved a win and a defeat each. Some of the stars of the afternoon were Yun Yun Lai, Matilda and Gisella Bernabo, Isabella Birkett-Eyles, Nerys Tullett and Sophia Bandosz. We hosted an U8 festival at Hall Grove with 9 teams participating which meant a busy afternoon for the girls being able to put their freshly learned skills into action. Lola Thunder-Rogers, Fleur Gilbert and Amelie Lomas all scored some fabulous goals.

Boys' Games

On a gorgeous Saturday morning, the boys played Moulsoford in a series of fixtures. All the games were competitive and the boys should be really proud of how they played. The Under 10s drew both their games, the Colts won and drew a game with the senior teams winning two and drawing two. All games were very even and brilliant to watch. Mr Smart, the Moulsoford member of staff, described our annual block fixtures as his "favourite fixtures of the year!"

Well done to the senior boys Rugby VIIIs, who went to Woodcote House for their annual tournament. They worked hard, and came back from 21-0 to draw 21-21 (then lost on a golden try in extra time) in their semi-final.

The Under 11 boys played hockey against Crosfield on Wednesday, with the Colts A team winning 4-1, the B team winning 2-0 and the C team losing a thrilling game 5-3, special mention to Aikam Sihra who was excellent in goal.

The Year 5 boys went off to Bradfield College on Wednesday for a great day, where they had a coaching clinic with Miss Brooker, the Director of Hockey at the college, as well as enjoying a tour of the school. The boys were a credit and should be proud of the way they represented Hall Grove.

All Year 3 and 4 boys were involved in fixtures v Feltonfleet on Thursday and enjoyed representing the school. The Under 9 A team were at St Andrew's Woking for a tournament and played well - special mention to Sam Johnson playing in goal.

Surrey Schools Swimming Gala

Two Year 7 boys and one Year 6 boy (Roan Macdonald, Pierre Gathy and Henry Sturm) competed at Guildford Spectrum in the Surrey Schools Swimming Gala. Mr Cottrell was really impressed with how hard they worked in their races and that they stuck at it, considering they didn't have as much experience as some other swimmers. Roan competed in the 100m freestyle coming 5th in his heat and 10th out of 15 overall. Henry Sturm competed in the 100m backstroke, finishing 4th in his heat and 8th out of 14. Pierre Gathy competed in the 100m breaststroke, coming 6th in his heat and 12th overall. Roan then swam in the 200m Individual medley, coming 7th out of 8. A special mention must go to Henry who competed for the school at Judo that morning, winning his event and becoming IAPS National Champion, and then swam in the evening.

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 19th March – House Hockey Matches

Please note that hockey house matches will be played as follows:

0900 - 1000 Year 5

1000 - 1100 Year 6

1100 - 1200 Years 7 & 8

Reminder: Sausage Sizzle Fund Raising

Back by popular demand, the Dubai Tour cricketers will again be selling hotdogs, soup, cakes and bacon butties at the Sausage Sizzle for the House Matches on 19th March. Everyone on site is welcome to buy goodies.

2nd Reminder: 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

2nd Reminder: 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

Energy Kidz Holiday Clubs at Charters School

Enter the Easter Egg Hunt Competition to win 2 Standard Holiday Club Day passes! Energy Kidz Easter Holiday Clubs are nearly upon us and Energy Kidz are counting down the days until their Wonders of the World and Ancient Ancestors themed weeks! To celebrate Easter, they are giving away 2 Standard Day Passes for their Summer Holiday Clubs as part of their Easter Egg Hunt competition. To be in with a chance of winning, you need to hunt down as many Easter eggs as you can in the picture featured on their website – it's a cracking challenge!

All entries must be submitted before Sunday 20th March so visit their website (<https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/>) to enter now. There's now just over 1 week to go before the Easter Holidays so to find out more about your nearest Holiday Clubs and to book online now, click on the following link: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/>

2nd Reminder: 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

2nd 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 or call 01344 898330.

3rd 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.

Reminder: Chertsey Museum Easter Fun

Various Easter fun activities on 29th and 31st March and 5th and 7th April. To book or find out more please see attached flyer or telephone 01932 565764 / www.chertseymuseum.org

2nd 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.

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- Ultimate Activity Camps
- Energy Kidz Holiday Club

- Golf Easter Camps
- London Youth Baseball League
- Chertsey Museum Easter Fun
- Feed Your Family Right

Lost Property

Several items have been handed into the Front Office including keys, a dog lead, sun glasses, a watch and gloves.

Reminder: 'Feed Your Family Right' Programme

Due to popular demand, a third date has been added to the programme starting on Wednesday 27th 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 or 07970 192428.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are still 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.

Senior School Open Mornings

Bedford School, Bedford	16 th April	01234 362216
Pangbourne	23 rd April	0118 976 7415
Farnborough Hill (afternoons)	29 th April	01252 529811
Leighton Park School, Reading	10 th May, 7 th June	0118 987 9600
Reed's School, Cobham	7 th May, 10 th September, 12 th November	01932 869001