

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Last week's Garden Opening was a lovely afternoon with pleasant sunshine and a record number of visitors. The gardens looked most attractive, the teas were delicious and the school Concert Band played very professionally. This year we had the added spectacle of some excellent cricket and tennis, and the Year 5 children danced the Maypole.

Nearly £1,900 was raised for the charities supported by the National Garden Scheme. These include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Queen's Nursing Institute and Parkinson's UK. The Surrey Organiser attended this year and she was most impressed by the occasion. Hall Grove's contribution is always much appreciated.

Thank you to the children, parents and Staff who helped and acted as wonderful ambassadors for the school.

The Queen's Birthday Celebration

As mentioned last week, we had an excellent party to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Donations from the pupils amounted to nearly £300 for the Prince's Trust.

Years 4 & 5 Swimming Next Week

The days for swimming for Years 4 and 5 have been swapped round next week only as Year 4 has their Egyptian Day on Monday. Year 5 will now swim in their Games lesson on Monday and Year 4 will swim on Tuesday.

Class Assemblies

All parents are welcome to attend their child's Class Assembly.

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| • 3MC Assembly | Tuesday 24 th May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830. |
| • Reception Assembly | Wednesday 25 th May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0855. |
| • 6DS Assembly | Thursday 26 th May. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830. |

Reminder: Year 7 Girls Uniform - Important Information

Could all girls moving into Year 7 please visit the Uniform Shop **as soon as possible** to be measured for their new skirt and blouse, as all garments need to be pre-ordered. This also applies to any current Year 7/8 girl requiring a new skirt. Please be reminded that white trainer socks are NOT permitted as uniform. Unbranded plain white ankle socks are required for all girls. Please contact Helyna Quartermaine on 07776 132605.

Final Reminder: Open Morning – Thursday 26th May

An Open Morning is taking place on Thursday 26th May from 0930 – 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.

LAMDA

Good luck to our LAMDA students who have an exam on Sunday at Hurst Lodge. A reminder that we have an informal LAMDA recital on Tuesday 24th May in New Hall at 1245 for those who would like to perform. Parents are very welcome.

Music

Reminder: Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Our next Informal Concert will be next Friday, 27th May, for our pianists, once again at 1245 in New Hall. If your child learns outside school but would like to perform in the concert, please contact Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) by Tuesday 24th May. After half-term we have further concerts for many more of our musicians. Friends and family are always most welcome.

Reminder: Associated Board Exams

The timetable for the exams has now been sent to all relevant parents. The exams will be held in the Headmaster's Drawing Room on Friday 1st July and the New Hall Stage on 2nd July.

Reminder: Half-term Concert – Philippa Davies and Friends

We are delighted to be hosting a concert on Sunday 5th June (the final Sunday of half-term week) at 1900. We have been very fortunate to secure some absolutely first-class international and renowned musicians – Philippa Davies and Friends. Full details of the programme, performers and how to secure tickets (£10 per adult, £5 per child) are on our website (<http://www.hallgrove.co.uk/Arts/Concert-Series/>). This is particularly recommended for any flautists – please spread the word with family and friends.

Sports News

Golf – National Qualifiers

The golf team played their final round for National Qualifying on Thursday at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club. The A team began the day nine points ahead of the field and finished as resounding winners – well done Rocky Chapman and Daniel Taviansky. Danny Wessely and Patrik Wall displayed some brilliant teamwork and finished third in our group.

The top three teams go through to National Finals, to be played at Radley College after half term. This really is an excellent result. Well done boys.

IAPS Sailing – Wednesday 25th May

We would like to send our very best wishes to the sailing squad heading off to compete in their first ever IAPS sailing event. They will leave at 1500 on Tuesday 24th May to stay overnight in Weymouth accompanied by Miss Rosey and Mr Tullett. The competition will be on for two days and those staying overnight (don't forget your overnight bag) will return after the event on Thursday (time will be sent via ClarionCall). Team, please remember your sailing gear and good luck to you all!

Reminder - Swimming

Formal swimming lessons have started this week with the weather holding off for large parts, allowing the coaches to assess and deliver excellent sessions to all years and abilities.

Confirmed swimming days –

Monday: Years 2 and 4 (Year 4 on Tuesday 24th May, NOT Monday)

Tuesday: Years 2 and 5 (Year 5 on Monday 23rd May, NOT Tuesday) as well as a lunchtime open squad practice for Years 5 – 8

Wednesday: Pre-school

Thursday: Year 1

Friday: Reception and Year 3

Girls' Games

The surface at Hall Grove proved too slippery for the rounders matches on Wednesday to take place at Hall Grove and Crosfield, however the Lambrook 1st IX rounders match continued and the Year 8 girls had a good match! They started slowly with a few dropped balls, Lambrook getting their eye in with some big hits and many rounders scored. The girls regrouped and, after a few tactical changes made by captain Emily Greenhill, the Hall Grove team excelled themselves on the field: Grace Millar caught three astonishing balls giving her a hat trick for the afternoon, Tabitha Norrey's fast reaction meant she had the catch of the day and Amaarpreet Grewal scored the best rounder. The loss was narrow but the enjoyment was plenty.

On Thursday we took teams of U8 and U9s to an athletics match at Eagle House; it was a great opportunity for the girls to experience a competitive race environment and many thrived. Indiana Leech ran her events with heart and soul, Nina Van Eden won the cricket ball throw and Nerys Tullett was pipped on the line in the 75m sprint. The girls displayed some great sportsmanship and the U9 relay team were gold medallists – well done to all who represented Hall Grove. Meanwhile at Hall Grove we hosted two rounders matches against Coworth Flexlands, winning one match and narrowly losing the other. The U8 team had some really good batters with Victoria Denning hitting a fabulous final ball to score the only full rounder for the team; the U9s had a good afternoon of fielding with Darcy Wyatt bowling well and Isabelle Volpi leading by example with some good decision-making at back stop.

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 21st May – U11 rounders v Yateley Manor

Please meet Mrs Maxfield at Yateley Manor by 0930. Collection from Yateley Manor at 1230.

Tuesday 24th May – Yateley Manor Athletics

Please note timings for this event are 1630 – 1830. Children may be collected directly from Yateley Manor or from Hall Grove at 1900.

Wednesday 25th May

Addition to the calendar – U11C rounders v Hawthornes 1530 (h)

Friday 27th May Cricket v Eagle House

Please note the time has changed to 1530, at Eagle House's request

Boys' Games

It was another frustrating Wednesday afternoon, with the weather causing all home and away cricket fixtures to be cancelled. When the weather allowed, the boys took part in some cricket and tennis sessions.

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 21st May – Cricket v Edgeborough

Please note that all these matches are now starting at 0900.

23rd May – U11 Surrey Cup Cricket

The Colts A will now play Rokeby in the Surrey Cup on Monday 23rd May at 1645. The game is being played at Rokeby Sports Ground (KT4 7QB).

Fundraising by Hall Grove Cricketers for Dubai Tour 2017 – Saturday 11th June

Some of our senior boys are very keen to share their enthusiasm and love of cricket and are busy fundraising for their sports tour to Dubai next year.

They would like to instil their passion for cricket in the younger girls and boys so are offering a two hour coaching session for Hall Grove children from Years 1 – 5 on Saturday 11th June from 0900 to 1100.

Meet at the school Cricket Pavilion at 0900 prompt to participate in a selection of Fielding Drills, Fun Games, Crazy Catch, Nets, Batting Technique and Mini festival.

All abilities welcome.

£5.00 per child to be paid in advance (only refundable if the weather forces cancellation). Please return your completed slip by Wednesday 8th June along with £5.00, for the attention of Dubai Tour Cricket Coaching c/o Front Office to secure your child's place. Places are limited and will be issued on a first-come first-served basis. Please ensure that your child wears a cap and sunscreen on the day. All cricket equipment, drinks and snack will be provided.

All proceeds will go towards the group fundraising target and we thank you for your support and encouragement

Friends of Hall Grove (FOHG)

Reminder: Open Golf Competition – 21st May

Entry has now closed for this. We look forward to welcoming our keen young golfers tomorrow from 1330.

FOHG Annual Tennis Tournament - Saturday 11th June

This year we are awarding the inaugural Hall Grove School Tennis Cup to the winners of the Family Doubles Competition.

Family Doubles Competition (green ball) registration at 1300

Open to all Hall Grove pupils who are playing with green balls with a parent/older sibling (13+)/friend/relative*

Red Ball Singles Competition registration at 1445

Open to all Hall Grove pupils who are playing at the red ball level

Orange Ball Singles Competition registration at 1445

Open to all Hall Grove pupils who are playing at the orange ball level

Refreshments

“Strawberries and cream” tea at the conclusion of the tournament for all participants (small charge for spectators)

Cost £15 per entry includes goodie bag, refreshments for participants

Email to enter: fohgtennisgolf@gmail.com

* If anyone is looking for a partner, please let us know and we will try to pair up any child or adult who is interested in playing

Senior School Open Mornings

King Edward's, Witley	23 rd June	01428 682850
Queen Anne's School	10 th June & 17 th September	0118 918 7300
Leighton Park School, Reading	14 th June	0118 987 9600
- Taster Day for Years 6 & 7 seeking Year 9 Entry	23 rd June	
Luckley House	9 th June	0118 974 3221
- Year 5 Taster Day	23 rd June	
Reed's School, Cobham	10 th September, 12 th November	01932 869001

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 – 2016
- Wellington Sports Academy 2016
- CFC Soccer Schools
- VECC Summer Half Term Coaching Course
- Chertsey Museum – Woolcrafters – Chertsey Woolcraft Guild
- Chertsey Museum – Half Term Activities
- Christopher's Smile Bounceathon
- FOHG Golf Tournament
- Ultimate Activity Camps
- Surrey Heath Museum
- FOHG Annual Tennis Tournament
- Dubai Tour 2017 Fundraising

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Chalet for Rent

Beautiful ski-in, ski-out chalet available for rent in the snow-sure resort of Oz en Oisans, part of the Alpe D'huez Grand Domaine (250 km of slopes). The chalet has 7 bedrooms, and comfortably accommodates up to three families on a self-catered basis. We are renting it ourselves for the first time from this coming Winter season, and will donate 5% of any bookings from Hall Grove to the school's charities. For more information, go to www.chaletpicblanc.com,

or check out our Youtube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uHogs2ywL4> Contact Hannah Harris - email: hharris@mgomd.com / mob: 07867 970117.

Missing Picnic Blanket

A pink and blue Tweedmill fold away picnic blanket went missing after last Friday's celebration. Please contact the School Office with any information as this was a family gift and has strong sentimental value to the owner who would very much like to be reunited with it.

Lost & Found

A ladies ring has been found on the upper tennis court. Please contact the front office for further information.

Reminder: Hall Grove Mums Annual Golf Competition – Friday 17th June

Once again Sunningdale Ladies is hosting their annual Hall Grove Mums Golf Competition on Friday 17th June. Arrival for 0900 coffee, 18 holes of golf followed by sandwiches and cake for £23 plus £5 for prizes. Please contact B' on chrisandb@hotmail.com or 07527 624962 if you would like to play.

May Half Term & Summer Holiday Clubs, Camps & Courses

2nd Reminder: VECC Summer Half Term Coaching Course, 31st May to 3rd June

1000 - 1600 in the Woodlands cage & outfield. Coaching by Ed Young (ex-Gloucestershire CCC & Wiltshire CCC), Hayden Mclean (VECC overseas) and Michael Bates (ex-Hampshire CC & Wiltshire CCC wicket-keeper).

Masterclasses with Ed on T20 batting on Tuesday and Spin Bowling on Friday.

Masterclass with Michael Bates on wicket-keeping on Wednesday.

Masterclass with Hayden Mclean on Seam bowling on Thursday.

£35 per day. For further information please email jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com or call 07885 235703. Flyer attached.

3rd Reminder: CFC Foundation Soccer Schools at Licensed Victuallers' School, Ascot, 31st May to 3rd June

A leading provider in the UK; safe, fun-based learning; qualified, experienced coaches; individual tailored sessions. Book online now at chelseafc.com/foundation or for further details please contact Simon Jackson – email simon.jackson@chelseafc.com or call 07720 968635. Flyer attached.

2nd Reminder: Hype Camps, 31st May to 3rd June

Football Camps at The Marist School and Multi-Activity Camps at Bishopsgate School and The Marist School. For further details please call 01252 91888. Flyer attached.

2nd Reminder: The Wizard of Oz at The Wilde Theatre at South Hill Park, 2nd to 5th June

Berkshire Arts Academy presents The Wizard of Oz starring Zoe Legge, Sienna Edwards, Florence Coughlin (Year 5) and Freddie Coughlin (Year 7). Join them on the yellow brick road. Tickets are on sale now. Call the Ticket Office 01344 484123 or book online at www.southhillpark.org.uk. Flyer attached.

Reminder: Energy Kidz Summer Holiday Clubs at Charters School, Sunningdale

Amazing activities every day for 4 - 11 year olds. Find out more and book now: 0333 577 1533 / info@energy-kidz.co.uk / www.energy-kidz.co.uk

3rd Reminder: NPSO (National Preparatory School Orchestras) Summer Courses, 17th to 23rd July

Our courses at Wellington College last Summer created an inspiring, invigorating and enjoyable atmosphere that culminated in performances of music by, amongst others, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, and Malcolm Arnold.

Please visit our website (www.npsco.co.uk) where you will find more information about courses this coming Summer, a downloadable handbill, and video highlights from our last concert. Specifically you will find details of the Symphony Orchestra Course, conducted by Adrian Lucas, and the Training Orchestra Course for the less experienced, conducted by Peter Davis. With a team of expert instrumental specialists we will again create a vibrant and invigorating atmosphere of shared music-making. The two residential courses will be held in the picturesque setting of Wellington College, Berkshire, from 17th - 23rd July 2016. We are very keen to attract talented young musicians and will primarily concentrate on the 8 - 16 age range. All will benefit from the quality of music and the most advanced will be offered specialist masterclasses and chamber music tuition.

Both courses will have a team of experienced and fully qualified pastoral staff to ensure that children are properly cared for at all times and to encourage them to take full advantage of the wonderful recreational facilities of Wellington College. Bursaries for these courses, if required, may be applied for from both the IAPS Charitable Trust and the Westminster Chamber Orchestra Charitable Trust.

3rd Reminder: Wellington Sports Academy 2016, 25th to 28th July

Wellington College hosted another incredibly successful Sports Academy last Summer and they are delighted that Enjoy Learn Perform are returning with the academy again this year, from 25th – 28th July 2016.

The Academy is open to boys and girls aged 9 to 15 years old (returning to school in September 2016 into Years 5 – 10).

The focus for the academy is not only on sport but also developing leadership and character throughout, as well as experiencing life at Wellington. There are a limited number of boarding places available but they have expanded their day places, due to popular demand. Bookings forms are to be sent to info@enjoylearnperform.com and are made on a 'first come, first served' basis.

All pupils will be offered exceptional coaching in Rugby, Hockey, Golf, Netball, Cricket or Football. The Head Coaches (who themselves have represented their country in their sport) will coach each child on a daily basis and be assisted by the high level coaching staff from Wellington College.

For more information or to book a place, please visit: www.enjoylearnperform.com or complete the attached form and return to info@enjoylearnperform.com. NB – Unfortunately Wellington College cannot accept bookings or payments.

3rd Reminder: Ultimate Activity Camps LVS Ascot, 18th July to 26th August

Activity day camps for 4 to 14 year olds. Book online www.ultimateactivity.co.uk or call 0844 870 7077. Flyer attached.

3rd Reminder: Forres Summer Camps, 27th July to 4th August

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.

2nd Reminder: Chertsey Museum – Chertsey Woolcraft Guild – Saturday 14th May

Free drop-in event for all the Family. Please see attached flyer.

Reminder: Chertsey Museum – Half Term Craft Activities

Please see attached flyer.

Reminder: Surrey Heath Museum – Various Dates

Fun and crafts around the museum. Please see attached flyer for further information.

Reminder: Pangbourne College Classic Car Show – Saturday 4th June

Hall Grove staff, pupils and their parents are invited to Pangbourne College's inaugural Classic Car Show on Saturday 4th June 2016 from 1000 to 1600. There will be a wide variety of vintage, classic and rare cars on display to the public on the Parade Ground from 1000. Admission is free and refreshments, including tea, coffee and food, will be available for a small charge. Alternatively families may bring their own picnic and enjoy the picturesque College grounds.

2nd Reminder: Christopher's Smile Bounceathon – Saturday 2nd July

Christopher's Smile was set up in October 2008 by Karen and Kevin Capel following the tragic death of their only son, Christopher, from medulloblastoma, an aggressive childhood brain tumour. Christopher was treated with cocktails of chemotherapy which had harsh and permanent side effects and which ultimately were ineffective.

The charity funds much needed innovative research into childhood cancers enabling children to be treated in the future with safe effective treatments, providing hope where currently there may be none. They operate on an entirely volunteer basis with a small team of invaluable helpers who support through a number of activities and with events. 100% of all donations go to this much needed research. Nothing is taken out from donations and the charity is funded by the trustees to ensure that every penny raised goes to where it is needed.

"Our Vision is for every child diagnosed with childhood cancer to not only survive, but to reach adulthood enjoying a good quality of life"

www.christopherssmile.org.uk/bounceathon – see flyer attached

Karen and Kevin Capel