

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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It has certainly been a busy few weeks since the beginning of term and we sense that the children are ready for their half term holiday. We look forward to seeing them return for a productive second half. For the Year 8 boys and girls the Common Entrance exams are now very close but they have an exciting programme of activities to look forward to afterwards.

Class Assemblies

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

- 6AK Assembly Tuesday 14th June.
- 8EM Assembly Thursday 16th June.
- 4SS Assembly Tuesday 21st June.

Year 7 Overnight Camp – Friday 10th June

As part of Hall Grove's developing Leadership Programme, Year 7 pupils will be camping overnight in the school grounds on the evening of Friday 10th June.

They will need to bring the following items to school on the morning in question: overnight toiletries, sleeping bag (and pillow if wanted), pyjamas, school tracksuit, school fleece and trainers.

There will be outdoor games, fire lighting, cooking in the woods, tent-building, and of course camping outdoors. The school will provide communal bell tents, so there is no need for anyone to bring their own tent.

Pick-up time for parents will be at 0800 on Saturday 11th June.

Year 7 present The Witches - Thursday 23rd June

Pupils have been issued with scripts and we hope that half term will provide a good opportunity for line learning. It is hoped that rehearsals after the break can take place without the aid of scripts as much as possible, though we appreciate those with significant roles may need the odd glance. We ask that pupils also take the opportunity to research and source a costume. This can then be added to and accessorised as required by the school.

Sports Day Schedule

Pre-Prep Sports Day will take place on Friday 24th June and run from 1000 to 1200. Parents are invited to stay for a picnic lunch in the grounds later.

Sports Day for Years 3 - 8 will take place on Saturday 25th June. The timings are as follows:

1130 - 1300 Years 3, 4 and 5 Athletics

1300 - 1430 Picnic lunch and entertainment

1430 - 1600 Years 6, 7 and 8 Athletics

Prize Giving will follow each session

MasterChef 2016

MasterChef 2016 starts for Remove on Thursday 9th June and for all other Year 8 groups on Wednesday 15th June. Please feel free to email Miss Dowse with any queries re. food and food storage, equipment etc. or indeed if you didn't receive the original email with specific names and date (m.dowse@hallgrove.co.uk).

Music

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Today we heard from some 22 of our pianists, many performing for the first time in this setting. As ever it is a real delight to hear beginning pianists taking their first tentative steps as well as more experienced performers from across the school. Our next Informal Concert will be Thursday 9th June (a change to our printed calendar, as notified earlier this term), for our vocalists and percussionists, 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 the end of the half term holiday. Friends and family are always most welcome.

Still to come we have two more informal concerts, and our ensembles are working hard for our Summer Concert on Monday 4th July.

Friday 17th June 1245 Informal Strings Concert

Thursday 23rd June 1245 Informal Brass & Woodwind (**Changed from 24th June**)

Sports News

IAPS Sailing – Wednesday 25th May

The Hall Grove sailing team enjoyed two action-packed days at the Andrew Simpson sailing academy at the National Sailing Academy in Weymouth. There were two tough days of competition.

The U11 crews took part in four races on day one. All the crews acquitted themselves well and showed incredible levels of maturity for children so young. There were 54 boats competing in the U11s and the Hall Grove crews placed as follows:

Felix Thomas/Ella Hadden-Wight	12 th place
Oscar Fry/James Woolcock	25 th Place
Daniela Schellekens/Yasmin van der Zijl	44 th Place
Pippa Marlow/Carmen Schellekens	DNF but raced well in first two races

Felix Thomas and Ella Hadden-Wight placed a very impressive 7th in their final race.

Day two was the turn of the U13s, in which 58 boats took part and the Hall Grove crew of Sophie Lees and Oliver Rawlinson-Johns placed a very creditable 36th in very testing conditions.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the event and look forward to competing again next year. It was a truly inspirational environment for the children to be in with the Team GB squads training in the waters and dining in the academy canteen alongside Team HG.

Please inform Mr Tullett if your child is a keen sailor, we are keen to enter teams again next year.

Tennis

It was lovely to see the court at Battisborough House in full use last week on the Year 6 field trip. Those away also enjoyed a tennis masterclass at Millfield School, whose staff commented on the calibre of our players and their enthusiasm on court. Our internal tournaments continue to progress well and we congratulate Oliver Griffith and Andrew Paling who won a closely contested U11 doubles final against Archie Rhodes and Adam Humpish.

Forthcoming Tennis Matches

Our teams look forward to some mixed doubles against Bishopsgate School this evening and we hope that many will also take the opportunity to train over half term. We would like to draw attention to our next boys' fixture against Papplewick School, on Monday 6th June. This is the first day back after half term and the team sheet is now available online.

Bradfield College Tennis Festival (U11) - Friday 10th June

We look forward to taking two teams over to Bradfield College on Friday 10th June for an U11 Tennis Festival. Last year both our teams reached the final stages of the inter-school tournament and we brought home the winners' trophy. It's a super day and we look forward to defending our title. On the day our party will leave Hall Grove at 0830 and return to school for normal pickup time. Parents are welcome to collect directly from Bradfield College at 1530 - we ask that you email your intention to do so to Mr Slape (d.slape@hallgrove.co.uk).

Knight Frank Team Tennis Tournament - Sunday 19th June

As winners of the boys and girls tournaments last year we eagerly await this fun and competitive fixture. All matches are to be played at St George's, Ascot and on the day the boys must register at 0900 and girls at 0930. Boys should wear tennis whites, with girls wearing red skorts and a top provided by the Girls' Games Department. All players must bring a water bottle, sun cream and a peaked cap, and we suggest that all players have a change of kit to use as required. There is a BBQ for players and spectators from 1200 but you are advised to bring your own drinks. We suggest all parents return at lunchtime to either collect, or watch the remaining matches. Finals are to be played at 1430.

The team sheet has now been published and we ask that you notify Mr Slape immediately if your son/daughter is not available. If a player does not turn up on the day, their team of four will be unable to participate. Please arrive in good time.

Yateley Manor Athletics – Tuesday 24th May

We took a small team of athletes to compete at the annual Yateley Manor fixture and we had some outstanding individual results, the middle distance runners doing particularly well and proving that all their hard work with Winter cross-country training has really paid off.

Winners:

Year 5 - Harry Mayhew 800m, Year 6 – Adam Humpish 800m, Callum Kinner Long Jump, Ellie Monk 800m, Natalie Camp 1500m, Year 8 - Antonia Gathy Javelin, Elliott Sleep Hurdles and Danny Wessely 800m.

Please note the first week back after half term we have a number of athletics events starting with Claremont Fan Court mixed athletics on Monday 6th June, beginning at 1600. Children may be collected directly from the event after the presentations at 1800, or from Hall Grove at 1900, traffic permitting.

Special note: Please note the Boys West Surrey Athletics is being held on Tuesday 21st June NOT Monday 20th June as published in the calendar.

Golf

Hall Grove entered two teams in the annual Bradfield College Prep Schools golf tournament; the Under 13 pairing of Patrik Wall and Will Stevens won the individual matches (25 points each) and therefore won the team prize. The Under 11 pair of Adam Humpish and Tano Parker won the Under 11 team prize and Adam Humpish won the individual.

For the main prize, Hall Grove won the overall event by 1 point and have won trophies and a large Ryder Cup painting with the past winners printed on the frame. Well done to those four boys.

Swimming

Congratulations to all the boys who took part in the Swimming meet against Papplewick School – it was a fantastic event with the boys all performing well. Hall Grove lost 58-72. This was despite the Years 5 and 7 boys swimming against opposition a year older than them. Special mentions go to Daniel Fussey, who won the individual medley, and Roan MacDonald for winning his butterfly race and captaining the squad. Mr Marland also received an email from a Papplewick member of staff who commented on the boys' behaviour, saying they were exceptionally polite, so a big well done to you all.

Girls' Games

The girls have had a particularly busy week of fixtures starting last Saturday with the U11 A team taking part in the annual Yateley Manor rounders tournament. All the girls who competed should be commended for their fabulous team spirit; Victoria Fernhead particularly impressed Mrs Maxfield with her fast thinking both as a batter and a fielder and Alex Kong proved to be a steady and reliable bowler. The girls won 2 out of their 4 matches.

On Tuesday the U9s played rounders against Crosfield. Both the A and B teams won their matches. Nerys Tullett not only proved herself to be a very capable captain but also scored 2½ superb rounders. This was a superb team effort with the team winning by 10. Meanwhile the B team had a strong fielding game winning by 4 rounders, with Katie Coleman proving a very proficient bowler and Yun-Yun Lai being voted players' player.

On Wednesday we had a triangular with Feltonfleet and Hawthornes; the 1st IX won 1 and lost 1, Grace Millar again displaying some formidable fielding skills out on the field, the 2nd IX lost their match but Scarlett Creasey had an outstanding game. The U11 A team won 1 and lost 1, the U11 Bs had a convincing win and Annabel Hatten had a brilliant batting innings and Grace Harvie had a "super game" in general. The U10s won 1 and lost 1 - Mrs Wyman was particular impressed with Scarlett Young's decision-making, Hope Wood's bowling and Captain Libby Lomas's batting. Well done girls.

The U9 and U8 girls had a really competitive afternoon of house fixtures on Thursday afternoon. The Year 4 girls showed great leadership skills and many of the girls made some excellent decision-making, both fielding and batting.

The players' players were:

Eagles – Matilda and Gisella Bernabo

Falcons – Isabel Harvie and Fleur Gilbert

Hawks – Isabella Birkett-Eyles and Isabelle Volpi

Kestrels - Katie Coleman and Anna Camp.

The results are: 4th Kestrels, 3rd Eagles, 2nd Hawks and 1st Falcons.

The senior girls had their annual pairs cricket fixture against Eagle House on Friday. Having worked hard in their cricket lessons they went into the fixture with confidence and enthusiasm and a strong desire to keep up their 100% win ratio. The development of girls cricket is something we are keen to nurture, many senior schools play and we are planning to introduce more cricket fixtures for girls in Years 7 and 8 at Hall Grove over the next few years. If your daughter would like to join a cricket club outside school please speak to Mrs Maxfield.

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 11th June

U11 Rounders v Hawthornes

Please meet Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove by 0800. Girls may be collected either from Hawthornes after the presentation at 1300 or at Hall Grove at 1345, traffic permitting. The team sheet will be published w/c 6th June - please note all girls are expected to be available for selection.

U13 Cricket – Lord Wandsworth Girls' Cricket Festival

Please meet Mr Lewis at Hall Grove for a 1200 departure, the return time is to be advised.

Boys' Games

Last Friday, the 1st XI beat Amesbury in the Surrey Cup, their semi-final against Cumnor House will be played on Monday 13th June at 1530. The existing MCC fixture will instead be played by the 2nd XI.

The boys enjoyed fixtures against Yateley Manor and Lanesborough at cricket on Wednesday after two previous Wednesdays that were washed out by rain. The 1st XI have now won six games in a row and had a comprehensive 9 wicket win. Ethan Gunning (37 not out) and George Freeman (46 not out) put together an 88 run partnership. The 2nd XI, 3rd XI and 4th XI all enjoyed comprehensive wins.

The Under 11s continue to make progress, with the Colts A winning by 7 wickets; needing 16 runs off the last over didn't cause an issue, Linus Bray (40 runs) and Shrey Rawal (40 not out) batted well. Ollie Griffiths (33 runs) helped the Colts B to a 10 run win. There were also several Year 5s who stepped up and helped out the Colts C team - thank you to them for playing.

The Under 10 A team had their first win of the season in a close game that went to the penultimate over. They all bowled well and kept the fielding tight, winning by 4 wickets, Josh Murray scoring 25 runs. The Under 10 C team had a great game, losing by 29 runs.

The Year 3 boys had their second set of cricket fixtures for the term, following hard work with Mr Gold and Mr Collier in training sessions. Although results didn't go their way in any of the matches, they are making good progress.

Boys' Games Notices

Calendar Adjustment – Sunningdale Athletics, Thursday 9th June.

This athletics meeting starts at 1600, not at 1400 as stated in the calendar.

Sunday 12th June – Wellington U11 6-a-side Cricket Tournament

An addition to the calendar – the Colts A will be taking part in the Wellington 6 a side tournament on 12th June, which starts at 0900 and after lunch moves to a knockout competition.

Reminder: 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) Open Golf Competition – The Results

Thank-you to all the enthusiastic golfers and brave parents who went out last Saturday for the golf competition.

The children seemed to have great fun. Whilst some of them were playing in their very first game of golf, at the top of The Open it was very competitive and the runner up, 3rd and 4th places had to be decided on count back.

Herewith confirmation of full results:

The Open Competition

Winner	Oliver Sleight
2 nd Place	Charlie Wyatt
3 rd Place	Archie Graham
4 th Place	George Sleight

Stableford Competition - Year 2/3

Winner	George Sleight
2 nd Place	Douglas Barr

Flag Competition Reception/Year 1

Winner	Archie Livingstone
2 nd Place	Luca Smith

Harry tells us there was an action-packed last hole between 4 boys in reception: Archie, Luca, Jamie and Oliver. Well done boys.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to Harry for the help with the scoring.

Headlice

There has been a case of headlice reported in Upper School. We would ask you to check all members of your family this weekend and, if lice are found, treat as soon as possible with the lotion recommended by your chemist. Regular checks at home are important. Lice spread rapidly and, if we are going to keep the problem at bay, we do need your co-operation.

Reminder: 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

Reminder: Staff London to Brighton Charity Cycle Ride in aid of British Heart Foundation – Sunday 19th June

Hall Grove is delighted to be supporting the British Heart Foundation by cycling the London to Brighton course in June this year. 12 members of staff and a number of ex-pupils have bravely signed up to ride in support of this charity.

The British Heart Foundation carries out vital work in highlighting the need to make heart health such a key focus as well as funding research and initiatives to improve health across the country. Through the generous donation of CPR 'dummies' the British Heart Foundation has enabled our own matrons to provide vital first aid training to our Year 8 students.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity, so it's the most efficient way to donate – saving time and cutting costs for the charity. Please follow this link to the JustGiving site to support our staff in raising money for this worthy cause:

[Hall Grove Just Giving Page](#)

The intrepid cyclists training hard and looking for your support are:

Staff: Mr Tullett, Mr Marland, Mr Lewis, Mr Slape, Miss Moore, Miss Gent, Mrs Langley, Mr Allams, Mr Toulson, Mr McLeod and Mrs Jackson

Ex-pupils: Jamie Parnell, David Parnell, Harry Quartermaine, Fraser Graham

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	

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- VECC Summer Half Term Coaching Course
- Christopher's Smile Bounceathon
- FOHG Annual Tennis Tournament
- Dubai Tour 2017 Fundraising
- Harlequins Family Membership Flyer
- Wizard of Oz
- Windlesham Gold Academy 2016 Summer Camps

2nd 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.

Harlequins Family Membership

Guarantee your seat for the Aviva Premiership, European Competition, Anglo-Welsh Cup and Big Game 9. Telephone 020 8410 6010 or online quins.co.uk Flyer attached.

May Half Term & Summer Holiday Clubs, Camps & Courses

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

1000 - 1600 at Valley End Cricket Club, 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: 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.

2nd 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

Ultimate Activity Summer Camps – LVS Ascot – 18th July to 26th August

Activity day camps for 4 to 14 year olds. Facilities include indoor heated swimming pool, tennis courts, sports hall, sports pitches, drama studio and modern classrooms for art activities. Summer saver offer – just £174 a week or £37 a day for Summer camps. This offer ends on 14th June. Please visit www.ultimateactivity.co.uk, call 0844 870 7077 for further details or pick up a flyer from the Hall Grove School Office.

Windlesham Golf Academy 2016 Summer Camps

See flyer attached.

2nd 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.

3rd 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