

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Congratulations to our Golf team on winning the Independent Schools Golf Tournament at Sunningdale yesterday, a wonderful achievement. As Mr Gold has reported below, this puts Hall Grove golf up at the highest level.

The 1st XI continue to show great promise, and even without Year 7 players who were in Devon on a field trip this week, our football team had a fine win against Eagle House on Wednesday.

Please remember our Senior Schools Fair tomorrow morning. We are fortunate that so many schools have agreed to attend and we would like to encourage parents to visit the various stands. This is a good opportunity to consider options after Hall Grove.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The coffee morning went well despite a small turnout. The 2nd hand uniform sale was popular and over £850 was raised from the combined event.

Senior Schools Fair – Saturday 24th September

All parents are welcome at our Senior Schools Fair on Saturday 24th September, from 1000 - 1200 in New Hall. There will be 20 schools in attendance, day and boarding, local and further afield.

Class Assemblies

The children of 7MW and 5ST would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

7MW Assembly Thursday 29th September

5ST Assembly Tuesday 11th October

Reminder: Individual and Sibling Portraits – Friday 30th September

Gilman and Soame, The School Photographer, has been booked to come on Friday 30th September to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. Please make sure that the children are looking smart on the day with the boys wearing their uniform shirt, tie and blazer and the girls in their Winter uniform.

Reminder: Hall Grove Staff and Parents Social Road Ride – Saturday 15th October

Mr Tullett and Mr Lewis are delighted to announce the first social road ride for staff, parents and other friends of the school. If you are a cyclist with reasonable experience of riding on the road then do join us on Saturday 15th October, meeting at Hall Grove at 0830. We intend to head out towards Windsor Great Park, following a relatively flat route with one or two minor inclines along the way. The route will definitely include a stop for coffee and we will be back at Hall Grove by 1230. We expect to average 16-17mph along the way. Please email i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk or t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk if you are interested to give us an idea of numbers.

2nd Reminder: Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 20th October

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 20th October from 0930 to 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.

YOGA – Blue Peter

I am delighted to share the exciting news that two Hall Grove girls were featured on BBC programme Blue Peter yesterday promoting yoga as part of the 2016 Sports Badge award. The girls met the challenge of being interviewed, whilst being filmed with the knowledge that this would be broadcast to many and did so happily with confidence. Well done for raising the profile of this wonderful practice for so many children.

Hall Grove is at the forefront of being a school that places importance on health and wellbeing and has been offering a Yoga club to children since Easter this year with great success.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b07x0yvr/blue-peter-sport-badge-finish-line>

Clubs can be booked via the normal booking system (through the School Office now for any new bookings for this term). For further information on yoga and mindfulness classes please contact info@ohm-yoga.co.uk

Mrs van der Zijl

Reminder: Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September – Friday 15th December

Half Term: Saturday 21st October – Sunday 5th November (incl.)

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January – Thursday 29th March (30th March is Good Friday)

Half Term: Saturday 10th – Sunday 18th February (incl.)

Summer Term 2018

Monday 23rd April – Friday 6th July

Half Term: Saturday 26th May – Sunday 3rd June (incl.)

MUSIC

Reminder: Music Theory Clubs

Music Theory Clubs for Years 3 – 5 (Mondays 1630 – 1730) and Years 6 – 8 (Mondays 1730 – 1830) are being offered this term, led by Mr Ledger and supported by Mr Waltho. For many children the study of music theory is what they feel least confident with, no matter how well they make progress in their performing. It is a requirement that children pass Grade 5 theory when they want to go beyond this in their instrument, and this is often quite daunting when they have not previously attempted any music theory exams.

Mr Ledger will be taking the children through gently, all together, so that they can really see and understand the links between their playing and the theory behind it. For anybody learning an instrument, these clubs would be of great benefit and we strongly recommend them. The online booking has now closed, but if you would like your child to be involved, please email Mr Waltho (j.waltho@hallgrove.co.uk).

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Today we had the first of our Informal Lunchtime Concerts, Piano Concert I. It was a short and delightful concert, showcasing not only some of our beginning pianists but also some of our more experienced players, and it included a world première – Isabel Harvie played her own composition, *A Million Years*. If you would like your child to be included in one of our lunchtime concerts, please speak to their instrumental teacher initially. Our own peripatetic staff will let us know of children they consider ready. If your child learns an instrument outside school, we would still be delighted to hear them perform – please email Miss Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) to let us know, by the Sunday evening before the concert so that we can then put the program together and confirm performances. Over this term we have more Informal Concerts coming up:

Friday 14 th October	Piano Concert II
Friday 11 th November	Piano Concert III
Friday 18 th November	Strings and Wind
Friday 25 th November	Vocal and Percussion
Friday 2 nd December	Wind (Brass and Woodwind)

2nd Reminder: Ensembles

All of our ensembles, apart from Junior Strings, have rehearsed this week and a full schedule of ensemble rehearsals is available on the website. If your child is unable to be at a rehearsal (including Choristers and Hall Grove Choir), or is running late, we would appreciate notice as soon as possible (01276 470008). We do expect children to attend all rehearsals (unless unable to) to enable them to prepare for concerts and performances throughout the school year. Failure to attend regularly without a valid reason may mean your child is unable to perform in an event.

2nd Reminder: Practice Club

From 1630 - 1830 Monday to Friday children are able to practise their instruments in one of our practice rooms with supervised specialist help (Mr Waltho, Mr Heffer or Miss Post). This is open to all children in Years 3 - 8, but is particularly for those preparing for an instrumental exam or looking to compete for a senior school award at some point with any musical component. We all know how hard it can be for a child to find the motivation at the end of a long school day, after tea, homework, a bit of down-time and so on, so we would like to support instrumental improvement here at school, before children come home. If you would like to book your child in for a half-hour slot (a maximum of two slots during the week due to high demand, all subject to availability) please contact Lizzie Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk). Children will need to be collected from the Music area so that we are able to give our full attention to the next group of children. Due to the high demand we are also currently unable to offer this below Year 3.

SPORTS

IAPS Golf

The Hall Grove golf team competed in the first ISGA (Independent Schools Golf Association) event of the year held at Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club on Thursday. The best golf schools in the country came to play, including Loretto and Merchiston from Edinburgh. The team of Shergo Kurdi and Rocky Chapman played superbly and won the event by seven shots! Shergo also had the best individual score. This was a brilliant achievement and it puts Hall Grove at the top of the ranking table. Well done boys, this is a great start to the year.

Water Bottles

Please could all boys and girls make sure they have a water bottle in school on match days. This is important not only for rehydration at half time but also helps prevent the spread of germs. House water bottles are available at the school shop. Year 3 have not been allocated a House yet so are welcome to bring their own named water bottle. Energy drinks are not permitted.

Girls' Games

The girls had their annual block hockey fixture this week and as usual the matches proved to be competitive and tough. The first team had an incredibly tough match against a very well drilled Eagle House team who had amongst their midst a future GB player. Sophie Lees had a stormer in goal making some impressive saves, Lucia Jackson and Chloe Hill worked incredibly hard and Emily Myers was fabulous in defence. Despite the score line the girls never gave up and Mrs Tutt was very proud of their work rate.

The U11's matches were a tale of two halves, the girls drawing both the second halves as they found their feet. Lyla Smith was again particularly impressive in goal, with both Catherine Clark and Scarlett Young getting on the score card. The B team's player of the match was Lottie Hill who worked relentlessly for her team. The U11 C team had a close match, narrowly losing by 1 goal - they were centimetres from equalising as the final whistle blew. Lily Mae Turner scored a really good goal and both Libby Lomas and Emily Wolfe were outstanding.

Gisella Bernabo was voted U10 A player of the match; both she and Tiggy Tutt worked hard throughout the game. The U10 B team had a really close match; Anna Camp did as a good job as the sweeper and Madeline Uphill displayed some real skill clearing the ball with lots of power. The U10 C team played with tenacity and determination and really got stuck in - Poppy Peries scored two goals, Beatrice Gursel the third, and they thoroughly deserved their win. Eleanor Gunbie should be commended for being an excellent Captain and Hana Evason, who played in her first competitive match for Hall Grove, was voted girl of the game

On Thursday we were pleased to see all of the Year 4 girls play in a hockey sevens fixture. The A and B teams travelled away; both teams played really well and were unlucky not to score. Amelie Lomas and Nina van Eeden were commended on their play. The B team was unlucky to lose by just 1 goal and Emily Barnard was voted both players' player and coaches' player, well done Emily! The U9 C and D teams both won their fixtures. The U9 C won 1-0 with Emily Taylor being voted girl of the game and Carina Fitzpatrick impressively managing to stop a goal from Eagle House to bring it 1-1 in the final few minutes. The U9 D team won 4-0 with Mia Adams putting in a great performance and scoring many goals for her side.

Girls' Games Notices

Wednesday 28th September

Girls' Hockey v Halstead - U10 C and U11 D. Please note this match will not be finished until 1700.

Saturday 1st October

2nd VII and U12 teams to meet at Hall Grove at 0900.

Boys' Games

The boys had a busy week with matches against Eagle House on Wednesday and U9 fixtures away at Hoe Bridge yesterday afternoon. Congratulations to the U10 Cs, the Colts C and Colts D teams who won their matches, and to the Year 8s who performed admirably despite the challenge that was put in front of them. It is never easy competing against full strength sides when you are missing a year group, but the boys stood up to the task and showed plenty of commitment throughout.

The 1st XI saw a number of new faces involved for the first time this season, and they arrived to see a physical looking Eagle House side who were on the back of a good victory against Crosfields the week before. The boys started a little slowly, conceding an early goal but from that moment on, rolled their sleeves up and decided to take control of the game. They started to dominate proceedings, working hard without the ball and looking to move it around sharply when in possession. With about 10 minutes remaining, the boys scored their 6th goal to make the score 6-1, which completed a fantastic turnaround. Eagle House scored a couple of late goals but the victory was thoroughly deserved and the team deserve a lot of credit.

Fixtures against Hoe Bridge are always tough, and the U9s had a brilliant afternoon playing some good football and really getting stuck in. The Cs and Ds had narrow losses and the B team drew a really tight match. The A team played

extremely well, winning their game 2-0 against good opposition, with all the boys upping their game and working brilliantly as a team.

Well done to all the boys for their efforts this week.

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Saturday 24th September

Football v Rokeby (home)

U10 Boys - A and C teams to meet at 0930, kick off at 1000.

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The Years 6, 7 and 8 boys have House Matches on Saturday starting at 1000. Please can they arrive at 0930 for a warm-up. The games should be finished by 1100.

Monday 26th September - Surrey Cup Football

Please be aware that the 1st XI have their 1st Round match in the Surrey Cup next Monday at home, against Hoe Bridge, and will be kicking off at 1530.

Monday 26th September –Swimming Gala

Mr Cottrell will be taking the swimming team to Bishopsgate on Monday for a swimming Gala. A ClarionCall message has been sent to parents of children involved.

Half Term Camps

Hall Grove School Rugby Training Camp – 3rd and 4th November

Hall Grove School is running a Rugby Training Camp on the 3rd and 4th November, led by Mr Cottrell, Head of Rugby, and assisted by Harlequins rugby coaches. This is open to any boy in Years 3, 4 or 5 who is interested in preparing for the upcoming season. It may also be beneficial for any child who has never played before and would like to have an introduction before the season starts. The camp will run from 1000 to 1500. The children will need to bring usual warm clothes (2 sets), a packed lunch and drinks.

The cost of the camp will be £35 per day or £60 for both days. Cheques should be made payable to Hall Grove School Limited. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cottrell should you have any questions (j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk).

360 Sports Education Half Term Camps

Booking is now available for the 360 Sports Education October Half Term Holiday Camps

We have three Holiday Camp locations this Half Term at:

The Marist School in Sunninghill –24th to 28th October (Swimming available)

Bishopsgate School near Egham – 17th to 28th October (Swimming available)

Ravenscote Junior School in Camberley - 24th to 28th October.

Our camps are suitable for children aged 4-12. Whether you come alone, with friends or with your siblings, the 360 team will ensure you stay involved and enjoy your day. Simply bring your lunch, snacks, drinks and your swimsuit and get ready to have loads of FUN! Each day follows a flexible timetable of activities – please see flyers on the school website for information and booking.

FOHG

The Ryder Cup arrives at Hall Grove on Saturday 8th October 2016 from 1330 onwards

We thought a fun competition would be Europe (the children) v America (the parents). Please don't worry if you are not a golfer, we are sure we will have enough adult golfers to give the children a good competition.

Cost: FOHG members and all adults will be free of charge, children not at FOHG club £15.00 per entry. Goodies will be given on the day. Please register your child on fohgtennisgolf@gmail.com

Reminder: FOHG 80s Disco – 14th October 2016

Tickets are now on sale for £25 per person and are selling quickly, so please don't delay in buying yours! Bookings can be made online and payments should be made to the FOHG Events bank account, sort code 20-81-11 account number 83258645.

Senior School Open Morning / Days

Lord Wandsworth College	Saturday 24 th September	01256 862201
King Edward's, Witley	Saturday 24 th September	01428 686727
Pangbourne	Saturday 24 th September	0118 984 2101
Leighton Park School	Saturday 1 st October	0118 987 9609
Tudor Hall	Saturday 1 st October	01295 756263
St Catherine's, Bramley	Wednesday 5 th October	01483 893363
Farnborough Hill Open Afternoon	Friday 7 th October, Tuesday 15 th November	01252 529811
St George's, Ascot	Saturday 8 th October, Thursday 13 th October	01344 629920
Luckley House School, Wokingham	Saturday 8 th October	0118 978 4175
ACS Egham	Saturday 8 th October	acs-schools.com/opendays
The King's School	Saturday 15 th October	01227 595772
The Royal Senior School (Haslemere)	Saturday 15 th October	01428 603052

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is be available on the school website:

- FOHG Saturday Morning Golf and Tennis Club
- Young Archaeology Club at Chertsey Museum
- Weekly Music Rehearsal Timetable
- The Ryder Cup
- 360 Sports Education Half Term Camps

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Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure - Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Look out for the Northbrook Fundraising gift wrap brochure that we will be sending home soon. It contains a fantastic selection of high quality Christmas and birthday wrap, cards and accessories. If everyone just bought one item we could raise a significant sum of money. Our school will receive 22% cashback on every item sold via the brochure.

Young Archaeology Club at Chertsey Museum – Autumn Dates

Please see flyer on the school website.