

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*This week we have been treated to some outstanding puppetry by the Mimika Theatre Company which has spent four days with us. As the report below tells, it really was a magical experience and each performance was beautifully presented for a small number of pupils. For those parents interested to find out more about it, look up Mimika Theatre Landscapes.*

*Two big events are coming up: an Outdoor Learning Conference for visiting educationalists, the first of its kind, will be hosted at Hall Grove on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, and our ever popular Country Fair on the afternoon of Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. If any parent has a particular interest in outdoor education, details of registration may be found on our website. Please note that the first part of the afternoon of the Fair is reserved for the grandparents of the children. In the event of very wet weather we will have to restrict numbers because parking on the fields will be difficult. We will advise closer to the time.*

*Please remember the mental health talk next Friday which is for Years 7 and 8 but open to all parents. Please also be aware of our Open Morning for prospective Hall Grove families on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Mimika Theatre**

Magical landscapes and enchanting puppetry have captivated our children this week inside the Mimika Theatre. As the canopy of the beautiful dome tent was lowered, pupils were immersed in a sensory experience as they journeyed through desert, rainforest, ocean and the Antarctic. The movement of the puppeteers was inspirational and they created a very special experience which appealed to audiences of all ages. In a question and answer session at the end of each performance, pupils enjoyed seeing the inner workings of the puppets, learning how they were made and the intricacies of their operation. Such a unique experience links so naturally with Visual and Performing Arts, Geography and the natural world to further enrich our curriculum. We look forward to working with Mimika in the future.

## **Reminder: Mental Health Awareness in Schools**

As most parents will be aware from the media, there has been heightened attention on Mental Health Awareness in schools. Hall Grove has taken a great interest in this subject and a number of our staff have received expert training in it and have also attended specialist conferences hosted by other schools. During these sessions we have been introduced to an outstanding speaker, Mr Dick Moore, an ex-Headmaster who is hugely admired. He has subsequently visited Hall Grove and led some excellent training sessions for our staff. We are delighted to be hosting Mr Moore at Hall Grove once again on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and would be pleased for parents to join us for part of the day.

Mr Moore will be speaking to Years 7 and 8 children during an extended assembly starting at 0845. Immediately following this, there will be a special session for parents followed by refreshments in the Dining Room finishing at about 1045. All parents throughout the school are encouraged to attend if they are able to do so.

## **Reminder: School Security – Appointments and Visitors**

Please note that all visitors to the school, outside normal drop-off and collection times, are required to report to the School Office (or The Barn for EYFS) – this includes all parents. Unless otherwise directed, all access to the buildings during the school day will be via the front door, where you must report to the School Office to be signed in. If for any reason your child needs to be collected before the end of the school day, please come to the School Office (or The Barn for EYFS) where he/she will be brought to meet you and will be signed out. Parents are advised to allow plenty of time to collect and travel to the appointment and are required to personally sign their child in and out of the school.

### **Absence**

It is important to notify the School Office if your child is absent from school. In the event of illness, parents should notify the School Office by telephone on 01276 473059 or by email to [office@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:office@hallgrove.co.uk) or [schoolnurses@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:schoolnurses@hallgrove.co.uk) on the morning of the absence. This is a legal requirement. Prior written notice of absence due to medical appointments, music exams etc., should be sent to the School Office in addition to any notes written in diaries or verbally communicated to form teachers. School absence for family events and holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and must be requested using the authorised absence form on our website.

### **Late Arrival**

If your child arrives at school after registration at 0830, please ensure that he/she goes straight to the School Office to be registered as present. Children in the EYFS should be taken to The Barn.

### **Late Collection**

It is school policy that if a child is not collected at the normal collection time, they are supervised by school staff until their parent arrives. Unless you are going to be very late for pickup there is no need to phone the School Office as it will not always be possible to pass on messages to children on an individual basis.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning - update**

A wonderful £1,062 was raised from the combined Macmillan coffee morning and second hand uniform sale.

## **Class Assemblies**

The children of 5ST and 4KF 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.

5ST Assembly Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

4KF Assembly Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

## **Tutankhamun – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Please make a note of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, when "Tutankhamun" will be screened at 2100 on ITV1, the first of a four-part mini-series scripted by Guy Burt, ex Hall Grove pupil. It will take over from the slot presently occupied by "Queen Victoria" but to the author's disappointment it does compete against Poldark! Guy visited Hall Grove two years ago to talk about his career as a writer and about another TV drama he wrote, Harriet's Army..

## **Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Harvest Service – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

We are holding a special Harvest Festival Assembly at 0835 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and all parents are welcome to attend. If you are able to come, please be in New Hall by 0830. Those children who would like to bring in any tinned, packet or home-made produce (e.g. fruit, vegetables, chutney, jam, cakes etc.) should take it to New Hall from 0815 on Friday morning. The gifts will be donated to elderly people living in Bagshot.

## **Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 1330 to 1700**

Final arrangements will be confirmed next week.

1330 - 1400: Grandparents arrive, parking on the fields, coffee served at the cricket pavilion

The Year 8 children have been working hard on their Enterprise Scheme BEVAP (Business and Enterprise Visual Arts Project), creating exciting products in Art, DT, Ceramics and Textiles to raise much needed funds for the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation.

Please bring lots of money to spend as we are raising funds for the charity and, as in previous years, there will be a good range of produce and products to buy, including (we think!) fresh meat from South Battisborough Farm, local honey and home-made sausages, wooden toys, home-made chutneys, flowers, outdoor sculptures and many other products for home and garden. There will be plenty of wildlife with the ever popular petting farm (sheep, ducks, goats etc) and a display of birds of prey and some stalls run by the children.

Important: all guests are reminded that this is an outdoor event; in previous years we have been unfortunate enough to have experienced very poor weather. Please dress for the conditions (coats and boots may well be required) and be aware that access may be difficult across muddy fields.

The Fair closes at approximately 1700, but children are free to leave before that. They should 'sign out' with their class teachers once they are in the care of their guests or their parents.

## **MUSIC**

### **Informal Lunchtime Concerts**

Next week we have the second of our Informal Lunchtime Concerts, Piano Concert II. 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](mailto: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 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Piano Concert III
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Strings and Wind
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Vocal and Percussion
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Wind (Brass and Woodwind)

## **SPORTS**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: 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 water bottle. Energy drinks are not permitted.

### **Early Morning Cross Country**

It has been a delight to see so many boys and girls turn up for the early morning training sessions. There is a regular core of twenty athletes making the sessions, with others dropping in. It is a great way to start the day and is good training for all sports. In the new year there will be a number of cross-country events including the national championships in March. Hall Grove competed in this for the first time last year and had great success, especially in the U11 age group with Nathalie Camp winning and the team coming third.

Morning sessions are 0730 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Training finishes at 0800 to give the children time to change before class. Please make sure your child is in appropriate clothing for the weather.

### **Swimming**

Swimming v Papplewick

On Monday Hall Grove competed in a highly contested gala at Papplewick with all the boys performing well. Despite coming second the team showed great grit, determination and team work underpinned by good technical ability. Special mentions must go to Oliver Tutt, Edward de Vries and Matias Kuorehjarvi, along with Roan MacDonald who led the team very well and swam an impressive fly leg in the U13s medley relay.

### **Golf**

The Hall Grove golf team had a busy week last week. On Thursday Patrik Wall, William Stevens and Freddie Brennen went to Burhill Golf Club for The Reed's Prep School Golf Competition. The boys played the New Course, which is longer than the Old; they acquitted themselves admirably and were not far away from the winning score. Patrik Wall hit a beautiful shot into the eighth green and picked up Nearest the Pin. Well done boys, I know you thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The following day Rocky Chapman and Daniel Taviansky went to Croham Hurst Golf Club in Croydon for the Whitgift Prep School Golf Competition. They also put in a splendid performance and Rocky Chapman played brilliantly, shooting three over par (Gross) to win the best individual. Daniel Taviansky also played extremely well finishing third, which meant Hall Grove came second. Well done boys.

Hall Grove is very lucky to have such a strong squad of players and I know how much the children enjoy playing in these events. There will be many more opportunities in the Summer Term for the children to represent their school on the magnificent fairways of Surrey.

### **Girls' Games**

The girls had a busy week of hockey fixtures; the 1<sup>st</sup> VII and U12 teams played at Feltonfleet where Lucia Jackson scored a brilliant goal which went over the head of the goalie and Emily Myers displayed some sound defending and cleared the ball well at some crucial moments. Carmen Schellekens scored a super reverse stick flick goal and Daniela Schellekens made some super saves. Olivia Llewellyn Jones sprinted around the pitch with real determination and worked hard for her team.

The U11 teams participated in the annual Hall Grove hockey tournament, giving all the girls the opportunity to play. Congratulations to Zoe Legge, Sienna Edwards and Lottie Hill for all being recognised for their hard work on the pitch for their teams throughout the afternoon. The U11 B team won their section and were thrilled to receive winners medals.

The Under 10 A and B hockey teams had two highly competitive matches at Hoe Bridge. All the girls in both teams acquitted themselves very well and most pleasingly improved as the matches progressed. The A team won 3 - 2 with Tiggy Tutt controlling the game effectively in the middle. Anna Camp (2) and Sofia Badosz scored the goals. The Under 10 B team improved their structural and positional play as the match progressed and won comfortably 3 - 0, with Poppy Peries (2) and Yun-Yun Lai getting on the score sheet. Hana Evason was typically strong in defence and Madeleine Uphill performed very well in the second half

On Thursday afternoon we hosted our second hockey tournament of the week, this time for our U9s. We saw some marvellous matches and excellent effort, particularly from Fleur Gilbert and Afia-Kher Hussein-Mohammed, Victoria Denning and Sachi Takyar. The U9 A team were placed second in their competition and the U9 Bs won their shield. What is most pleasing is the development and progression from ALL of the girls. We took two U8 teams to a very busy hockey festival hosted by Eagle House where the emphasis was on learning.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

1<sup>st</sup> VII - The Lord Wandsworth Hockey tournament is scheduled to start at 0900. Please meet Mrs Tutt at Hall Grove for a 0745 prompt departure. The tournament is due to finish at 1330 and estimated return time to Hall Grove is 1430.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Pangbourne Hockey Tournament is scheduled to finish by 1730 and estimated return time to Hall Grove is 1830.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Please note the U8 C match v Feltonfleet will be at 1400.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

The U12 IAPS hockey squad should meet Mrs Tutt at Hall Grove for a 0745 prompt departure.

### **Boys' Games**

Football

Well done to all the boys for another good week of football. The seniors had a set of competitive fixtures against Edgeborough, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> teams drawing their high scoring matches and the 4<sup>th</sup> XI winning 6-0. The 2nds narrowly lost 2-1 although the boys were commended for their effort and performance. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI continued their recent run of good form with a 4-2 win, showing pleasing improvements in the second half to take control of the game and secure a deserved victory. Well done to Adam Humpish for his hat trick.

The matches for the Upper Juniors saw victories for the Colts A and C teams, with the A team showing plenty of form and effort to win their tight match. The U10s went away to Edgeborough and the B team recorded a comprehensive victory.

One of the highlights of the season so far has been the impressive performances by the Under 8s. They played a triangular fixture yesterday against Staines Prep and Edgeborough. What has been most pleasing is the progress shown over the five weeks and the way the boys are trying to play the game. The A team had a win and a draw, taking their unbeaten run to 5 games, and the B team made it four from four.

The Year 4s had a somewhat tougher afternoon at Yateley Manor but they will learn plenty from their experiences and will be better players for it.

A special mention should be made to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for their Surrey Cup Plate 1/4 Final on Monday. They met Parkside who are traditionally one of the stronger teams on the circuit and who had only narrowly lost the Shrewsbury House in the last round. It was one of the best performances seen in a long time, both in terms of quality with the ball and work rate without. The boys moved the ball around beautifully, and their movement created more space and time on the ball. Without it Parkside were hassled at every opportunity which caused them to give it away on a regular basis. It was great to see how far the boys have come so far this year and they bounced back brilliantly after last week's defeat to Hoe Bridge.

### **Boys' Games Notices**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Football Tournament at Edgeborough

U9 A and B teams to meet at Hall Grove at 0830, kick off at 1000. Please make sure the boys have boots, shin pads, water bottle and warm clothing. Snacks will be provided during the morning and a match tea at the end. Parents are welcome to take the boys after the presentation. There will also be refreshments available to parents as part of a fund raising event that Edgeborough are running.

IAPS 6-a-side at Elstree Regional Qualifying

1st VI to meet at Elstree at 1245, matches start at 1330. Please make sure the boys have boots, shin pads, water bottle and warm clothing.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Bradfield Football tournament (away)

U11 A team to meet at Bradfield at 1245, matches start at 1330. Please make sure the boys have boots, shin pads, water bottle and warm clothing. Should the team be successful quarter finals are at 1515 followed by the final at 1600.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Colts A and B

It has been possible to add an additional fixture for the Colts A and B team next Wednesday away at Woodcote.

Colts A VII at 1450

Colts B/C VII at 1415

## **Half Term & Christmas Camps**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Hall Grove School Rugby Training Camp – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Hall Grove School is running a Rugby Training Camp on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk)).

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: 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 – 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October (Swimming available)

Bishopsgate School near Egham – 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October (Swimming available)

Ravenscote Junior School in Camberley - 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Bs Netball Camps – October Half Term**

Come along to our fun and exciting camps run at Lightwater Leisure Centre.

1000 - 1500

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Years 3 - 6

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October: Years 3 - 6

£35 for one day or £60 for two

For further information please see flyer on our website, visit [www.bsnetballcamp.weebly.com](http://www.bsnetballcamp.weebly.com) or email [bsnetballcamp@gmail.com](mailto:bsnetballcamp@gmail.com)

### **The Oratory School, Reading Cricket Christmas Camp – 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

For boys and girls aged 7-13. Suitable for all abilities.  
For further information please see information on the school website.

## Senior School Open Morning / Days

St George's, Ascot: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - 01344 629920

Luckley House School, Wokingham: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 0118 978 4175

ACS Egham: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October - [acs-schools.com/open days](http://acs-schools.com/open-days)

The King's School: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October - 01227 595772

The Royal Senior School (Haslemere): Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October - 01428 603052

Farnborough Hill Open Day - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - 01252 529811

## Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Young Archaeology Club at Chertsey Museum
- Weekly Music Rehearsal Timetable
- The Ryder Cup
- 360 Sports Education Half Term Camps
- Surrey Heath Museum
- Bs Netball Camps
- The Oratory School Cricket Christmas Camp

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Northbrook Gift Wrap Brochure - Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Northbrook Fundraising Leaflets were sent home recently with the children containing instructions for ordering. 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 for charity. Our school will receive 22% cashback on every item sold via the brochure. **Please return your order form and payment by Half Term.** Thank you.

## Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

Leaflets have been sent home this week with your child. If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please include a donation (recommended donation is £3.00 per box), which covers shipping, transportation, distribution and promotion. Cheques should be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Alternatively, you can pay online which makes the processing easier and cheaper, leaving more money to go directly to helping children. Please visit [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) to make your donation.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Young Archaeology Club at Chertsey Museum – Autumn Dates

Please see flyer on the school website.

## Reminder: Surrey Heath Museum – The Big Draw – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Free family fun event - please see flyer on the website for this event, it is important that you book a place but the activity is free.

## The Wentworth Christmas Fayre, Wentworth Golf Club – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Christmas shopping in the beautiful surroundings of the famous Wentworth Ballroom. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1000 - 1600. Entrance £5, children free, free parking.

## Lost & Found

A pair of ladies sunglasses has been found on the tennis courts. Please contact the School Office for further information.

### **Wanted – Babysitter**

Babysitter wanted Monday to Thursday, 1600 - 1900 in Sunningdale to help with two pre-school children. Please contact Cayley Kohler on 07503 373037.

### **Cooking Demonstrations at Queens Lodge Kitchens**

If you are interested in cooking, Vicki Millar hosts cooking demonstrations from her kitchen in Chobham. For further information please check out her website [www.queens-lodge.com/diary](http://www.queens-lodge.com/diary) or contact her on 07832 359164.