

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*We are all getting ready for the last big event of this half – the Country Fair next Friday. The fair is intended to celebrate all aspects of the countryside and the outdoor way of life. Please look at the arrangements below which are a little different to those advertised last week. Please remember that this event is really for grandparents or other 'senior' guests; parents are asked to hold back on this occasion. Parking as ever will be tight and we hope visitors will stagger their arrival.*

*This year our charity focus will be on the Haiti appeal, Water Aid projects in Africa and Ronan's Trust, a charity that helps family bereavement by encouraging people of all ages who have suffered loss to work together on the land growing flowers and vegetables. It is an excellent connection with the theme of the day 'Harvest'.*

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

As mentioned last week, "Tutankhamun" will be screened at 2100 on ITV1, the first of a four-part mini-series scripted by Guy Burt, ex Hall Grove pupil. 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.

## **Reminder: 4KF Class Assembly – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

The children of 4KF would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0830. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Reminder: 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.

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

Our annual Harvest Festival Assembly (for Years 3 – 8) is 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 a small amount of home-made or home-grown produce (e.g. fruit, vegetables, chutney, jam, cake etc.) should take it to New Hall from 0815 on Friday morning. This year we are not taking in dry and tinned foods. The gifts will be sold in the afternoon and some will be donated to elderly people living in Bagshot.

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

1330 - 1400: Grandparents arrive, parking on the fields, coffee served at the marquee (NOT Pavilion as mentioned last week). Pre-Prep guests go direct to classrooms to meet the children, other guests wait near the marquee on the field in front of the house please.

- Stalls and various, things to watch including a dog show, working sheep dog demonstration, working gun dogs, falconry display
- Afternoon Teas

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. There will be a variety of other stalls run by children in Years 6 and 7.

Please bring lots of money to spend as we are raising funds for 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, flowers. If any parent would like to run a stall please ask at the school office. There will be plenty of wildlife with the ever popular petting farm (sheep, ducks, goats etc) and a display of birds of prey as well as the 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.

## **Pre-Prep Workshop – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 1830**

Parents of children in Pre-School to Year 2 are invited to the Early Years and Pre-Prep 'Happy, Healthy and Successful Minds' workshop on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 1830 in New Hall. This year's theme has been designed to align with current educational affairs. As part of our home-school partnership we welcome a forum to keep you up-to-date and share skills we develop in school. We hope to see as many of you there as possible and will send out a digital booking form the week before.

## **MUSIC**

### **Informal Lunchtime Concerts**

This week we had the second of our Informal Lunchtime Concerts, Piano Concert II, with a lovely range of music and composers, from a worship song to Bach, Schumann to Tan Dun and more. As ever it's a delight to hear the children perform pieces they've been working so hard on, and we're very happy for *any* of the Hall Grove community to come and enjoy a half hour or so of musical celebration on New Hall stage.

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**

### **Golf**

Last Saturday, Friends of Hall Grove hosted The Hall Grove Ryder Cup, playing on the Executive Course. The children represented Europe and the adults/parents represented USA. After a not so inspirational team chat (led by Mr Gold), USA struggled to get points on the board early on. Europe played exceptionally well and fully deserved their win of six and a half points to USA's one and a half. It was a great afternoon, played in good spirit and the children loved it. Well done Europe.

Rocky Chapman and Shergo Kurdi went to Radley College last Sunday to play in the Radley Putter. This was the second ISGA event of the year and the boys were keen to maintain Hall Grove's number one status. They both played beautifully, with Shergo coming third and Rocky fourth in the individual competition. This meant that Hall Grove won the tournament. This is the best start we could have hoped for and we will wait until the Summer Term for the next ISGA event. Well done boys.

On another note, Hall Grove has been approached by Stowe to play a fixture against their U16 Team. This will be held after half-term, so we look forward to our first fixture against a Senior School. We have also set up a triangular event against Parkside and Caldicott which will be played next term. There is a lot to look forward to for the golfers at Hall Grove!

### **Girls' Games**

The girls had a busy and productive seven days of hockey fixtures this week, participating in a total of five tournaments and thirteen inter-school matches. The first fixture was the senior girls participating in the Lord Wandsworth U13 hockey tournament. The 1<sup>st</sup> VII had a marvellous morning of hockey, winning all of their seven matches quite convincingly. Lucia Jackson and Madeline Berenson should be commended for their relentless hard work on the pitch as they diligently showed off their skills they had learnt during training.

Wednesday afternoon saw all seventy five senior girls playing in fixtures; the girls were in action again on Wednesday when they competed in Pangbourne College's Centenary Prep School tournament, the 1<sup>st</sup> and U12 team had some good results and we were particularly pleased that the 1<sup>st</sup> VII were runners up in the plate competition. The U11 A had a great afternoon at the U11 Hoe Bridge tournament where they got the opportunity to play against some strong teams and, despite some heavy losses, the girls' spirit and determination shone through, they never gave up and seemed to improve after every match.

The Under 11 B and Under 10 A teams travelled to Hoe Bridge and had two very competitive fixtures. Matilda Bernabo was impressive at the back for the U10 A team, growing in confidence as the match progressed, and the other team members contributed well. The U11 B side also enjoyed a close match, with Catherine Clark excellent in the first half and Lily-Mae Turner strong throughout. Special mention to Julia Ahlstrom who played two matches in goal!

Meanwhile at Hall Grove we hosted matches against St George's Windsor and were delighted to win four out of our five home matches. All the girls seem to thoroughly enjoy their hockey this term and should be commended for their hard work during lessons.

On Thursday all of the junior girls were involved in matches with all the U8 girls participating against Feltonfleet. The C team had a marvellous win and the A and B teams, despite narrow losses, loved every minute. Well done to the captains of the afternoon, who were all kind, considerate and courteous young ladies who represented Hall Grove honourably.

The U9s won all their matches; the A and B teams had fantastic wins against Hoe Bridge, the C and D teams against St George's Weybridge. With 15 goals scored in total all of the Year 4 seem to be growing in self-confidence, consolidating their skills they have learnt from last year and this. With every match they play they become more and more proficient. A great set of results girls – well done.

Congratulations to both Scarlett Creasey who was selected for U14 Surrey Netball Academy and Emily Wolfe who was selected for U11 Surrey Girls Cricket Development squad.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

1630 2<sup>nd</sup> VII Hockey sevens v Farnborough Hill (h)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

1430 U8 C will play v Edgeborough U8 B (h)

### **Boys' Games**

#### **Football**

#### **Saturday**

It's been a busy week on the football pitch, with the boys playing 52 matches over the last 6 days. The first of these games was last Saturday, with the U9 A & B squads going to Edgeborough for a tournament and the 1<sup>st</sup> VI heading to Elstree in the afternoon for Regional Qualifying.

The Under 9s had an enjoyable morning, with progress made throughout. The B team worked tirelessly and the A team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. It was an extremely tight tournament and the boys were really close to winning the whole thing.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team had a good afternoon at Elstree, playing 4 matches with two wins and two losses. This meant that we didn't quite make it out of our group but the 8 boys played some excellent football in what was a tough group, and the 4-0 victory over Crosfields was a fitting way to finish the afternoon.

### **Sunday**

Mr Toulson took the Colts A footballers over to Bradfield on Sunday afternoon to play in their annual tournament. The boys showed determination and commitment throughout and performed well enough to reach the quarter finals of the cup. They narrowly lost the game but there was plenty of positivity around the group and it was a worthwhile experience for those involved.

### **Wednesday**

The boys had a tough afternoon on Wednesday against Ludgrove. There were a number of disappointing or frustrating results with the U10 Ds and 1<sup>st</sup> XI being the only shining lights. Mr McLeod was delighted with the application and effort of the 2<sup>nd</sup> team, who did everything but put the ball in the net and were unfortunate to be defeated. The U10 Ds played really well with enthusiasm and determination and the 2-2 draw was a fair result.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI came up against a very good side who moved the ball crisply from the start. The boys struggled to get a foothold in the game in the early exchanges but grew into it as the half went on. The second period was a far more even affair and it was good to see that the comments at half time had been taken on board. A lovely move saw the 1<sup>st</sup> XI take the lead with 15 minutes left and victory was in sight until a last minute equaliser made the final score 1-1. One of the most pleasing aspects of the game was the way the whole team defended. Any good team defends from the front and all 11 boys played their part without the ball. Well done boys!

Congratulations to Roan Macdonald and Thomas Morley who attended the South Central ISFA trials on Sunday at Aldro School. The boys had made it through to Sunday morning after being selected from the first trial a few weeks before. Unfortunately, neither Roan nor Thomas made it through into the final squad, but they should be commended for reaching that stage and for the way they conducted themselves through the morning. Special mention was made, and it's lovely to hear that pupils from Hall Grove seem to 'get it right'. Well done to both boys.

### **Thursday**

It was a busy afternoon on Thursday with the Under 9s travelling to Parkside to compete in a quadrangular tournament against Cranleigh, Staines Prep and Parkside. It was a fantastic afternoon of football and the boys played in good spirit. Special mention should be made of the A team, who won two of their matches and have continued to progress into a talented team. They have put in a number of pleasing performances through the half term; well done to all those involved through the week.

### **Boys' Games Notices**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Football v Staines Prep (h)

Amended timings

1415 U9 B, C

1415 U8 B, C

1445 U9 A, D

1445 U9 A, D

## **Half Term & Christmas Camps**

### **3<sup>rd</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).

### **3<sup>rd</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.

### **3<sup>rd</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)

### **Reminder: 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.

### **Chertsey Museum Education Services – Half Term Fun**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Mummy Pencil Cases

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Highlights

Please see flyer on our website for further information.

### **Senior School Open Mornings / Days**

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

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

Gresham's School, Norfolk: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November – 01263 714500

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
- 360 Sports Education Half Term Camps
- Bs Netball Camps
- The Oratory School Cricket Christmas Camp
- Chertsey Museum Education Services
- Windlesham Fireworks

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### **Parent Handwriting Workshop**

Are you a parent who would like to know how to support your child's handwriting at home? Shelley Birkett-Eyles, Hall Grove mum, Occupational Therapist and creator of the Hemispheres Think Write Handwriting Programme is to hold a workshop at Hall Grove on 16<sup>th</sup> November at 1900. Come along to learn how to support your child's pencil grip and improving legibility. The workshop will be suitable for all ages. To book your place please visit: [www.hallgrove.co.uk/phw](http://www.hallgrove.co.uk/phw)

[www.thinkwrite-learning.co.uk](http://www.thinkwrite-learning.co.uk) or [www.hemispheres.org.uk](http://www.hemispheres.org.uk)

### **Windlesham Fireworks – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Come and join the fun and support some great local charities.

Further information is available on the school website.

### **FINAL WEEK - 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.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reminder: Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse**

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.

### **Reminder: 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.