

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*On Tuesday we were visited by Mr Mark Mortimer, Headmaster of Warminster School. He delivered an inspiring lecture to boys and girls in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 about his trans-Atlantic rowing experiences, a remarkable story of courage, fortitude and single-minded determination.*

*Mr Mortimer formed a very good impression of Hall Grove and its pupils, he would be delighted to welcome any of our families who would care to visit his school. Details of a Warminster open day are given below.*

## Charities Update

### The Hall Grove Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Charity Post

The final day of the Autumn term saw children and staff wearing festive Christmas jumpers and donating money to charity, raising £754.74. The Christmas Charity Post was well supported and raised £147.98, bringing the total for both Christmas fundraising efforts to £902.72! Together with donations received at the various Christmas productions and shows just under £4,000 was collected. Four charities have been sent cheques for £1,000.00 each, they are Sebastian's Action Trust, Christian Aid, Cancer Research and Red Cross Syria.

## Headlice

There has been a case of headlice reported at 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.

## MUSIC

### Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Next week we have our first informal concert of the term, for pianists. 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 for all performers. This term the following Informal Concerts are coming up:

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Piano Concert I
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Piano Concert II
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Strings Concert (omitted from printed calendar)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Brass and Woodwind Concert
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Vocal and Percussion Concert

### Local Concerts

We're delighted to share information on some upcoming local concerts:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 1630 West Forest Sinfonia playing Holst, Howells, Vaughan Williams and Bax at The Great Hall, University of Reading ([www.westforestsinfonia.org](http://www.westforestsinfonia.org) for more information)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 1630 West Forest Sinfonia Chamber Concert playing Janáček and Stravinsky at The Recital Room, South Hill Park ([www.southhillpark.org.uk](http://www.southhillpark.org.uk) for more information)

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 1930 Opera at Bearwood are giving an opera concert at Holy Trinity Church, Hawley ([www.operaatbearwood.org](http://www.operaatbearwood.org) for more information)

## **SPORTS**

### **Lunchtime Judo**

The pupils will have lunch at their normal time. Judo kit will be provided for the children. There is no need to book up. The children will be briefed during Monday morning's assembly.

### **Saturday Judo at Pinewood Judo club**

The Pinewood Judo sessions are open to all. Just turn up at the allotted time and register with Mr Fricker.

### **Girls' Games**

#### **Addendum**

Apologies to the U8s whose match report was omitted: The U8s had a marvellous set of fixtures against Coworth Flexlands - the A team had a great win (5-1) with a really good collective performance; the formidable shooting partnership of Zaara Norat and Zayna van der Zijl proved to be too much for the Coworth defence. Another strong performance for our B team, who won 6-0, came from Kiren Grewal, who shot incredibly well. Sophie Stroyberg's speed and decision-making with quick passing to the shooters was also very impressive. Despite the C's losing against a mixture of A, B and C team players the girls fought to the end and Riddhima Datta Madan got lots of interceptions and was incredibly tenacious winning the ball.

The U12 and U13 teams participated in the Surrey Schools netball tournament on Wednesday, a historically difficult competition with many of the large senior schools competing. Despite much weakened squads they continued to play with resolute determination and not once did their heads go down.

The U11 A team all played exceptionally well but were outplayed by tall and physical opposition - Catherine Clarke shot well and Grace Aldridge had a good game in defence. The U11 B team played very well and had a great win; the players' player was Emily Wolfe. Defensively, Libby was strong as GK, often cutting out that last pass and rarely giving the opposition a chance to shoot. Emily Armitage made some good attacking moves and worked well with Hope Wood. The U11 C team played Coworth A team (at their request) and despite a narrow loss the girls had a good attacking game with Lily Hardy being voted players' player and Ella Hadden-Wight continuing to grow in confidence in defence. The U10 A team certainly had a tough match - they came up against an experienced school team that also play together as a team at club level. Mrs Wayman was pleased with their efforts and they kept working until the end of the match. Both the B and C team had fantastic wins: the C team played two games, against St Piran's C team and Coworth A team - they won both. The defensive stars of the afternoon were Ava-Mae Martell and Matilda Bernabo, and shooters of the afternoon were Yun-Yun Lai and Simrrun Grewal.

On Thursday the U9s had a clean sweep with their fixture against Coworth, winning all 3 matches convincingly. Stars of the afternoon were Mia Adams, Sophia Brennen and Millie Barlow in defence, Sofia Jeavons, Nina van Eeden in centre court, and Sachi Takyar and Afia Kher Hussein-Mohammed. This was a great afternoon of netball, well done girls.

#### **U8 House Hockey**

Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Falcons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eagles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels, 4<sup>th</sup> Hawks

All the girls soon got involved in the matches but the standout stars of the afternoon were Francesca Prior and Leila Harrison who both worked particularly well together and, supported by goal-scoring Zaara Norat, this meant the U8 Falcons team played some excellent hockey and were unbeaten.

### **Girls' Games Notices**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - senior girls house hockey cancelled

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** - U10 B will now be played at 1500 (at Edgeborough's request)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January** - U8 A netball team will now participate in the Hall Grove tournament starting at 1400

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** - U8 A, B and C teams will now play at 1400 at Hall Grove

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** - U9 A, B and C teams now have a triangular starting at 1430 v Felton Fleet and GHS

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - U10 B and C netball has been cancelled by Sherfield

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - U10 B and C pop lacrosse v Claremont (away) is an additional fixture at 1500  
**IAPS National Netball finals** - have been moved from 11<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

### **Boys' Games**

Wednesday saw Hall Grove have their return block fixture against Crosfields, with our senior boys delivering three big performances and scoring a very impressive 14 tries in three matches. Our U13 B team were most impressive, adapting to the late change of a contact match to a touch match, playing a very open and fast-flowing game that any touch team would be proud of. The boys, along with our U13 A and U12 A teams, performed very well and should be pleased with their efforts in both attack and defence. The U13s came out victors against a good Crosfields side, but our well organised attack and ability to identify space proved too much for Crosfields to handle, with tries from Luca Allera and Marcus Sands, along with several standout performances, none more so than Daniel Taviansky in his first U13 A fixture. The U12 A team had another very impressive victory against a good Crosfields team. The Year 6 boys performed well in some very close matches, reacting well to a small number of injuries and illnesses. Finally, the Year 5 boys showed a marked improvement from last week, winning three out of four matches and scoring over 15 tries. Special mention must go to Ben Tenenbaum who was always back on his feet wanting to make tackle after tackle.

Congratulations to the Year 3s as they took on Lambrook on Thursday afternoon. The hard work they have done in training helped them perform admirably as they had to adapt at the last minute from tag to touch rugby. Clearly this had very little effect as we won 4 out of 5 matches, scoring over 30 tries in the process. Well done all!

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

Stowe Lower School (13+ Entry) – 14<sup>th</sup> January, 18<sup>th</sup> March – 01280 818205

St. George's Ascot - 24<sup>th</sup> February - 01344 629900

Bede's Senior School, East Sussex – 18<sup>th</sup> March – 01323 843252

The Oratory School, South Oxfordshire – 11<sup>th</sup> March – 01491 683500

King Edward's, Witley – 2<sup>nd</sup> February & 16<sup>th</sup> March – 01428 686735

Luckley House School, Wokingham – 14<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> June – 0118 987 4175

Warminster School – 6<sup>th</sup> May – 01985 210160

(<http://www.warminsterschool.org.uk/school-calendar/open-days> and flyer available on the school website)

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### **Hessian Sacks Required**

We are looking for 11 hessian sacks to use for the Year 5 school production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. If you have any and are able to help please contact Miss Stein at [fiona@footsteps.biz](mailto:fiona@footsteps.biz).

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

We will be collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 vouchers which will be issued from 25<sup>th</sup> January. There are 3 ways to collect: at Sainsbury's Local stores you'll get one voucher for every £5 you spend and every time you shop in Sainsbury's Supermarkets or online you'll be given one voucher for every £10 you spend. We would be grateful if you would send in any vouchers that you receive, there is a collection box in the School Office

### **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> February**

The HATS present their annual pantomime at High Cross Church, Camberley featuring Lily Hardy (Year 6) in the cast. Tickets: adults £10 and children (under 18) £5. Tickets are available from the Church Office or buy online at [www.thehats.org.uk/tickets](http://www.thehats.org.uk/tickets). Enquiries to [panto@thehats.org.uk](mailto:panto@thehats.org.uk) or phone 07936 570687.

### **Young Archaeology Club at Chertsey Museum**

Sessions available are:

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January North America Pyramids

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February Aztec & Mayan

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March Egyptian Pyramids

For further information please see flyer on the school website, call 01932 565764 or visit [www.chertseymuseum.org](http://www.chertseymuseum.org)