

# Hall Grove School Newsletter



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*We have hit a spell of Winter weather that has certainly been bracing! The children have coped well and there have been few interruptions to our sporting programme. It is good to see that some milder days should follow in the period leading up to half term, and at last the days are beginning to lengthen again.*

*Saturday afternoon will be an exciting inter-House event, the House Cross-Country. Please make sure competitors arrive in good time for their race. Good luck!*

## Dates for the Diary

Garden Opening	Saturday May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1400 -1700
Pre-Prep Sports Day (Pre-School, Years 1 and 2)	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 1100 - 1300
Sports Day (Years 3 – 8)	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 1400 - 1700
Jubilee Picnic (whole school evening celebration)	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 1600 - 2200

## MUSIC

### Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Next week we have our second informal concert of the term, again 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Piano Concert II
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Strings Concert
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Brass and Woodwind Concert
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Vocal and Percussion Concert

### Ensembles Concert Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

We will be holding our Spring Ensembles Concert on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 1900. Children who are in any ensemble should be back in school by 1840 in school uniform with their instruments, and congregate in the Admiral Room. We would anticipate the majority of pupils going home before the concert, but if your child does need to stay for supper, please book this through the School Office as soon as possible. All our ensembles have been working extremely hard towards the concert and it will no doubt be a highly enjoyable evening! Instead of the full percussion ensemble, for this concert we will have a smaller group playing steel drums for the first time in public.

## **SPORTS**

### **Ski Trip New Year 2017/2018**

There has been a fantastic response to next year's ski trip to Club Kitzsteinhorn, Zell Am See, Austria (details ClarionCalled to all parents) and there are only 3 places remaining. If you are interested in a place for your child or children please contact Mr Tullett ([i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk)).

### **House Cross Country**

Children should arrive 15 minutes before their event to give them time to have a little jog to warm up. It is important they have warm kit to wear before and after racing. There will be a changing area under the shelter by the astro and behind the senior pavilion close to the start and finish. Whilst racing, the children should be dressed in the following:

#### **Boys**

Black socks, black shorts, a base layer if they prefer and their House t-shirt.

#### **Girls**

Running leggings or skorts, a base layer if they prefer and House t-shirt.

#### **Footwear**

Running spikes are permitted but must be put on immediately prior to event and removed after. Running trainers are preferable over football boots or football trainers.

#### **Timing**

1430: Years 3 & 4 boys

1450: Years 3 & 4 girls

1510: Years 5 & 6 boys

1530: Years 5 & 6 girls

1550: Years 7 & 8 boys

1610: Years 7 & 8 girls

Following each race there will a quick presentation to the first three runners and the house result. We look forward to seeing you at the event and thank you for your support in advance.

### **Lunchtime Judo**

The lunchtime sessions are proving very successful with good numbers of boys and girls turning up for the Years 5 - 8 session on Monday and Years 3 & 4 on Tuesday. There is no need to book - just turn up. Judo kit will be provided for the children. The children will have their lunch at normal time.

### **Saturday Judo at Pinewood Judo Club**

Because of the House Cross Country Saturday Judo this week will be held at Hall Grove in New Hall. Years 3 – 8 will train from 1300 – 1430, Years 3 and 4 being released early for their cross country race, and Years 1 and 2 will train from 1430 – 1530.

### **Boys' Games**

On Wednesday we had our second to last block fixture of the rugby season, against Papplewick. As always the boys equipped themselves as well as possible and really gave everything on the sports fields. Our senior squads, in contrast to last week, had a very tough afternoon, up against some very well drilled and committed sides. The U12 A team had a tough match and unfortunately came out second best in a close game, losing four tries to one; this was largely due to the boys not looking to keep the ball in hand and play to the final whistle. We had to combine our U12 Bs and U13 Bs to allow them to have a fixture and it proved to be an open game of rugby, all performing very well in a closely fought contest. Ben Smith and Sam Wells were very impressive and always attempted to keep the boys on task, working with both ball in hand and in defence. The U13 As gave a lot away in size and speed against two very good teams in Papplewick and Woodcote, losing both games; at times in both matches they defended and attacked very well. The task for next week is to perform for larger parts of the game against Edgeborough.

Our Colts performed very well with the B team picking up an impressive victory; Mr Collier was most impressed with the team's performance and eye for space. Colts A had a solid result against Papplewick, three tries to nil, the most impressive part being their defence and organisation.

U10s have been the most improved year group again. The Harlequins coach always compliments them on focus and hard work in training - week on week we have been seeing an improvement, especially in defence and rucking. They won two out of their four matches, and this was really underpinned by their defensive efforts.

Years 3 and 4 have had a brilliant week, winning nine matches and drawing two. Both Mr Cottrell and Mr Gold have been impressed with the desire to improve and their willingness to take on points from our games lessons and use them in matches - really well done to all involved.

### **Additional fixtures**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January U9 A, B & C v Bishopsgate at 1430 (Home)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January- U13 A v Bishopsgate at 1520 (Away)

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February Year 7 and 8 House Hockey 1000

### **Girls' Games**

The girls should feel proud of their excellent set of results against Edgeborough on Wednesday with 6 out of 7 wins. The U13 A and U12 A teams both worked hard for each other, resulting in resounding wins. The goal attacks deservedly received players' player nominations, well done to Chloe Hill and Rosie Millar; however in defence Carmen Schellekens and Scarlett Creasey made sure nothing got past them. The U12 B team's match went goal for goal until the last quarter when the opposition had a run of goals, Gracie Hessian was awarded players' player.

The U11 As had a much deserved win with Billie Deighton dominating the defensive end and Lottie Hill working hard for her team in the centre. The U11 B and C teams played against Eagle House, losing both matches by just one goal. The girls linked well and defensively, Libby Lomas was strong as GK, often cutting out that last pass and rarely giving the opposition a chance to shoot. Sienna Edwards was relentless in attack and Zoe Legge was awesome in defence.

The U10 A team dug deep this week and displayed some good attacking play with Anna Camp having an exceptional match; they were thrilled with their much deserved win. Both the B and C teams had emphatic wins, with Poppy Peries proving she deserved her place in the B team. The stars of the afternoon and perhaps the season so far were the U10 C team with another win; Isabella Volpi worked relentlessly in the centre court and was Mr Tomlinson's player of the match.

We hosted an U9 tournament on Thursday for the U9 A, U9 B and U8 A teams (playing in the U9 B team section of the tournament to extend their competition). The girls had to really grit their teeth to fend off the bitter wind, and all three teams did a magnificent job. The B team won all 5 of their matches to collect the gold medal, their player of the tournament was Mia Adams, who played particularly well. The A team had a really tough afternoon winning 5, drawing one and losing only one match by just one goal - they were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on goal difference. Abby Parker in attack and Chloe Townsend worked incredibly hard in defence.

The U9 C and D teams had matches against a strong and physical St George's Weybridge. The C team were level pegging throughout the whole of their match, Amber Kelsall shot particularly well and was coaches' player and, with just a slight lapse of concentration, they lost by two. The D team were awesome; Miss Gabby, having not seen them play since the beginning of the season, was astounded by their spatial awareness and movement off the ball, Lulu Dyson was voted opposition player of the match, coaches' player was Victoria Denning and well done to Amelie Aplin who took her Captain's duties very seriously, being very encouraging. The U8 A team rose to the challenge of competing against U9s in the home tournament with Zayna van der Zijl and Elizabeth Naylor playing particularly well for their teams. The U8 B and C teams enjoyed matches against Eagle House despite the freezing temperatures and the opposition putting out some U9 girls the girls worked really hard, moving into space and marking exhaustively which put lots of pressure on their opponents. Well done to Madeleine Klotz who is just going from strength to strength and Indiana Dickson who again received coaches' player.

### **Additional fixtures and notices**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – U11 B and C Netball teams to meet Mrs Maxfield at 0915 on the Astro

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

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

## **February Half Term Camps**

### **Bs Netball Camp**

Lightwater Leisure Centre for Years 3 - 5 girls

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1000 - 1500

To book or for more details visit [www.bsnetballcamp.weebly.com](http://www.bsnetballcamp.weebly.com)

### **Chertsey Museum Education Services**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February Designer Door Hanger

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February Wonderful Wooden Spoon Animals

For more information please call 01932 565764 or visit [www.chertseymuseum.org](http://www.chertseymuseum.org)

### **Wellington College Real Tennis Club**

Half term coaching programme for juniors on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. The course is designed to introduce students to the fantastic game of Real Tennis and will be run by our Head Professional, Dan Jones. Dan is a former No 8 ranked player in the world and a National coach.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February:

- 0900 - 1100 for 8 - 10 year olds
- 1130 - 1330 for 11 -15 year olds
- Cost £20 per person
- Rackets and balls are provided and please come in sports kit and trainers.

NB: Pre-booking is essential to avoid disappointment on the day - via email or phone: [DPJ@wellingtonfitness.co.uk](mailto:DPJ@wellingtonfitness.co.uk) or 07471905661.

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

The Oratory School, near Reading – 11<sup>th</sup> March – 01491 683500

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

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

Wellington College – 18<sup>th</sup> March - 01344 444 013

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

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

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

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

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 vouchers. 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

## **Stepping Notes**

Stepping Notes is a Music School specialising in early years music education (from 2 - 8 year olds). Its founder, Nikhil Dally (MACantab), runs weekly sessions at the Jurgens Centre in Englefield Green and my two children have attended for the last three years. The lessons are devised by Nikhil himself and involve numerous activity songs that provide the children with an excellent early musical foundation. My children have hugely benefitted from his expertise and if your child has an early interest in music then these lessons really do provide the perfect platform. Please feel free to get in touch with me ([m.heffer@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:m.heffer@hallgrove.co.uk)) if you would like to discuss this further or visit the website ([www.dally.org.uk/steppingnotes](http://www.dally.org.uk/steppingnotes)) for more information.

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