

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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This week saw the 'student voice' at Hall Grove raised to new heights. On Tuesday evening, the Upper School took part in a formal school debate. The motion proposed read "This House believes that pupils should be allowed mobile phones at school". As might be expected, it was a lively discussion with well delivered opening and closing speeches for the proposition and for the opposition. After a large number of excellent contributions from the floor, a vote was taken and the motion was duly carried. The Chairman announced to an excited hall that school policy on the subject would not change!

Well done all of those who took part, it was clear that there are several budding parliamentarians in the school! It was an excellent event and, by popular demand, other debates will surely follow.

Application for Authorised Absence Reminder

Earlier in the year the Leadership Team reviewed the published provisional dates for this academic year and considered the views of many families who have, in recent terms, requested additional leave for school holidays in order to take advantage of cheap flights. We decided that we should, whenever possible, start term on a Monday and finish on a Friday. **Authorisation for additional holidays will only be given in very exceptional circumstances.** The Spring Term will finish on Friday March 24th (full school day) and the Summer Term on Friday July 7th. As already announced, the spare days will be used by staff for meetings, preparations and, where needed, some individually arranged extra tuition for examination candidates.

We are obliged to inform the Local Education Authority of any concerning levels of absence. Absence forms are not required for medical and dental appointments, senior school visits / exams / appointments, external music or dance examinations, however please ensure you have informed the School Office of these absences in addition to writing in your child's diary or informing the class teacher.

The Uniform Shop – New Tracksuit Tops Advice

Please be aware that the new tracksuit tops for Years 3 – 8 must be washed separately using a mild detergent without fabric conditioner. It is also important to hang dry and avoid tumble drying or applying any heat.

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Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Today we heard from more of our pianists in our Lunchtime Informal Concert. We were treated to some fantastic, confident performances including a new composition by Isabel Harvie, the ever popular "Skyfall", favourite nursery rhymes and one of the most familiar keyboard pieces written – Bach's Prelude No. 1 in C major played by Archie Graham.

Our concerts for the rest of the term are as follows:

Friday 10 th February	Strings Concert
Friday 24 th February	Brass and Woodwind Concert
Friday 3 rd March	Vocal and Percussion Concert

Ensembles Concert Monday 6th February

We will be holding our Spring Ensembles Concert this Monday, 6th February, at 1900. Children who are in any ensemble (this includes Choristers, Hall Grove Choir and Girls' Choir) should be back in school by 1840 in school uniform with their instruments, and congregate in the Admiral Room. They have all been working very hard towards this, so we should be in for a treat! If children need to stay for school supper they should be booked in via the school office.

The rehearsal schedule for all ensembles on Monday is as below. Children should arrive in the New Hall 5 minutes before the rehearsal with their instrument.

0800 Choristers
0830 Percussion Ensemble
0900 Recorder Ensemble
0930 Flute Ensemble
1000 Girls' Choir
1015 Hall Grove Choir
1030 Hall Grove Choir and Girls' Choir
1245 Woodwind Ensemble
1345 Concert Band
1415 Junior Brass
1445 Senior Brass
1515 Jazz Ensemble
1545 Senior Strings

Instrumental Competition Week, 13th – 17th March

As previously mentioned, our Instrumental Competition is later this The competition is open to all instrumentalists, regardless of ability, and all children are strongly encouraged to participate. If your child learns an instrument in school, their teacher will submit an entry on their behalf. For those who have lessons outside school, the entry form is available to download from the website (parents / Form Downloads) and must be submitted to Lizzie Post (l.post@hallgrove.co.uk) by **Friday 10th February**. Late entries shall not be accepted because multiple changes to the schedules are unfair on parents taking time off work to see their children perform; please respect this and ensure that any entries arrive by the deadline. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Local Concerts

We're delighted to share information on some more upcoming concerts, one aimed specifically at children in London over half-term:

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

Saturday 18th February at 1930 Opera at Bearwood are giving an opera concert at Holy Trinity Church, Hawley (www.operaatbearwood.org for more information)

Saturday 18th February at 1630 London Musical Arts Orchestra playing Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. Why not round off a nice day in London with this? (www.LMAorchestra.com for more details, and a flyer is also available on our website).

SPORTS

Girls' Games

On Saturday we hosted our annual U11 B and C tournament; with over 100 girls participating it always gives the girls plenty of opportunity for them to get lots of match play. The U11 B team lost only one match and were placed 2nd; the U11 C team won 3, lost 3 and were placed 5th. Congratulations to Tabitha Tonkin and Ella Hadden-Wight for being selected girls of the tournament.

The 1st and 2nds participated in the Cranleigh U13 tournament on Wednesday. The U13s played five matches, winning three and losing two both by just one goal. Sophie Lees in defence and Emily Myers were both reliable and versatile players. The U12s did exceptionally well, winning all five of their group matches. They had a tough semi-final match when they had to dig deep to win by just one goal. This took them to the final v Cranleigh - the girls excelled, working well as a team and supporting each other, and winning 7-3. Player of the tournament was Yasmin van der Zijl who was outstanding.

The U12 B team had a draw against Heathfield with Daniella Schellekens scoring all of Hall Grove's 8 goals.

The Year 5 and 6 girls played a block fixture against Guildford High, always a challenging fixture; despite the U11 A team suffering a loss there were many positives to take away and it is clear the extra training they are all very committed to is paying off, coaches' player of the match? "The whole team!" The B and C teams both had emphatic wins and played with determination; congratulations to players of the day – Grace Aldridge, Libby Lomas, Emily Wolfe and Ella Baxendale. The U10s suffered three losses, the Guildford High School girls seemed so much taller and more physical, however we never gave up and played with determination. Players of the afternoon were Amelie Smith, Katie Coleman and Isabella Volpi.

On Thursday the U9s enjoyed fixtures against Feltonfleet. We had six out of six wins with the junior girls scoring a total of forty four goals for Hall Grove and just ten goals against. Congratulations to the players selected as coaches' player: Nina van Eden, Mia Adams and Lola Roots for the Year 4 girls, Sophie Stroyberg, Luna Flo and Alice Sullivan for the Year 3 girls.

Boys' Games – End of Rugby Season Report

Monday saw the U9s host Bishopsgate in what proved to be a very even and fair contest with all boys looking to tackle, tackle, tackle and work hard with the ball in hand. Unfortunately they came out second best in all three matches but the boys performed very well and never stopped trying.

Tuesday saw the U9s take part in their second matches in two days; the work from the previous day was to pass the ball more before contact and work hard to form a defensive line. In four games the U9s managed to win one, draw two and lose one. Some standout performances came from Lewis Hannon and Oliver Townend who proved to be fearless with the ball in hand, and Lewis scored five tries.

The U13 A team travelled to Bishopsgate for a late arranged fixture. The boys took 15 minutes to wake up after a short journey on the minibus but really did finish the game well, going four tries to one down at half-time, to come out winning five tries to four. Man of the match Roan Macdonald led from the front, making a number of brilliant tackles and Charlie Wyatt scored the winning try on the last play, running sixty metres and showing brilliant footwork and evasive skills.

Wednesday saw the completion of the rugby season for Years 5 – 8 with a very good final fixture against Edgeborough, winning three out of five matches and putting together some of the best performances of the season. The U13 A team finished their rugby season with a strong performance against a very good Edgeborough side. Ethan Leech scored a powerful and direct try in what was a very open and fast game of rugby. The U12s finished the rugby season with a 35 – 25 win – Mr Hine was very impressed with how they stuck to structure and used the ball throughout the game.

The Colts have finished the season with two fine wins – Colts A finished the rugby season with a 10 – 5 victory, really grinding out a win when sometimes things didn't click with ball in hand, and Colts C ran out victors with 17 tries to 1. The U10 A team finished with their best performance of the season – they have really worked hard to improve over recent weeks and Wednesday's results saw all their hard work pay off. Unfortunately losing in the end four tries to two, Mr Tullett was still very impressed with the determination and hard work they have shown.

On Thursday the U8s continued their fine form, winning six matches and drawing four. Scoring over 50 tries and conceding only 25, this really does show the fine talent we have coming into contact rugby next year.

Thank you to all boys who have made this rugby season enjoyable for all involved and really well done on a good season.

Games Notices

Boys IAPS Swimming Qualifiers at Guilford High School on Tuesday 7th February. Warm up starts at 0930 and races commence at 1000. Unfortunately the event is closed to parents due to the spectator area being needed for competitors.

Boys IAPS Regional Hockey Qualifiers at Bryanston on Wednesday 8th February. Matches will start at 0930. Those selected will be informed on Monday. The departure time is likely to be as early as 0700 (to be confirmed).

February Half Term and Easter Camps

Windlesham Golf Club – Easter Camps

Camp 1 Monday 27th March – Friday 31st March

Camp 2 Monday 10th April – Friday 14th April

For more information and to reserve a place please contact Ben Ross 07778517659 / 01276 472323 or email ben.ross@windleshamgolf.com

Ultimate Activity Easter Camps

LVS Ascot – Monday 3rd April to Thursday 13th April. Tel: 0330 111 7077 or www.ultimateactivity.co.uk.

Senior School Open Mornings / Days

- Christ's Hospital – 25th February and 22nd April 2017 – 01403 246555
- The Oratory School, near Reading – 11th March – 01491 683500
- Luckley House School, Wokingham – 14th March, 8th June – 0118 987 4175
- Luckley House School, Wokingham - Current Year 7 pupils Enrichment / Taster Day on Thursday 23rd February 2017. Bookings can be made via the website at <http://www.luckleyhouseschool.org/open-day-booking-form/> or contact the Registrar on 0118 974 3221 Email: Registrar@luckleyhouseschool.org.
- King Edward's, Witley – 16th March – 01428 686735
- Stowe Lower School (13+ Entry) – 18th March – 01280 818205
- Wellington College – **22nd April** – 01344 444 013 (*Please note change of date. Earlier dates are now full.*)
- St. George's Ascot – 24th February – 01344 629900
- Bede's Senior School, East Sussex – 18th March – 01323 843252
- ACS Egham – 25th March – 01784 430800
- Warminster School – 6th May – 01985 210160
(<http://www.warminsterschool.org.uk/school-calendar/open-days> and flyer available on the school website)

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Chertsey Museum
- Ultimate Activity Easter Camps
- Windlesham Golf Club Easter Camps
- London Musical Arts Orchestra concert flyer
- Instrumental Competition External Entry Form

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Feed Your Family Right

'Feed Your Family Right' nutrition education programme, is coming back in February, straight after half term. For more information please check the following website: <http://www.healthyforlonger.com/whats-on/>

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: Bs Netball Camp

Lightwater Leisure Centre for Years 3 – 5 girls

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February, 1000 – 1500

To book or for more details visit www.bsnetballcamp.weebly.com

Reminder: Chertsey Museum Education Services

Tuesday 14th February Designer Door Hanger

Thursday 16th February Wonderful Wooden Spoon Animals

For more information please call 01932 565764 or visit www.chertseymuseum.org

Reminder: Wellington College Real Tennis Club

Half term coaching programme for juniors on Thursday 16th 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 16th February:

- 0900 – 1100 for 8 – 10 year olds
- 1130 – 1330 for 11 – 15 year olds
- Cost £20 per person
- Rackets and balls are provided but 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 or 07471905661.