



With the weather on the turn now there is a summery atmosphere in school. Following this holiday weekend we will start our Outdoor Learning Week, with as many lessons as possible in the fresh air. We are also aiming to teach without the use of screen technology and we have asked pupils to hand their own screens to their parents on Monday evening and prove to themselves that they can manage without screens for a few days just as they do for field trips.

Please, parents, support the school in making this happen, and perhaps we can all cut down on email and social media for just a few days.

Bullying Workshops

Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 explored the issues around bullying this week with special workshops presented by an expert in the field. It was a very powerful reminder of how much damage is caused by thoughtless and cruel behaviour, and we were impressed by the sensible way the children engaged with the subject. We do hope the message got home, and we recommend parents re-enforce it in open discussions with their children. Our own pastoral staff are ready to advise if there are particular concerns to report.

Staff News

- We are delighted to share the lovely news that Miranda Dowse married Mark Rowland over the Easter holidays and is now known as Mrs Rowland. Our congratulations to them both.
- Congratulations to Michael Wheeler and his wife on the birth of their son, Maddox, on 20th March.

Hall Grove NGS Garden Opening - Saturday 12th May

This is an annual event on behalf of the National Garden Scheme, a charity that supports several good causes. The school grounds and gardens will be open for viewing from 1400 to 1700. There are a variety of trails and walks including the historic ice house in the garden of Field House, the restored walled garden and a woodland walk to the boating lake. Entry is by way of donation, £5 is recommended, all money going to the NGS charity. Teas will be on sale at The Lighthouse, and a selection of plants will be available for purchase. This is always a lovely afternoon, do bring friends and family.

DIARY REMINDERS

MAY

Monday 7th
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th
0835 Year 5 Battisborough Assembly
Outdoor Learning Week

Thursday 10th
0835 3KD Assembly
1900 Year 5 presents 'The Wizard of Oz'

Friday 11th - Calendar Amendment
0900 Poetry Competition

Saturday 12th
1400 Hall Grove NGS Garden Opening

Tuesday 15th
0835 Year 4 Battisborough Assembly

Thursday 17th
0835 6JF Assembly

Friday 18th
0900 Reception Assembly

Tuesday 22nd
0835 3VB Assembly

Thursday 24th
Open Morning
0835 6FH Assembly

Friday 25th
0900 1JH Assembly
1400 Years 7 & 8 Speech and Drama Festival

w/c Monday 28th
Half Term

JUNE

Friday 8th
1000 Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day

Saturday 9th
Sports Day (Years 3 - 8)
1400-1700

Hall Grove Presents an African Jabulani* - Friday 22nd June

Come and join us as we round off Africa week with our fabulous African Jabulani – an evening of drinking, feasting and dancing – to raise money for Malaweni Primary School. Held in a purpose-built tented village, experience the wonderful sights, sounds and tastes of Africa, dining on a delicious freshly prepared buffet then dancing to African music. There will be a cash bar generously provided by Oakman Inns & Restaurants and a fundraising auction of exceptional prizes. Get your friends together and arrange a table of 10, or buy individual tickets and we'll seat you. Tickets are £30 a head and details on how to book will be sent next week.

We have a number of very exciting prizes, but if you are able to offer an auction prize or assist with logistics beforehand and on the night, do please drop one of the team a line.

Looking forward to a wonderful evening!

*Jabulani – Zulu for rejoice.

The team: Jemma Bailey, Suzanne Greenhalgh, Paula Leech, Tim Lewis, Emma Swanson and Lindsay Vetch

Rosie's Rainbow Fund

This is a new charity we are now supporting. It provides Music Therapy for sick and disabled children in local hospitals. Rosie's Rainbow Fund was established in 2003 after the tragic death of eleven-year-old Rosie Mayling. While in the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, Rosie decided that when she was better, she would put on shows to raise money for sick children in Hospital. Following the loss of Rosie, her parents Carolyn and David, and sister Ellie, set up Rosie's Rainbow Fund which now supports families and children affected by illness, disability and bereavement.

Miss Stein is delighted the Year 5s will be supporting this charity at next Thursday's performance of 'The Wizard Of Oz' as Rosie was her bridesmaid and Carolyn Mayling was her dance teacher.

All money raised from the biscuit sales and retiring collection will go to Rosie's Rainbow Fund.

Calendar Amendment - Years 7 & 8 Speech and Drama Festival

Please note that the Year 7 and 8 Speech Drama Festival will now take place on Friday 25th May rather than 11th May, as printed in the calendar. This is in order to allow pupils a better chance to prepare during an extremely busy term.

Poetry Competition - Friday 11th May

Parents are invited to attend the Poetry Competition on Friday 11th May. Years 3 & 4 will perform between 0900 and 1000, followed by Years 5 & 6 between 1000 and 1100.

Hall Grove Open Morning - Thursday 24th May

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 24th May 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.

School Uniform - Years 6 & 7 Girls Only

Could all current Year 6 girls who are going into Year 7 in September and any new Year 8 girls, please order their grey skirt and red/white blouse from The Uniform Shop by Half Term. Telephone 01276 471039.

A reminder that the Uniform Shop opening hours are as follows:

Monday	0800-0900
Tuesday	0800-0900
Thursday	1500-1730

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell please
T: 01276 473059 (option 1) or
E: office@hallgrove.co.uk

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2018

23rd April – 6th July

Half Term:

26th May – 3rd June

Autumn Term 2018

3rd September – 14th December

Half Term:

20th October – 4th November

Spring Term 2019

7th January – 29th March

Half Term:

16th – 24th February (incl)

Summer Term 2019

24th April – 12th July

Half Term:

25th May – 2nd June (incl)

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

MAY HALF TERM & SUMMER CAMPS

**Don't forget to follow us on
Twitter! @hallgroveschool
@hallgrovesport**

Music

Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed in the first of our Informal Concert series of this term. It was wonderful to see so many keen performers from the Pre-Prep and also very impressive pieces from two of our more senior pianists; Isabel Harvie and Benedikt Meyer-Bothling. Next Friday is the Informal Brass Concert. As ever if your child learns outside of school but would still like to participate in the concert, then please contact Miss Post by Tuesday morning next week.

Sport

Weekly review

The second week of the summer term was again affected by rain, but we were able to get a few matches played. On Wednesday, the 1st XI boys cricket team won their match against St Andrew's to continue their good run of early season form. On Thursday, the U8 boys enjoyed their first matches of the season, with the A team securing an exciting win.

The girls' cricket season has started with a bang! Training is going well, and the senior girls tasted victory in their first Surrey Cup match against Collingwood. Well done to all the girls, who are really embracing cricket and progressing well.

On Thursday evening, Hall Grove took part in the hugely popular and enjoyable golf fixture at Wellington College against Eagle House on what was a beautiful evening. The course looked magnificent. It was an extremely closely fought match where all the matches could have gone either way. Hall Grove narrowly lost 3-2, but the boys had a great time, and it was marvellous seeing them walking the lush green fairways and conversing with the opposition.

There were some very impressive golf swings on display; in particular, James Brash, Axel Daly and Ollie King. Alfie Holmes hit the shot of the day by nearly holing a 30-yard bunker shot!

Well done boys.

Tennis Update

Congratulations to the tennis squad who enjoyed a strong win against Sunningdale School on Tuesday evening. Adjusting to a myriad of weather conditions, our players moved well and looked comfortable on court. Oliver Griffith and Adam Humpish fought back from three games down to win a competitive final match, 5 games to 3. The U11 courts featured strong groundstrokes from Zayn Kubba and some excellent serving from James Brash. Fresh from the Portugal Tennis Tour, Gregory Pyne was also seen dispatching a number of winning volleys to secure victory. Overall, the U13 team won their matches 8 - 1 and the U11s won 7 - 2.

Friendly Tennis Competition

As part of the exhibition tennis for the NGS Garden Opening on Saturday 12th May, Mr Slape will be running a fun doubles competition for boys and girls in Years 6, 7 and 8. Pupils must register in advance on a sign-up sheet next week. On the day, matches will be played between 1300 and 1500.

Tennis Tour

Photos and the video from the recent tour are now available on the school website.

IAPS Tennis

Well done to all the boys and girls who attended the trial this morning. The team is beginning to take shape and the following have been confirmed to represent Hall Grove at Millfield:

U13 Oliver Griffith, Adam Humpish, Lenni Saul, Carmen Schellekens, India Underwood and Daniela Schellekens.

U11 Zayn Kubba, Jonathan Butler, Gregory Pyne, Max Dale, Hana Evason, Amelie Lomas, Nina van Eden and Amelie Smith.

Games Notices and Reminders

Cricket Bags/Tennis Rackets

Cricket bags may be brought in on match days or for after school activities. They are not necessary for normal games sessions, and must be stored behind the pavilion.

Tennis Rackets may be brought in, but please ensure they are clearly labelled and kept in form rooms.

Saturday 5th May

Senior Cricket Training

Boys and Girls in Years 7 and 8 are invited to attend training from 0930 to 1130. An excellent opportunity for them to get some additional training.

Saturday 12th May

Danes Hill Super Teams Competition

0930 U13 girls selected please Mrs Maxfield at Hall Grove 0745

Additional Fixture

Wednesday 9th May

Rounders v St Andrews

1430 U11 B home

Friday 11th May

IAPS Cricket v Orley Farm

1515 U13 A (boys) away

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Congratulations Carina Fitzpatrick & Amber Kelsall (Year 5)

Carina and Amber recently auditioned and were invited back for recalls with The British Theatre Academy for their upcoming production of Annie Jr.

A huge congratulations to Carina for securing the 'lead role' and Amber who will play the part of Duffy.

The British Theatre Academy is a unique performing arts company that has inspired thousands of young performers over the past 30 years. They offer the opportunity to work with professionals in the theatre industry, in internationally renowned theatres and locally in our communities.

Information on performances in this beautiful musical to follow.

Chertsey Museum Education Service - Museums at Night - Friday 18th May 1700-2030

Chertsey Museum is running a free, family event for Museums at Night. The event is on Friday 18th May. Please see attached flyer.

Pangbourne Classic Car Show 2018 - Saturday 2nd June

There will be a range of vintage, classic and rare cars on show. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnics. There will be a donation of £5 per car on entrance with all proceeds going to charity.

For further details, please contact Rachel Bampton, Events Officer

Direct line: 0118 976 6701 - Main switchboard: 0118 984 2101 - www.Pangbourne.com

Alice in Wonderland - 31st May to 3rd June

Join Alice and her 'mad' friends in Berkshire ARTs Academy (BARTA) wonderful new musical adaptation of Alice in Wonderland. Will Alice find her way home? What made the Red Queen "frumious"? How mad is the Mad Hatter? All your favourite characters and more in this colourful, fun half term theatre treat for all the family. This production includes two Hall Grove Year 6 children. For more information, please [follow this link](#).