

With lively dancing, haunting songs and some evocative cinematic views of the Devon coastline, the musical show Lenutza, staged at South Hill Park this week, was a triumph. The play dealt in a sensitive way with the issue of child exploitation, following the story of a Romanian girl who escaped from an orphanage and found herself the victim of trafficking. A sad story with a happy ending, it made for an emotional evening, both for the children on stage and for their parents and guests who supported.

Congratulations to all the cast and the band, but most particularly to Mr and Mrs Hiles who wrote and directed the play, built the scenery, wrote all the music and saw the project through to a successful conclusion. The audience at the Wilde Theatre (which included the regional director of Barnardos and several Drama teachers from neighbouring schools) were bowled over by the professionalism of the boys and girls, and the school is very proud of their achievement.

This is a big year for theatrical performance at Hall Grove; we have already had four plays since September. Don't miss The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, to be performed by Year 5 in New Hall on March 26th. Some more exciting productions are planned for next term.

Lenutza - a message from the producers

It means so much to us to have received such a positive response to something that we both feel so passionate about.

We are so very proud of the cast who really brought our story to life and encaptured the sentiment of the piece with such maturity.

Andy and Hazel Hiles

Visit My Mosque Day

Last Sunday was a national day when over 250 mosques across the country opened their doors to visitors. Two days later Year 6 were warmly welcomed at the Shah Jahan mosque in Woking.

Mrs Frame wrote:

"We spent an inspiring afternoon exploring the Muslim faith at this beautiful place of worship - coincidentally the oldest mosque in Northern Europe. The children were, of course, impeccably behaved and by the end of the afternoon were proclaimed to be the school group with the most interesting and engaging questions this year!"

Our thanks to Mrs Frame for organising the outing.

DIARY REMINDERS

MARCH

Monday 11th

1900 Spring Concert in New Hall

Tuesday 12th

0835 6TH Assembly 1800 Year 5 & 6 Parents' Meeting

Thursday 14th

0835 7ST Assembly Open Morning for Prospective Parents 1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Friday 15th

0900 2KH Chocolate Factory 0945 Choristers Radio 4/LW Daily Service 1320 2LP Chocolate Factory

Monday 18th

Year 3 & 4 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 19th

0835 6AK Assembly Early Years & Pre-Prep Meetings Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meetings

Wednesday 20th

Early Years & Pre-Prep Meetings 1800 Years 7 & 8 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 21st

0835 5JF Assembly 1800 Years 7 & 8 Parents' Meetings

Friday 22nd

Co-Curricular Clubs finish

Tuesday 26th

Second Hand Uniform Sale **DROP OFF** at Pavilion
1900 Year 5 Present 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe'

Thursday 28th

1400 Early Years & Pre-Prep Performance Afternoon 1500-1700 Second-hand Uniform Sale

Friday 29th

1400 Easter Service Term Ends: 1500 Pre-Prep 1600 Years 3 and 4

1620 Years 5 and 6

1630 Years 7 and 8

1600 Old Hall Grovians' Exhibition Hockey Match

Your Health Matters: About Younger People

This talk (for adults) includes building resilience in children and young people to aid good mental health. It highlights local provision for children's emotional and mental health problems.

A talk by: Dr Katie Simpson, GP Mental Health Lead, East Berkshire CCG

Date: Thursday 21st March

Time: 1930-2030

Venue: Charters School, Main School Hall, Charters Road, Sunningdale

Free of charge - Everyone welcome - Parking available on site

World Book Day

Inspired by BBC Radio 4's *Inheritance Tracks*, Hall Grove teachers were this week asked to think instead about their *Inheritance Books*.

They were invited to name the most cherished book from their childhood and then to nominate a newer book to 'hand on' to the next generation.

A selection was presented during Thursday morning's World Book Day assembly.

Books teachers loved when they were children:

Busy, Busy World

The Little Grey Men

Babar's Cousin; That Rascal Arthur

The Children Of The New Forest

Cirque Du Freak

The Starlight Barking

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Green Egg's and Ham

The Worst Witch

Where the Wild Things Are

The Planet of the Elves

Books teachers would like to pass onto the next generation:

Farm Boy

I Am Not Sleepy and I will not go to bed

Boobela and Worm

Wonder

The D.N.A. Detectives to Cath A Thief

A Time of Gifts

The Boy in the Dress

The London Eye Mystery

Polo Team Success

The Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club was once again the setting for a series of games versus Papplewick for the Hall Grove Polo Club. Despite the wet and windy conditions, the team were full of positivity and spirits were high. The squad was split into 3 teams with Rishya Rawal, Henri Deane and William and Douglas Barr stepping in for Hall Grove along with some subs from the usual Tuesday after school club.

In the first match, Hall Grove put in a very strong performance and led from the first to the third chukka and ran out 6-1 winners, William scoring a brace of goals along the way. The second game was thrilling with a flurry of goals in worsening weather. The teams were matched up equally but Hall Grove Polo had the added advantage of some very strong teamwork and persistence in the field winning comfortably 8-1, Rishya scoring 4 goals! In the final game of the evening, with the cold air taking a firm grip on proceedings, Douglas and Henri stepped up with personal best performances in securing a clean sweep for Hall Grove Polo 7-2. Douglas was strong in defence and scored twice with Henri scoring his first goal for the team in the last second!

A very satisfying set of results for Hall Grove Polo indeed. It is noteworthy that the current team remains unbeaten. We are looking forward to the National Schools Polo Tournament on March 24th at Black Bears Polo Club in Henley where any support would be very welcome.

Second-hand Uniform Sale in Pavilion

The drop off date for clean uniform donations to the Pavilion is Tuesday 26th March but the sale will now run on Thursday 28th. If any parents would like to help sort and hang up uniform on Tuesday and/or Wednesday afternoons, or help at the sale on Thursday, please email the School Office.

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2019

7th January – 29th March Half Term:

16th - 24th February

Summer Term 2019

 $24th\ April-12th\ July$

Half Term:

25th May - 2nd June

Autumn Term 2019

9th September - 20th December

Half Term:

26th October - 10th November

Spring Term 2020

13th January - 27th March

Half Term:

15th - 23rd February

Summer Term 2020

22nd April – Friday 10th July

Half Term:

23rd - 31st May

KEY DATES 2019

Saturday 11th May

Hall Grove Country Day and Open Gardens

Friday 7th June

Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day

Saturday 8th June

Sports Day Years 3-8

Friday 28th June

Caribbean Night (Parents Social)

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

EASTER & SUMMER CAMPS

THE UNIFORM SHOP Easter Opening

Monday 15th April 1430-1730

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

6AK Assembly Diary Amendment

A reminder that 6AK Assembly has been moved to Tuesday 19th March, 0835.

Music

Spring Concert

As listed in the calendar, this year's Spring Concert will take place at 1900 in the New Hall on **Monday 11th March**. The following ensembles/choirs will all be performing:

Choristers, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Junior Brass, Junior Woodwind, Hall Grove Choir, Senior Strings, Junior Strings, String Trio and Percussion Ensemble.

Children should arrive back in school at 1830 in uniform and assemble in the Admiral Room with their instruments.

Choristers

The Choristers will be departing for their trip to Manchester on Thursday next week, and returning on Saturday. If you would like to hear them sing live on the radio, please tune unto Radio 4 Longwave for 0945 on Friday 15th March for the Daily Service programme.

Sport

Congratulations to the Polo team who played exceptionally well against Papplewick, we wish the team luck in the nationals later this month. Well done to the U10 boys who won the Hall Grove U10 Hockey Tournament on Saturday for the first time since the competition began seven years ago. The U9 boys should be very proud of their performance to finish runners-up in the Parkside Tournament at Surbiton Hockey Club. The U11 and U10 girls continued their good run of form on the lacrosse pitches with some excellent performances against Claremont Fan Court. The U10 girls also played in the St George's Netball Tournament on Saturday and performed very well in another high standard tournament. Good luck to the cross-country runners and judo players who are competing in national championships this weekend.

Please check the timesheets for up-to-date timings and venues by following this link.

Girls' Cricket - Bagshot Cricket Club

Bagshot Cricket Club are looking to recruit new players between the age of 6-13 to fill their girls teams this coming season. We have entered leagues and festivals at the U9, U11 and U13 age groups. Outdoor training begins on Tuesday 30th April and will run weekly at Bagshot Park throughout the summer. U6-U9 will train between 1700-1800. U10-U13 will train between 1815-1930. All abilities welcome. To sign your daughter up or for any further information, please contact Gabby Dunnage at gdunnage@icloud.com

Easter and May Half Term Camps

Gabby Dunnage (Surrey cricket) and Mrs Maxfield will be running an U8-U13 girls cricket camp at Hall Grove over the Easter holidays on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th April from 1000-1500 and again in May half term on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May.

The cost will be £40 for one day and £70 for both, please email k.maxfield@hallgrove.co.uk to reserve your place.

For further information on other Easter and Summer camps, please click the link in the right-hand column.

Windlesham Young Golfers Programme

Please see attached for full details.

Camberley Theatre Upcoming Shows

For further details, please follow this link.

Get Cycling!

We have two close connections with cycle companies. Spokes on Bagshot High Street is offering a 15% discount to all Hall Grove families who purchase Frog bikes for their children. Telephone 01276 536777.