

Our thanks to those who attended the garden opening last Saturday, and to the staff and children who helped on the day. It was a great afternoon with delicious teas and some fun jazz music to entertain the many visitors. The gardens and grounds looked superb, and the farm animals were a great hit!

We have collected over \pounds ,2,000 for the nursing and medical charities supported by the National Garden Scheme, a fantastic contribution to some worthwhile causes. The plant sale is still running, Mrs Buckler will be pleased to meet parents in the walled garden between 0800 and 1630 if they wish to buy vegetables or bedding plants.

Calling all Edinburgh Fringe fans!

We are delighted that two of our senior pupils, Thomas Dyson and Isabel Harvie, have secured roles in the Aquila Youth Theatre production of Lord of the Flies which will be performed from 5th-10th August at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Aquila was founded in 2015, and this year's cast comprises talented young actors from local prep schools including Hall Grove, Eagle House, Ludgrove and Lambrook. If any of our families find themselves in Edinburgh at that time, please <u>follow this link</u> to book tickets.

Cherry Trees - It's A Knockout 2019

Cherry Trees is a small charity providing home-from-home specialist short breaks for children and young adults aged 0–19 with a range of complex disabilities including learning, physical and sensory impairments. Hall Grove has supported the charity for several years after we were introduced to it by one of our families. It does amazing work with limited resources.

There is a fund-raising day on June 8th that may be of interest to Pre-Prep families. Based on the popular 1970s television show, teams of adults will compete against each other on a giant wet-and-wild inflatable assault course. A great team building day.

When is it and how long?

It is taking place on Saturday 8th June, there will be two sessions, morning and afternoon, so it will only take up half of your day.

How to Book

Call the fundraising team on 01483 222 507 to register or email events@cherrytrees.org.uk More information and a registration form are on the school website. As this is the main school Sports Day, it is likely only to be of interest to Pre-Prep parents.

DIARY REMINDERS

MAY

Saturday 18th 1230-1630 Year 4 Musical Rehearsal

Monday 20th Year 6 to Battisborough

Tuesday 21st 0835 3KD Assembly

Wednesday 22nd Year 3 Ancient Greece Day

Thursday 23rd 0835 Year 5 Battisborough Assembly (Year 5 parents welcome) Open Morning for Prospective Parents 1900 Year 4 present 'Beauty & The Beast'

Friday 24th 0900 Reception Assembly Year 6 return from Battisborough

Half Term Saturday 25th May - Sunday 2nd June

<u>JUNE</u>

Friday 7th 1000 Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day

Saturday 8th Year 3 - 8 Sports Day

Tuesday 11th Whole School Photo

Wednesday 12th 0815 Year 1 & 2 Open Classroom

Thursday 13th 1800 The Good Stuff - A guide to being happier and healthier - parents welcome

Friday 14th Choristers' Tour to Italy

Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st Royal Ascot Week

Tuesday 18th

0835 Year 8 Assembly Year 1 visit to Marwell Zoo Early Years visit to Windsor Great Park Choristers' Tour return from Italy 1900 Year 2 Parents - 'What to expect from Lower Juniors'

Wednesday 19th 0900 Reception Parents - 'What to expect from Pre-Prep'

Hall Grove Open Morning - Thursday 23rd May

There will be an Open Morning taking place on Thursday 23rd 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.

Royal Ascot Week

As Royal Ascot commences on Tuesday 18th June, please remember to book any 360 requirements via <u>360 Sports Education</u> on 01252 918888. Any <u>supper</u> requests should be made by Friday 14th June at the latest via the link above, as it is likely to be very busy!

Music

Informal Concerts

Very well done to all who performed today at our Informal Percussion & Woodwind Concert, there were some very impressive performances particularly from Cole Lam on the Clarinet and Tara Rijal on Percussion. Our next Informal Concert is for Brass and will be held on Friday 24th May at 1250 in the New Hall. As ever if your child learns an instrument outside of school, but would like to perform, please email Mrs Jill Saunders with the title and composer of the piece by Tuesday of next week. All are welcome to attend the concert.

Sport

The boys and girls have had a very busy week of sport and enjoyed the lovely weather in their lessons and matches. The junior judo team competed in the IAPS Championships this weekend. All the boys did very well, many taking part in their first competition. Congratulations to Zach Symons, who was gold medallist in his division.

The tennis team played Sunningdale on Monday, winning the U11 fixture and narrowly losing the U13. There was some nice tennis played and it is pleasing to see the tennis season underway ahead of the IAPS Championships next weekend.

The athletics team competed on Thursday night against Woodcote and there were some exceptional individual performances from the boys and girls competing in a very close and exciting competition. Woodcote won the event by just two points.

The golf team have started their season very well and played a lot of matches this week, the highlight being The Wellington Salver. James Brash won the U12 category, beating strong opposition from Millfield, Loretto and Merchiston. The following day saw James Brash and Max Dale finish second in the ISGA Junior Stableford. This is a national competition and an impressive result. A total of 24 Hall Grove golfers have represented the school in the last couple of weeks and it has been an absolute joy to see them enjoying the game so much.

The Cricket squares have been incredibly busy this week with over twenty-five matches being played. Not all the results went Hall Grove's way which doesn't reflect the effort, excitement and enthusiasm the boys and girls are showing when playing and training.

Please follow the link for further timings and results.

May Half Term & Summer Camps

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

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

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 Open Gardens Friday 7th June Early Years & Pre-Prep Sports Day Saturday 8th June Sports Day Years 3-8 Friday 28th June Caribbean Evening

<u>NEWSLETTER</u> ATTACHMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

MAY HALF TERM & SUMMER CAMPS

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