

This has been a busy and productive week with a successful open morning for new families, several inter-school matches and preparations for our garden open day tomorrow. (Do please support this event, and do not be put off by the weather forecast!)

Year 8 pupils were engaging, well-mannered and proud to be showing visitors around their school, with all prospective parents commenting on the quality of their guides.

Meanwhile, down in Devon, the two Year 5 trips went off really well. Mr Graham reported on happy children and infinitely patient teachers, all of whom packed so much into each three-day expedition. Highlights included sandcastle building on the beach, rock pool investigations, camp fire sing-songs and visits to the farm. A raging storm added to the sense of drama but did not dampen the spirits. Year 6 will be going next week.

Hall Grove NGS Garden Opening – Saturday 22nd 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 as well as the walled garden. There are a variety of trails and walks including the historic icehouse in the garden of Field House, a woodland walk and the boating lake. Entry is by way of donation, £5 per car at the gate via a cashless payment machine, all money going to the NGS charity.

This year, for our plant sale, we will be selling plants grown by the children and myself. This will include a selection of vegetables such as tomatoes and courgettes as well as some perennials and a small amount of bedding. These will be for sale in the walled garden. Payment will be cashless as we have a card machine.

Teas will be on sale and there will be live music courtesy of the Bagshot band.

Mr and Mrs Tomlin will be with us for the afternoon, and they hope to meet many of you.

Year 8 Musical Production – ‘Honey’

The Year 8's are proud to be performing their musical production, 'Honey' at Camberley Theatre on Friday 2nd July. (Matinee 1415 and Evening at 1915)

'Honey' is a new and compelling original musical based on the invisible role of young carers. Our production is in aid of the Honey-pot Children's Charity.

Sam, aged 15 years, is not only juggling with his school life, GCSEs and a part-time job, but also holding his family together as the main carer for his mother and younger siblings. He dreams of going to Drama School. How can he possibly even consider it with the weight of his obligations at home?

Please support them by [coming to see the show](#)and please spread the word!

Heroes Stamp Design Competition

The Royal Mail is running a competition for children aged 4-14 to design a stamp which represents one of the heroes who has worked to keep people safe and the country running throughout the pandemic. Entry form and details can be [found here](#).

Please return all entries to Mrs Foley by Monday 24th May 2021

Catherine Foley

Music

All four Year 5 classes have been working very hard all week(when in school!) in preparation for their filming of Aladdin next week.

ABRSM exam entries are confirmed and will take place on Thursday 24th, Friday 25 and Saturday 26th June. We are delighted to have so many children taking exams! A timetable will follow in due course.

Sport

The weather has made the sport challenging for the boys and girls this week but the show must go on! Rain and gales did not stop the pupils enjoying, cricket, tennis, netball, hockey and athletics during their games sessions. The sports teachers have been delighted with the effort shown by all, especially those who trained on Saturday morning.

Monday evening saw the Girls U13 A and Boys U13 A hockey team take on Eagle House in a one-off fixture to give the boys and girls from both schools the opportunity to play having missed the season this winter. The matches were competitive, and the standard of hockey played was excellent on both pitches. The boys game finished 4-4 after a spirited come back from Eagle House, but Hall Grove should consider themselves unlucky with numerous shots either being saved or hitting the post. The girls lost 5 – 2 against a very strong Eagle House team but must take heart from their second half performance where they didn't concede and scored 2. Next Monday, the senior girls play Eagle House at netball and the boys will lace up their boots for a game of football. Our thanks go to Eagle House who have worked closely with Hall Grove to make these matches happen.

Wednesday saw several of the boy's cricket teams play against Edgeborough and Aldro. Tricky conditions and one outstanding innings was the difference as the 1st XI bowled out of the Surrey Cup at Aldro. There is plenty of cricket to come and the senior teams will be training hard to improve. The 3rd and 4th teams both won their matches against Edgeborough along with the U11 A, B and C teams.

It has been lovely to have the parents back attending home fixtures and we would like to thank you for your understanding as the restrictions ease.

May 22nd

Garden Open Day

June 12th

Years 3 & 4: 0830 – 1000

Years 7 & 8: 1030 – 1200

June 19th

Hall Grove Tennis Tournament: Years 5 – 8

June 26th

Years 3 – 6 Girls Cricket fixtures v Valley End Cricket Club (morning fixtures; an 0930 start)

Years 5 – 8: Boys Cricket fixtures v Sunningdale (afternoon matches)

The **Ricky Clarke Cricket Academy** are holding a half term cricket camp from 1 to 4 June 2021 at Cove Cricket Club, Farnborough. They are also running a 12-week Elite Programme from September to December 2021 at Farnham Heath End School in Farnham aimed at boys and girls between 11 and 18 who are committed players seeking success at county trials. Further details can be found online at, and bookings should be made online at, www.rikkiclarkecricketacademy.co.uk.

Adult Art Classes

Mrs McVean (parent to Year 2 & 3 children), will be re-starting art classes for adults for a small group after half term. The 5 classes this term will run each Wednesday 9.30am - 12 noon starting 9th June and finishing 7th July and then will re-start in line with the school year in September. She will cover drawing; watercolour painting and acrylic painting and the classes are open to all levels from beginner up. The sessions will be relaxed and are a great option if you are looking for some creativity in your week. If you are interested in joining the classes this term or are interested in keeping in the loop for classes from September this year, please email catherinemcvean@gmail.com or call Catherine on 07387 357007 and she can send through more detailed information. For more background information please visit www.catherinemcvean.com

Free Weekly Meditation Group

Allison Cairns (Hall Grove mum) is running a weekly meditation group at the Chobham Parish Pavilion on Tuesday mornings. This is currently a closed group due to covid restrictions but she would like to invite any Hall Grove parents to join. A great way to relax and enhance emotional and mental well-being during these challenging times. There is no charge to attend, and any voluntary donations are given to charity. Please contact allison@pureenergylife.com / 07826542770.

Documents

The following documents can be found on the school website, under the parent information tab:

- Senior Schools Open Mornings Information
- May Half Term & Summer Camps
- Cricket Academy