

## **From the Headmaster – Neil Tomlin OBE**

A bumper week of activity following the return from Half Term. World Science Day, the Hall Grove Touch Typing Competition, and the Year 2 visit to Winchester Science Centre were just a few of the highlights.

I was delighted to join the Choristers trip to see Voces8 at Cadogan Hall on Wednesday night, and it was a pleasure for our 22 choristers to enjoy such a fantastic concert. It was also pleasing that other members of the audience took the time to step out of their way to compliment our children for their behaviour, level of interest and to congratulate us for having the gumption to be there at all (the only school children in the audience). Well done Miss Post and our music gap student, Jake Lacey, and to all of the Choristers.

Remembrance was also an incredibly special day at Hall Grove, and it was wonderful that many children took up the call to arms by presenting family memorabilia to their teachers for discussion in class. The presence of the NHS volunteers and the Irish Guardsmen on the drive in the morning, followed by the members of 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion The Parachute Regiment in the evening, made the day a hugely memorable event for the whole school. I suspect our Senior Section have plenty to think about following the extremely moving talk by the paratroopers who spent August evacuating entitled persons from Kabul to the United Kingdom.

Next week is 'Anti-Bullying Week'. Mrs Randall will introduce this on Monday and throughout the week children will have the opportunity to discuss, draw, act out and even dance through scenarios that ensure they think hard about bullying, the consequences of it, and the benefits of identifying it and cutting it out. Children have been asked to wear odd socks on Monday as a way of marking the day.

Plenty going on in the sporting arena. Hockey and Football colours were awarded on Monday to some exceptionally talented girls and boys. The rugby season got off to a cracking start on Wednesday. The U11 football squad who were runners up in the area IAPS football tournament, and as a result, have qualified for the National Finals to be played at Millfield on Sunday 28 November.

My last word is to congratulate Tim Cable who has been awarded a sports scholarship to Charterhouse.

## **The Independent Schools Show** **Battersea Evolution: 13 and 14 November**

We will welcome visits from any Hall Grove family or their London friends at our stand in the Independent Schools Show this weekend. We are exhibiting alongside some of the leading senior and preparatory schools in the country. The show is taking place at Battersea Evolution (Battersea Park). Sat: 1000-1700 and Sun: 1030-1630.

## **Whole School Messages**

### **Remembrance Service**

To view yesterday's Remembrance Service, please [click here](#).

Should you wish to support the work of the Royal British Legion, please follow [this link](#).

## **The Journey Curriculum Overview for Parents - Mrs Randall**

Our PSHE curriculum, 'The Hall Grove Journey', is available to view on our website under 'key information'.

The Journey is a planned, developmental programme of learning through which young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives now and at their secondary schools. As part of a whole-school approach, we develop the qualities and attributes pupils need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society. Our programme is modelled on the PSHE Association Programme of Study.

I hope that with access to the curriculum topics, parents will be able to support their children at home in discussing matters that may arise.

If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE provision, or if you have any questions, please do contact me [l.randall@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.randall@hallgrove.co.uk)

## **World Science Day - Mr McLeod and Mr Wheeler**

On Wednesday, we celebrated the United Nations' World Science Day'. The aim of the day was to take a moment to appreciate the work of scientists around the world. The children were encouraged to think about how their life would be different without recent discoveries. We have also launched a simple competition that all can get involved with. Please [see the attached poster](#) for detail of how the children can enter.

## **Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Week 15-21 November - Mrs Randall**

On Monday 15 November, all children can wear their own odd socks to school – the brighter the better! This is to show our support for Anti-Bullying week.

## **House Poster Competition - Mrs Foley**

Pupils are encouraged to design posters to show the School Values and submit them to Mrs Foley by 9th December.

The posters must be hand-drawn and can represent one or more of the values:

- Be kind and gentle
- Be respectful
- Be a good listener
- Be hard working
- Be honest and truthful
- Be polite and thoughtful

Mrs Foley will be looking for high-quality lettering and eye-catching colour. There will be winners selected from Reception – Year 2, Years 3 & 4, Years 5 & 6 and Years 7 & 8. All entrants receive a house point for entering. Top tips on lettering styles are in the Art room.

## **Specialist Crafts Catalogue - Mrs Foley**

Congratulations to former pupils Oliver Townsend and Olivia Thompson, whose artwork was chosen to be used in the new Specialist Crafts catalogue!

You can see their work [here](#)

Page 896 for Oliver's Townsend and page 544 for Olivia's Dragon's Eye  
They both will receive a £25 voucher to spend on Art materials

## **Senior Parents - Mr McLeod**

Well done to all Senior pupils that were involved in the various activities this week. Numerous Year 8 pupils had public performances, including speaking at or providing music for the formal events. Year 7 Outdoor afternoon on Thursday proved exciting, with communication and teamwork being the areas of focus. Year 8 represented the school in their usual impressive manner during their trip to Brookwood Commonwealth Cemetery, which led on from Remembrance and their studies in English lessons.

## **Senior Lecture Series**

Six soldiers from 3 PARA visited Hall Grove on Remembrance Day to deliver the Senior Lecture this week. Their talk gave the children some perspective on the lives of others and the challenges they face during such a desperate time. Like many of our lectures so far, the theme focused on the need for adaptability and a 'get it done' attitude, regardless of the odds. Perhaps more so than in previous weeks, the idea of teamwork and the support of friends was highlighted as fundamental in the success of the operation to evacuate civilians from Kabul.

This was the final of our Autumn Lecture Series, and consequently, pick-up returns to normal time on Thursdays. We will recommence in Spring, with more details coming before the end of term.

## **Exam Guidance**

Exam guidance for parents will be published early next week, with exam timetables given to the children shortly after. Exam week commences on 29<sup>th</sup> November, but we would like to stress that we do not expect the children to be spending a significant amount of time revising for the Autumn Exams. Revision will become more independent as we move through the year, as we develop their skills during Study Tutor sessions. Much of the groundwork for his revision is completed in class over the coming weeks.

## **Upper Juniors Parents - Mr Wheeler**

**Year 5 Wellington Chemistry Spectacular-  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, our Year 5s will be going to Wellington College to experience their Chemistry Spectacular. The show celebrates all things Chemistry and is a wonderful experience headed up by the Scientists at Wellington. It's a real highlight of the Autumn term, and we hope to inspire those scientists of the future. Or at the very least, excite those who like explosions! The pupils will leave on a coach after lunch and will be back for pick up.

Mr Wheeler

### **Year 5 & 6 'A Night at the Movies' Friday 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

As this is an advertised school event, we expect every child to be involved in both performances. If there are extenuating circumstances that means your child is unable to attend one of the performances, **please let us know this weekend** to allow us time to make subsequent adjustments. Please can you email Miss Erridge (dance teacher) directly to let her know, [l.erridge@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:l.erridge@hallgrove.co.uk).

For all final information on costumes, timings etc., please click [here](#).

Miss Post

### **Year 6 Introduction To Boarding - Mr Cottrell**

Year 6 have an optional 'Introduction to Boarding' night on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. This will be an overnight stay at school, allowing the children to get a taste of boarding life at Hall Grove and a feel for boarding in general. This may be helpful to open the options of future senior schools that offer full, weekly or flexi boarding options.

The evening will include an evening activity, followed by pizza, and a film on our return to school. The children will stay at school at the end of the day and should be collected at 0900 on Saturday morning.

The cost is £20 per child. This will include an evening activity, supper, and breakfast on Saturday morning before collection. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like your child to take part, [please click here](#).

### **Lower Junior Parents - Miss Furness**

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. They have settled quickly and are full of smiles. It was such a treat for us all having a Q&A with our visiting soldiers on Thursday. I am sure it will be a day they will all remember fondly.

The children also completed their Autumn Term Touch Typing Competition this week. We eagerly await the results.

Year 3 children are now in Houses and had their first House meeting this morning. The House Captains were very keen to welcome them. House badges were also awarded to the top four tick earners of each year group in each House.

A reminder that the children can wear odd socks on Monday in support of Anti-Bullying week. Also, the children need to start getting busy on their science posters for World Science Day. Information is on the children's Frog page.

Black coats and wellies are now a must-have item in school. Please ensure they are brought in on Monday, clearly labelled, please.

### **Pre-Prep Parents - Miss Hitchcox**

The children have settled well after their half term break and have been working hard. Please can we remind you that our lessons begin at 0845 in Pre-Prep, so it would be extremely beneficial for your child to be in school by 0830.

This week, Year 1 have been looking at bossy verbs as part of their instruction writing. The children have been exploring Diwali, the festival of light, by creating their own firework paintings and making diva lamps.

Year 2 blasted into their week with a virtual trip to the moon, and they produced some excellent writing. They ended their week with a fantastic trip to Winchester Science Centre, where they had the opportunity to investigate rockets and explore the various space exhibits. The Planetarium was a particular highlight!

Our new weekly Talking Points memo went live on Tapestry this week and will do going forward each Monday morning. Please do have a look and discuss these activities with your child. I am sure they will have lots to tell you about their week!

### **Early Years Parents - Mrs Tomlinson**

It was lovely to see some of you for our new weekly Stay and Play on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed your visit, and it gave you a glimpse into your child's experiences in The Barn. We are limited by numbers, 5 per year group each week, for the time being. To ensure everyone can have a turn, please only sign up for one session for this term. There will be plenty of other opportunities later in the year for you to join us. When you do visit, please ensure you have completed a recent Lateral Flow test.

A reminder to please ensure your child's black waterproof trousers have been returned to school after a good clean over the half term.

Library days are Tuesday for Reception and Thursday for Pre-School. Please ensure your child comes to school with their library book to return on these days. If you have any still at home from before half term, please make sure they are brought back next week.

### **Performing Arts - Miss Post**

**Music**

This week at Hall Grove almost felt like an extended singing festival with an Informal Vocal Concert, a trip to see Voices8 and some exemplary congregational singing in our Remembrance Service. Well done to every singer involved in the lunchtime concert, all of whom sang with confidence, characterization and faultless tuning!

Our next Informal Concert is the Pre-Prep concert on Tuesday 16th November. If your child is in Year 1 or 2 and has lessons outside of school but would like to take part, please email [music@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:music@hallgrove.co.uk) over the weekend. As ever family and friends are more than welcome to attend – we will start at 1245 in the Performance Studio.

### Music Exams

A timetable will be sent out for the exams on December 4th next week. Please look out for an email from the Music Department.

## **Sport - Mr Tullett**

Well done to all the boys and girls who attended the half term training camps, they were very popular, it was wonderful to see so many boys and girls enjoying the coaching over the two days.

The second half of term has started very well for both the boys and girls teams. The girls continued their fine form on the hockey pitches with some excellent results against Crosfields, the Senior girls demonstrating they are a force to be reckoned with on the circuit.

The boys kicked off the rugby season on the front foot, with the seniors winning their games against Hoe Bridge. The juniors played some very close and competitive fixtures ending the day with honours even.

The boys 1st XI and U11 A Football teams continue to play well, and both are involved in the quarter and semi-final stages of the Surrey cup. We wish them well over the coming weeks in these tournaments and, of course, the best of luck to the U11 A team in the National IAPS finals at Millfield in two weeks.

For information on fixtures, please use the school website.

## **School Adverts**

### **Documents**

The following documents can be found on the school website, under the parent information tab:  
Senior Schools Open Mornings Information

### **School Uniform Shop Opening Times**

#### **Term-Time Only Opening Times**

Mondays: 0800 - 0915

Thursdays: 1500 – 1730

To access the online Uniform Shop service, please visit The Direct Clothing Company website and follow the link to Hall Grove School. There are also instructions on the school website.

The Uniform Shop email: [uniformshop@hallgrove.co.uk](mailto:uniformshop@hallgrove.co.uk)

The Direct Clothing Company: <https://www.thedirectclothing.co.uk/school/hall-grove-school/>

### **Staff and Parent social bike ride**

The next staff and parent road ride will take place on Sunday November 21st, departing Hall Grove at 0900. Our first outing was an enormous success despite the rain towards the end. Thank you to all those who attended; it was lovely to ride with former and current parents. The ride will be at an average speed of 15/16 mph, and a road bike will be necessary. Coffee and cake will be provided halfway. If you would like further information, contact Mr Lewis or Mr Tullett.

## **Public Notices**

### **Supporting Immune Health - Online talk 19 November 13:00**

Kathryn Watson (Year 5 and 2 parent) is a BANT Registered Nutritional Therapist and Health Coach and will be running an online talk with Q&A on Friday 19th November at 13:00.

With days getting shorter, weather chillier and people mixing again, runny noses, coughs and viruses are rather on-trend right now. In this lunchtime hour Zoom workshop, you will learn about what nutrients/foods and certain lifestyle choices support a healthy immune system for you and your family and how to implement them into your everyday easily.

For more information and to book your place

<https://www.kathrynjwatson.com/events>

Kathryn has her own Instagram feed, which may be helpful also under the link to the event

<https://www.instagram.com/kathrynwatsonnutrition>

### **Aldershot Development Centre – Football Coaching**

Football coaching for U7 – U14's.

Wednesday evenings 6.30pm - 8 pm during term time.

Please see attached flyer for more information