

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Another busy week draws to a close, with some really dramatic weather to contend with! We move now into the hectic part of the Autumn term as we build up to the end of term and the Christmas holidays. We are aware that Year 7 and 8 pupils will have a busy week of exams ahead of them alongside a number of key sporting commitments. Good luck to the Colts team for their football final on Saturday afternoon, and to the 1st XI who are playing their final on Monday.

Olympic Medallist Visit - Friday 30th November

We are delighted to announce that Crista Cullen, Olympic Bronze medallist as part of the woman's hockey team, will be visiting Hall Grove. Crista will be speaking in the Upper School assembly and then will run a Masterclass for the girls from Years 5 to 8 at 0900. Please could those girls come to school dressed in their games kit on Monday and bring their uniform to change into after the session.

Years 5 and 6 Parent Interview Schedules

The Years 5 and 6 schedules were sent home with the children yesterday for the Parent Interviews taking place on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th December.

Reception - Tuesday 18th December

The Reception children would like to invite their parents to their classrooms on Tuesday 18th December at 1430 to see their Learning Journeys and have Christmas biscuits. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friends of Hall Grove

Thank you to those who attended the Friends of Hall Grove meeting last night. Details of some of the ideas discussed will go out next week.

Proposed Cricket Tours for 2013 and 2014

We are aware that there were a number of children who were disappointed not to have toured South Africa with the 1st XI squad last February and, therefore, we are proposing to run a development tour to Antigua in Easter 2013. The tour will last for ten days, with six matches and will cost around £1,900. This trip is open to boys in Years 7 and 8 and those who expressed an interest in touring South Africa last year will be given priority. Please email firm interest to Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) by Friday 30th November. Fifteen children will need to be confirmed for the tour to be viable.

A 1st XI squad will again tour Cape Town in February 2014 and this will be open to boys who are currently in Years 6 and 7. We remain fully committed to this biennial trip following the success of the previous four tours and strong relationships forged with our South African counterparts. Further details of this trip will follow next year, but please email interest to Mr Lewis (t.lewis@hallgrove.co.uk).

Music Department

Pre-Prep Concert

Apologies for missing out Benedikt Meyer-Bothling from the list of performers in last week's Newsletter.

Ensembles

Most instrumental ensembles will be running as normal during exam week, although there are a few exceptions. If your child is in any doubt, they should bring their instrument to school just in case.

Carol Service

Just a quick reminder that if any friends or relatives wish to sing alto, tenor or bass in the Carol Service on Tuesday 18th December, please contact Mrs Salmond Smith (l.salmondsmith@hallgrove.co.uk) for details.

Sports News

Netball

The girls' netball has experienced a busy week with a variety of results. The significant rainfall on Wednesday and high winds on Thursday certainly gave an interesting twist to the matches, particularly for our U8s who found the ball they had thrown often going in the opposite direction courtesy of the wind.

This week's netball results are as follows:

1 st VII - Highfield Tournament	won one match and lost two
U11 v Hawley Place	won 12 - 0
U10 A v Hawley Place	lost 10 - 4
U9 A v Eagle House	won 8 - 1
U9 B v Eagle House	won 1 - 0
U8 A v Eagle House	lost 3 - 1
U8 B v Eagle House	lost 2 - 0
U8 C v Eagle House	lost 1 - 0

Junior Netball House Matches - Saturday 24th November

Years 3, 4 and 5 girls should arrive at school for 0830. Matches will start at 0900 and should finish by 1030. The girls should wear their house t-shirts.

Girls' Hockey Training Matches - Thursday 29th November

Next Thursday the hockey training match for the U8s will be played from 1400 to 1500 and for the U9s from 1430 to 1530.

Hall Grove Invitational Netball Tournament - Saturday 1st December

Please be advised that the U10 A, U10 B, U9 A and U9 B teams will be playing in this tournament.

Football

Congratulations to the U8s for an excellent football season. The boys have played four matches since half term and they have been extremely successful as a year group. It has also been noted that they have played some fantastic football and the signs are good for the coming years.

This week's football results are as follows:

U8 A - Triangular	Lanesborough:	lost	2 - 0	Parkside:	won	1 - 0
U8 B - Triangular	Lanesborough:	won	4 - 0	Parkside:	won	2 - 1
U8 C - Triangular	Lanesborough:	won	2 - 0	Parkside:	won	3 - 0
U8 D - Triangular	Lanesborough:	won	3 - 0	Parkside:	drew	0 - 0

U11 Surrey Cup Final - Saturday 24th November

Good luck to the Colts A in their Surrey Cup Final against Rokeby at Chelsea's training ground in Chobham tomorrow at 1415. The team has had a wonderful season and we wish them well for their final match.

1st XI Surrey Cup Final - Monday 26th November

The 1st XI Surrey Cup Final is being played on Monday evening at 1900 at Molesey Football Club (postcode KT8 2JG) against Danes Hill and it would be great to see as many supporters there as possible. Everyone is welcome and we know the boys would thoroughly appreciate the support of pupils and parents.

Rugby

On a horribly cold day the boys showed grit given the adverse conditions. Special mention should go to the U10 B team for their two good victories. We are now looking forward to this weekend, with our U10s and U9s competing in a very strong field at the King's House Tournament.

This week's rugby results are as follows:

2 nd XV v Aldro	lost	24 - 10		
3 rd XV v Aldro	lost	37 - 0		
Colts A - Triangular	Feltonfleet:	lost	14 - 0	Aldro: lost 21 - 7
Colts B - Triangular	Feltonfleet:	lost	35 - 0	Aldro: won 20 - 14
Colts C - Triangular	Feltonfleet:	lost	heavy loss	Aldro: lost 27 - 7
U10 A - Triangular	Feltonfleet:	drew	10 - 10	Aldro: lost 15 - 5
U10 B - Triangular	Feltonfleet:	won	40 - 15	Aldro: won 40 - 20
U10 C - Triangular	Feltonfleet:	lost	40 - 35	Aldro: lost 40 - 15
U9 A v Hoe Bridge	lost	20 - 15		
U9 B v Hoe Bridge	lost	15 - 5		
U9 C v Hoe Bridge	drew	10 - 10		
U9 D v Hoe Bridge	won	25 - 0		

King's House Rugby Tournament - Saturday 24th November

The U10 and U9 are to meet at Hall Grove at 0800. The tournament is being played at King's House playing fields (postcode W4 2SH) and not at the school. Please ensure the children are dressed warmly.

Sports Kit

There are an increasing number of children who regularly do not bring in their full games kit. Please could parents ensure the required kit is in school. As the weather becomes wetter and colder it is essential that the children have lots of layers to wear. They are encouraged to wear their school skins, tracksuits and/or the over-jacket with the quarter zip.

Please note that girls are playing both netball and hockey this term so they must have a mouthguard, shinpads and the correct socks (white ankle socks for netball and long black and red socks for hockey).

Hall Grove Judo Teams Competition - Saturday 1st December

Five man Junior teams and seven man Senior teams will be competing against several other schools in this annual event. Please come and support – spectators are most welcome. The competition starts at 1000 and should finish at approximately 1200. All players (judoka) should come wearing their judo kit.

Sebastian's Action Trust Gift Fair

A huge thank you to all who supported the annual Sebastian's Action Trust Gift Fair on Saturday 10th November – over £3,200 was raised. The gift fair was a fabulous day out for all members of the family. Shoppers stocked up on gifts, cakes and crafts from some of the terrific stalls – regulars as well as some newcomers. Delicious refreshments were on sale throughout the day keeping visitors refreshed and sated, and every year group hosted wonderful tombolas, games, etc. Sebastian's mother and Director of Sebastian's Action Trust, Jane, said, "We are absolutely delighted with this achievement, which once again shows the strength of community spirit which saw pupils, parents and teachers all working together to raise funds for a cause that is closely associated with the school. The gift fair would not be possible without the fantastic support offered by all of the year reps and the incredibly enthusiastic children who relished the opportunity to help others with complex medical conditions who face challenging times." Congratulations go to Thomas Peters (Year 1) who won the 'Guess the Sweets in a Jar' competition and to Jemima McKechnie (Year 3) who won the prize from the Money Tree.

Newsletter Attachments

The following document is attached to this week's newsletter:

- Minutes of the Friends of Hall Grove Meeting

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Personal Pilates Instructor

Tone your body, improve your posture, strengthen your core, improve your flexibility, reduce back pain...

Hall Grove parent and qualified Pilates Instructor, Lucie Murray, is offering one to one lessons in the comfort of your own home. Lucie has been practising Pilates for over ten years, is qualified to teach all levels and is currently offering Hall Grove parents a free initial consultation and half price first lesson. If it takes up too much time visiting the gym or you hate large classes and you prefer a friendly and focused lesson at a time to suit you then call Lucie on 07920 483277. She will be happy to answer any questions and book you in to develop a personalised Pilates programme to help achieve your goals.

English Language Course for Au-Pairs starting in January 2013

The course runs for ten weeks at 9.30-11.30am, on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Windlesham, from 8th January to 21st March. The total cost is £280. The maximum number in the group is six, so participants will have the chance to make some new friends, but still receive lots of individual attention. There is a pre-course Language Assessment to ensure that all participants are of a similar standard (usually around Upper Intermediate). The teacher is fully qualified and experienced. For further information, please e-mail sara@mortonbusinessenglish.co.uk or telephone 07941 936254.

