

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

First of all I would like to wish you all a very happy Foundation Day! Today's celebrations began with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Father Frank during which we thanked God for New Hall and all the many gifts and blessings we have at school. Thank you to Father Frank for giving up his valuable time, Miss Hunter for organising this Mass and to all the parents who joined us for this special service.

To celebrate Foundation Day and the end of National Children's Book Week, all Preparatory School pupils enjoyed exciting storytelling workshops with the famous Charlie Wilson from Crickcrack storytelling.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festivals took place on Tuesday 4 October.



The children delighted us with their wondering singing and poetry recitals; the orchestra accompanied our hymns beautifully and we were all moved by the prayers which Key Stage 2 pupils had written. Both Harvest Festivals reminded us of the beauty of God's creation and how grateful we should be for all the food and drink we have.



There was an amazing collection of foods such as chocolate, pasta, biscuits and Christmas cakes that will all go to Harvest for the Hungry as well as helping to fill the NHVS Christmas Parcels for the Elderly. The collections at the end of the festival raised a tremendous £300.82. Well done and thank you to everyone who donated and took part on this wonderful day.

Golden Book Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were entered into the Golden Book this week:

6M	Laura Hedges Cameron Lee Katriya Levine	6S	Joseph August Lillian Bartella Ellena Collett Megan Cotton
5A	Darcy Courtney-Cook Annabelle Harle James Holt Aidan Sherlock	5T	William Banks John Barber Samuel Jones Ella Phelps

4D	Liberty Bates Emily Conrad Victoria Hollick Abbie Jackson	4R	Theodore Clark Matthew Jones Daisy Theakston Isabella Warren
3K	Robin Brown Thomas Henderson Jacob Pullum	3RI	Jake Bain Coral Dunk Sophie Hughes Oliver Warn
3RE	Oliver Clayden Brenna Doyle Ana Cristina Mead Felix Russell	2T	Elizabeth Jones Samuel Maddison Isabelle Maze Tobias McBurney
2H	Madeleine Hamilton Oliver Haslam Anthony Macleod Tyler Tombs	1G	Isabella Basile Katie Bateman Isabella Chapman Anish Nikam
1S	Elisabeth Dalby Louisa Napper Fredrick Searle	RG	Elisha Burns Oliver Radley Roberto Ronco Tilly Southgate
RH	Thalia Adams Katie-Ana Drew Thomas Harrison Jessica Pullum	PR	Anna-Kaye Fullerton Joseph Mapuranga Olivia Pitt

6S Assembly

As part of the Year 6's topic, *Is it right to fight?*, 6S presented their class assembly on Thursday, about World War 2 and the life of an evacuee. They also explored how times were very different from when our grandparents grew up. 6S performed a scene from a novel they have been studying called *Goodnight Mister Tom* and sang a beautiful song about evacuees journeying on a train to their unknown destination. The class recited a poem about an evacuee and shared all the things you needed to pack on the long journeys into the countryside. Everyone also sang *We'll Meet Again* by Vera Lynn, a war-time classic. Thank you to Mrs Smith and the children of 6S for their hard work and to the parents who came along to support them.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents' Association for funding our brand new PA system with microphones and radio microphones. 6S used this for the first time in their class assembly this morning and many parents commented on what a difference it made to the children's performance.

Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle

On 21 September, Year 3 went on a school trip to Colchester Castle, to help with their *Rotten Romans* topic. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed building a Roman villa and Celtic roundhouse, and noticing the differences in design and construction. They also had the opportunity to be archaeologists, searching for evidence from different periods of time. Colchester Castle has a fascinating display of artefacts from the Roman period and the children were amazed to see actual objects that had been burnt by Boudica and her supporters during the revolt. Thank you to all the adult helpers who were so fantastic on the day.



Class Assemblies

Parents of children in 5A and 4D are warmly invited to attend their class assembly on the dates below. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am before all assemblies.

Wednesday 12 October 2011 - Class 5A

Thursday 20 October 2011 - Class 4D

Notices

Dogs on Site

Please could we remind you that dogs are not permitted on the New Hall site.

Dropping off instruments

Please note that if you are dropping off instruments, including guitars and cellos, this should be done in the room next to MU3. Under no circumstances should instruments be stored in the Preparatory School cloakrooms. If your child's music lesson takes place in the Preparatory School then their instruments should be placed in either of the practice rooms.

Arriving at school before 8.00am

Could we please remind parents that the school does not open until 8.00am. Children should not be left unsupervised on the school grounds before this time.

Sports Kit

We are very proud of our new sports kit which was developed in conjunction with the Parents' Forum and the School Council. Our children have looked very smart wearing this kit whilst representing the school at different fixtures. Having introduced it last year, the transition period has now passed and all pupils should be wearing the new kit.

Gym Squad

Please note that Gym Squad will be cancelled on Thursday 20 October 2011 due to Parents' Evening.

Sport

Rugby

Please note that the Colts Rugby Festival, scheduled for this Sunday 9 October, has been cancelled. This is due to the pitches being too hard and unsafe to use following the recent dry weather. Apologies to anyone that this may affect and we hope the weather will be more favourable for rugby next year.

Please note the following changes to sport fixtures:

- U9 Rugby v Widford Lodge on Saturday 8 October is now cancelled
- U10 and U11 rugby v Bishop Stortford College is now on Friday 14 October, away starting at 3.45pm
- U9 A, B and C Football v Holmwood House is now on Wednesday 19 October, away starting at 2.30pm
- U8 Tag Rugby v Widford Lodge is on 14 November at New Hall with a 3.15pm start

Netball

The U10 netball team played in hot summer temperatures last Friday against Elm Green School and once again showed great quality of play and excellent team work. Eloise Winsor (Year 5) and Elizabeth Murphy (Year 5) gained ten goals between them against only two from the opposition. This was largely due to the determination and persistence of Katherine Barber (Year 5) who fought constantly to prevent the other team's shooters from having a chance of scoring. Katherine was rightly voted player of the match by her observant team. The U11 team had a disappointing first half against a much stronger opposition, who managed to score ten goals in each of the first two quarters. This was a great blow to the girls, but with an excellent example from Megan Cotton (Year 6), who refused to give up or become down-hearted, the team pulled together and Megan Cotton was appropriately voted player of the match by her team.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Conrad

Mrs S H Conrad
HEADTEACHER

What's New This Week? is issued every Friday during the school term. If you have any news which you would like published in an edition of *What's New This Week?*, please email e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 10 Oct	9.30am	Year 6 Essex Records Office Visit
Tues 11 Oct	9.45am	Year 5 Essex Records Office Visit
Wed 12 Oct	8.50am	5A Class Assembly
Wed 12 Oct	1.15am	U11 Rugby v Old Buckenham Hall (A)
Wed 12 Oct	1.45am	U10/U11 Hockey v Felsted (A)
Wed 12 Oct	3.30pm	U9 Netball v FKS (H)
Thurs 13 Oct	9.00am – 3.00pm	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Thurs 13 Oct	2.45pm	Years 5 & 6 Cross Country – Hylands
Fri 14 Oct	3.45pm	U10/U11 Rugby v Bishops Stortford College (A)
Fri 14 Oct		U11 Netball Tournament (A)
Fri 15 Oct	All Day	Taster Day for 2012 Year 7 Students
Mon 17 Oct	All Day	Ten Ten Theatre Company
Mon 17 Oct	4.30 – 8.00pm	Parents Evening
Wed 19 Oct	1.30 – 4.00pm	U9A/U9B/U9C Boys Football v Holmwood House; A
Wed 19 Oct	7.30pm	NHPA AGM
Thu 20 Oct	4.30 – 8.00pm	Parents Evening
Fri 21 Oct	2.30 – 5.00pm	U10/U11 Girls Hockey v Chigwell School; A
Fri 21 Oct	4.30pm	Half Term begins



New Hall Parents' Association

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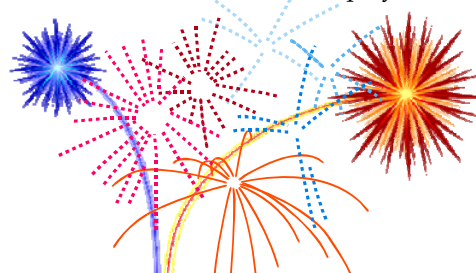
NHPA AGM

You are warmly invited to attend the New Hall Parents' Association AGM on Wednesday 19 October at 7.30pm in the North Room in the Senior School. Mrs Conrad and Mrs Jeffrey will be attending and there will be the opportunity to meet some of the Governors.

Grand Fireworks Display

The NHPA are presenting a Grand Firework Display on Saturday 12 November 2011 on the rugby pitches behind Walkfares. The gates open at 5.00pm with the display starting between 7.00pm – 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children over the age of 3.

There will be rides, sideshows, a licensed bar, food and beverages and a fantastic fireworks display.



Tickets can be purchased from Lucy Brignell in the Preparatory School Office (l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk) or via Mark Myers on 07771 768 228.

Prayer Corner

Dear Lord,

We thank you Lord for our Harvest.

We thank you for the warm sunshine, the refreshing rain and the rich soil which help our crops grow.

Please send your blessing on the hard-working farmers, who work day and night to collect in the harvest.

We give gifts today, so that others may know of your bountiful harvests.

Help us remember at this time, those who are hungry, ill or less fortunate than ourselves.

May we be generous in our giving and always mindful of their needs.

We ask this in your name.

Amen.

(Class prayer 5A)



Wow Words of the Week

Words of the Week 5 Solution

Queue!

Well done to Max Lawes in 4R for solving this.

Words of the Week Number 6

This week's challenge is especially for Children's Book Week. Find the titles and authors of these popular children's books hidden here. Think carefully about the INITIAL letter in EACH word of the title, e.g. which book is BB by AS? Answer: Black Beauty by Anna Sewell.

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| 1. D by SH | 9. TRC by EN |
| 2. TG by JD | 10. PP by JMB |
| 3. WTW by VT | 11. GMT by MM |
| 4. HH by FS | 12. JATGP by RD |
| 5. TTOPR by BP | 13. CW by EBW |
| 6. PAL by JM | 14. HPATGOF by JKR |
| 7. TH by DKS | 15. TSOUE by LS |
| 8. WTP by AAM | |

Calling all book detectives out there!

Please write your answer on a piece of paper with your name and class on it. Please hand into Mrs E Thorogood by Tuesday morning at the latest.

Parents please refrain from doing these for the pupils.

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 33 Solution

A river!

There were nine winners this week; Max Lawes, Molly Reynolds, Hannah Greenland, Ben Hutton Penman, Olivia Buckland (all Year 4), Freddie Beecroft, Sam Jones, Callum Westwood (all Year 5), Jamie Norman (Year 6).

Brain Challenge Number 34

How many days?

Froggie fell down a 10 foot well. He cannot hop out. He has to climb out. He climbs 3 feet a day, but during the night, while resting, he slips back two feet. At this rate, how many days will it take to climb out of the well?

You must respond on paper by Tuesday morning with your name and class on it and hand it to Mr Shah or leave it on his desk in the Science Laboratory.

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