

# What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

## Key Stage 2 Prizegiving



On Thursday evening, we welcomed Dec's brother, Father Dermott Donnelly to our Key Stage 2 Prizegiving ceremony. It was a wonderful occasion during which we acknowledged the efforts and achievement of all our pupils. We thank Father Dermott for giving up his valuable time to be with us; his address was an inspiration to us all.

## Final Assembly

It was lovely to see so many parents at our final assembly this morning. This week is tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to several members of staff and pupils. On Wednesday evening, we celebrated Mass with our Year 6 pupils who will be leaving us today. The service was very moving and Father Frank gave all the children a special blessing asking God to guide them as they begin the next stage of their life.

I wish all our leavers, staff and pupils, all the best in whatever they undertake and wherever they may go and I wish you all a very relaxing, safe and restful summer.

## Drop-In Sessions

Looking towards September, our 'drop-in' sessions on Monday proved very popular. We hope you found these a useful way to meet your child's teacher for next year and an opportunity to discuss any questions regarding next year's curriculum and timetable.

## Year 4 Trip to Kentwell Hall

On Wednesday 29 June, Year 4 visited Kentwell Hall to complete their Tudor Time Travel topic. They were greeted at the gate by the guards who checked us for signs of the plague, before allowing us in. We met all of the Tudors who were employed by the Master and Mistress, from

woodcutters to alchemists and mercenary soldiers. These are some of the children's comments:

"The alchemist was my favourite. He had a jar of eyeballs and a dried chameleon".

"I liked learning how to do the clog dance".

"We had a brilliant time. It was the first time I have used a bow and arrow".

"Please can I come out of the stocks now"?



## NHVS Strawberry Tea



The Infant Choir entertained the senior citizens at the Strawberry Tea, on Wednesday last week. They enchanted the audience with a variety of songs from their repertoire and the choir and the audience really enjoyed the experience.

## Literacy

### Literacy Challenge

Next term sees the arrival of a new weekly Literacy Challenge, WOW (Words of the Week). Puzzles and challenges will be set, challenging you to explore words and increase your vocabulary. The first challenge is situated at the end of this newsletter to keep you thinking over the summer holidays.

Ready....steady.....READ!



Inspired by our annual visitor, April, from Chelmsford Library, pupils this week have taken home a special book mark and information sheet about this year's exciting summer holiday reading challenge, 'Circus Stars'. Register at ANY local library in Essex, and get ready to enjoy a fantastic read. Enjoy a minimum of six books to collect stickers for your very own circus stage ~ complete the challenge and become the proud owner of a special gold medal! We hope you will then be inspired to read even more books during the long summer break, and we look forward to presenting a record number of certificates in assembly in September. The Reading Ringmaster has a message for you all: 'Roll up, roll up, roll up and tread the terrific tightrope between fabulous fiction and non-fiction. Are you brave enough to put your head into the mouth of a fantasy? If you survive, razzle-dazzle other readers with your own recommended reads! We look forward to hearing from all you budding acrobats, funny clowns, and fearless fire breathers about your best books. For readers aged 10+, remember you have your own special challenge: Circus fever has come to town, so go along to your local library and join in. Best of luck earning your gold medal and certificate this year! Happy Reading Circus Stars!' Further information about the UK's biggest reading promotion can be found on the Circus Stars website, [www.circus-stars.org.uk](http://www.circus-stars.org.uk)

### Horrid Henry

As featured on our World Book Day, the new Horrid Henry movie featuring Theo Stevenson is being released on 29 July 2011.



### The Tiger Who Came to Tea

The Tiger Who Came to Tea is coming to the West End for the very first time. It will be showing at the Vaudeville Theatre in London from Wednesday 6 July to Sunday 4 September.

### Generations Dance Show

Official photographs of Generations are available to purchase via [www.photoboxgallery.com/NewHallDance2011](http://www.photoboxgallery.com/NewHallDance2011) and a DVD is also available to purchase. Please contact the Preparatory School Office for a DVD order form.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

This year, for the first time, we will be sending the co-curricular and extra-curricular clubs pack to you during the summer holidays. Contained in this pack will be the Preparatory School booklet along with information regarding tennis, dance, gymnastics, golf and fencing.

### Sport

#### Cricket

Following the excitement of Sports Day, the Key Stage 1 and 2 Fathers' Cricket Match took place. The Key Stage 1 team made 74 runs all out. In reply, the Key Stage 2 team hit 75 with 2 overs to spare winning by 4 wickets. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Stone for their generosity in providing the 'Hog Roast' and Mr Ruiz for additional refreshments. Contributions of £200.00 went to Little Havens Hospice.



#### Sailing

New Hall School were well represented at the RS Tera National Championships at Hayling Island Sailing Club over the weekend. There were over 80 entries from all over the country including the Isle of Mann. The fleet was split into two, the smaller sailed Sport version of the boat being sailed by the younger and lighter sailors and the larger sailed Pro version for the bigger and more experienced. Weather was almost perfect with sea breezes kicking in by 12 to give wind conditions in the afternoons of 12 - 15 knots. The race officer pushed the children hard with eight races over the two days so the children were on the water a long time. Lucy Greenwood and Ben Hutton-Penman sailed in the Sport version and both did really well in a very competitive fleet with lots of local Hayling Island sailors having a distinct "home advantage" in the tricky tidal conditions. In the final standings Lucy finished 38th and Ben 25th. Ben won an Endeavour prize for being so young and finishing all the races and also was third overall in the under 10 category, this being achieved having only sailed the Tera once before!! James and Kathryn Hutton-

Penman sailed in the Pro fleet, James was defending the title he won last year. Kathryn sailed well, especially on Sunday with a best position of third, to finish 8th overall. James, with two firsts and two thirds, was lying second on Saturday night but then sailed brilliantly on Sunday under pressure, winning three of the four races and coming second in the other to win overall. James therefore defended his title and is RS Tera National Champion for the second year running.



### Charity

#### Race for Life

Abigail James in 2P will be taking part in the Race for Life on 17 July at Highlands Park. She is doing this for her Auntie who is currently receiving treatment for breast cancer and is hoping to raise over £100.00. If you would like to help Abigail raise money for Cancer Research, you can make a donation via [www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/alisonjames1710](http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/alisonjames1710). Thank you for your support.

### Notices

#### Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Cameron Clarke (5F) - named tracksuit jacket

Could all parents please check names on uniform items. If any of these items are found, please hand in to the School Office.

Yours sincerely

*Sarah Conrad*

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**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 [l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk)

### Forthcoming Events

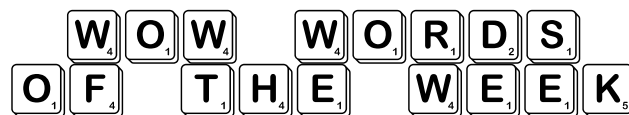
| Date        | Time            | Event   |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| Tues 6 Sept | 8.40am          | Term starts   |
|             | 9.00am - 9.30am | Epi-Pen Protocol Meeting for Preparatory School Parents |
| Wed 7 Sept  | 8.50am          | Beginning of Year Assembly                              |

## BRAIN CHALLENGE

### Brain Challenge Number 29 Solution:

SIGHT, YOUNGSTER, BALMY, BEHIND, HONESTY

The winners are: Molly Reynolds (Year 3), Finlay Ramjane (Year 5), Joseph Beddoe (Year 5), Jasmine Turner-Maynard (Year 6), Natalie Chan (Year 6) and Lucy Greenwood (Year 6).



### WOW Number 1

Which one of the following does not belong with the others?

BINOCULARS, EYEGLASSES, GOGGLES, HANDLEBARS, JEANS, PLIERS, SCISSORS, SHOES, TWEEZERS.

What do the following words have in common?

CONQUERED, ALSO, FRONT, DEVoured, ATTACKS.

**Hint:** Think about some synonyms for these words

Can you find 13 animals hidden in these words?

PHEASANT OADDER ATURTLE ECHAREELIONEW TIGER

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



## *Prayer Corner*

This week we pray for:

Thank you Father God for this school year,  
for all we've learned, for all we've done,  
for all the fun, for all the smiles from all of our friends.

Thank you for this our school,  
for all who've worked so hard this year  
We pray you will bless them and help them to rest  
and be refreshed.

Amen

## **Fundraising for the Congo**



Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has  
helped us exceed our goal.

GRAND TOTAL

**£7,230.82**