

# What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents

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## Staffing for the Academic Year 2011-2012

### Staff/Classes 2011-2012

Current Class	Teacher 2011-2012	Class 2011-2012
Pre-Reception	Mrs Kelly	RK
Pre-Reception	Mrs Gardner	RG
RU	Mr Smart	1S
RG	Miss Gibson	1G
1M	Miss Hunter	2H
1G	Mrs Tollisen*	2T
2H	Mrs Reynolds	3RE
2R	Ms Kirwan	3K
2P	Miss Rivers	3RI
3H	Mrs Dolding	4D
3M	Mrs Read	4R
4R	Mrs Thorogood	5T
4D	Miss Allen	5A
5T	Mr McIntosh	6M
5F	Mrs Smith	6S

Mrs Ho You will be taking up a new full time role of 'floating' teacher, providing internal supply cover.

\*Please note that after her marriage this summer, Miss Ullmer will be named Mrs Tollisen.

### Staff Leavers

As you are already aware, Mrs Kightley will be retiring at the end of this year after 15 years of loyal service to New Hall. We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Fannon, another long serving member of staff, who has been appointed as Senior Teacher at St Francis Catholic Primary School, Braintree; we congratulate Mr Fannon on his promotion and wish him all the best for the future. Miss McLean will also be leaving the Preparatory School to take up a teaching post Houston, Texas; we wish her every success in this exciting new venture. Mrs Pope will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term and so will not be in the role of a class teacher next year; we look forward to meeting baby Pope when he or she arrives!

### New Appointments

As announced in March, Mr David Leech has been appointed to the position of Deputy Head. Mrs Diane Kelly will be joining us from St Teresa's Catholic Primary School in Colchester, Ms Erika Kirwan will be joining us from Poole's Park Primary School, London and Mr Smart will be joining us from Leigh North Street Junior School, Leigh-on-Sea. We look forward to welcoming all these new staff members to our school community in September.

### Meeting Next Year's Teacher

Next week, on Thursday 16 June, pupils will be spending the morning with their new teacher. This is a lovely opportunity for children and staff to talk about expectations for the new academic year and discuss topics that will be covered in the curriculum during the Michaelmas Term. Our new Pre-Reception and Reception pupils for September 2011 will also be joining us on this morning for their final 'drop-in' sessions.

I am delighted that Mr Leech, Mrs Kelly and Ms Kirwan will also be spending the day with us. Parents will have the opportunity to meet them when they pick their children up either at 11.30am (Reception pupils only), 3.25pm in the playground and between 3.35pm-4.00pm in the children's current classroom.

Mr Smart will be spending the morning with his class on Monday 13 June 2011. As he will be returning to his current school for the afternoon, parents are invited to join him and Mrs Conrad for tea and coffee in Beaulieu from 8.30am-8.50am.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with current members of staff at our Exhibition Afternoon on Monday 4 July between 2.30-4.00pm.

### Café Francaise



Bienvenue au 'café français' on Thursday 16 June 2011.

You are invited to join us at our French Café to enjoy some French croissants, pains au chocolat, biscuits, coffee, tea and orange juice at our café. Your children will be waiting on you and practising their French whilst you sample a little of French life.

Here is a reminder of the times each Year Group:

Year 3	1.15pm	1.45pm	Year 4	2.00pm	2.30pm
Year 5	2.45pm	3.15pm	Year 6	3.30pm	4.00pm

In the light of Congo week, you will be able to make a small donation to the school in the Congo should you wish to do so.

If you are helping, could you please arrive 15 minutes before the start time for a short briefing of the session. We very much look forward to seeing you all.

À bientôt!

## Reception Trip to Tropical Wings



On 3 May Reception visited Tropical Wings. The children spent some time in the butterfly house where they tried to spot as many different types of butterflies as they could. They also looked at all the different types of pupa in a special room. The children got to see a variety of different animals including wallabies, otters and leaf cutter ants. The 'cuddly critters' show was a big hit and the children had the opportunity to get up close to rats, rabbits and a skunk. Thank you to all the parent helpers who assisted on the trip.

'I saw a rat. I touched it. Rats wash 25 times a day.' *Isobel Haresnape (RU)*

'I saw a caterpillar, it had spikes on it. I saw a butterfly, it was colourful.' *Kyan Bailey (RU)*

'I learnt that if a skunk sprayed you, the smell would stay on you for 9 months.' *Toby Brown (RG)*

'The butterflies flew all around my head and landed on a leaf.' *Ella Downes (RG)*



## Thank you

On behalf of all the pupils and staff of New Hall Preparatory School, I would like to thank the New Hall Parents' Association for their generosity in providing a superb new sound system in the Preparatory School Hall. This will greatly enhance all our productions, assemblies and presentations.

## Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Scott Taylor Holly May Jasmine Turner-Maynard Abby Fowler	6S	Harry Phelps Lucy Greenwood Georgina Mead
5F	Ellena Collett Conall Hornett Zak Ramjane	5T	Holly Haslam Laura Hedges Cameron Lee Oliver Robins
4D	Eloise Winsor Sarah Coxon James Wong	4R	Samuel Jones William Banks John Barber Hannah Bellamy
3H	Amelia August Ciaran Chambers Emily Conrad Katie Jenner	3M	Hannah Greenland Ellie Law Maximus Lawes
2H	Lucy Bateman Freddie Christopher Peter Ray Felix Russell	2P	Coral Dunk Jack Cooper
2R	Erin Heffernan Thomas Henderson Grace Lingwood Philippa Palmer	1G	Oliver King Samuel Maddison Arthur Owen Jennifer Thomas
1M	Willem Owens Roseanna Clements	RG	Toby Brown Madeleine Jeffrey Zoe Neal Harry Turnbull
RU	Daniel Ballard Isobel Haresnape Benjamin Malin Isabella Scully Christopher Stewart	PR	Thalia Adams Isobel Beddoe Natalia Romero Genevieve Rogers

## Year 6 Production of Peter Pan

Tickets are now on sale for the eagerly awaited Year 6 production of Peter Pan which promises to be a fantastic event. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, in light of this please purchase your tickets as soon as possible by contacting the Preparatory School Office to avoid disappointment. Please see the poster on the last page of the newsletter for further information.

## Music

### *ABRSM Treble Recorder Examination Results*

Congratulations to the pupils below who achieved the following results:

Aisling Dinan	Pass
Lucy Greenwood	Pass
Holly May	Pass
Emily Brignell	Excellence
Abby Fowler	Pass

## Recital Assembly

Thank you to Grace Murray (4D) who gave a recital in assembly on Friday 27 May and Hannah Bellamy and Angus Jones who played their cellos so beautifully in assembly this morning.

## Class Assemblies

Parents of children in 1M are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Wednesday 15 June 2011. Parents of children RU are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 16 June 2011 at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am before both assemblies.

## Sport

### *Football*

Matthew Cook (4R) took part in a football tour to Holland over the half term break. Matthew had a fantastic time scoring a total of 7 goals and playing in 12 matches over the 2 days. The squad returned home with 7 trophies and unbeaten. Matthew's next venture will be a week-long international football tournament in Denmark at the end of July, where he will play against Barcelona and teams from all over the world. Colchester United FC has also offered Matthew a further contract for the coming season. We wish Matthew every success.



### *Go-Karting*

Congratulations to Luke Freestone (5T) who gained 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions in Go-Karting competitions at Brentwood.

### *Golf*

On 31 May, Holly Haslam (5T) played in a Junior Golf tournament at Regiment Way Golf course against 9 other children aged between 7 and 12. Holly played 9 holes and eventually won her group with a score of 14 points in 51 shots. She then went on to play another 9 holes with another group of youngsters, and came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 14 points again, and 55 shots. Holly plays off the ladies' tees, her

shortest hole is Hole 1, 109 yards, the longest hole is Hole 12, 440 yards, and she can hit the ball 210 yards with a great shot! Holly practises her golf 4 to 5 times a week and her best score ever over 18 holes is 96, 52 on the first nine and 44 on the second nine. Holly really enjoys her golf, and her target is to reach a handicap of 20, we wish her every success.

### *Riding*

#### *New Hall School Show Jumping Competition*



New Hall held another successful inter-school show jumping competition at Norton Heath Equestrian Centre during half term. It was an excellent turn out with schools from all over the country competing. The day started well with the mini (70cm) team consisting of Joanna Thorogood (Year 7), Gemma Cotton (Year 8) and Megan Cotton (Year 5) finishing in 5th place. The girls were also the highest placed Essex School and so were crowned mini Essex champions. The team for the 80cm competition comprised Joanna Thorogood, Pippa O'Riley (Year 9), Stephanie Wilson (Year 7) and Megan Cotton. The girls all rode super rounds which resulted in them finishing in 4th place out of the 15 teams that took part in the class. Gemma Cotton also rode a superb clear round on her pony Rocky. The team for the 90cm competition comprised Gabriella Oxlade (Year 10), Rosie Oxlade (Year 8), Stephanie Wilson and Halina Fisher (Year 13). The team rode very well with just a few errors which resulted in them finishing just outside of the placings. Pippa O'Riley competed as an individual on her new ride and rode a fantastic round and a superb jump off which resulted in her achieving a 6th place individually.

The last class of the day was the 1m with a team consisting of Joanna Thorogood, Gabriella & Rosie Oxlade and Halina Fisher. Despite the difficult course, they finished in 4th place which is a great achievement. Well done to all the riders for continuing to produce fantastic results and for their help with running the show when not competing. Many thanks to all the parents who helped to ensure that the event ran smoothly and resulted in another successful show for New Hall.

### *Rounders*

#### *U10A & B Girls v Elm Green School, Chelmsford*

The first half was quite evenly matched and it finished with 3 ½ to the 'A' team and 4 ½ to Elm Green. However, in the second innings Elm Green took 8 rounders as well as several half points for making it to the second post. Despite Holly Haslam successfully catching one player out, it was not enough to prevent the Elm Green side winning

by 16½ to 6½. The U10B team made up largely of Year 4 girls fared much better, with Katie Barber in particular scoring 3 rounders in the second innings and Eloise Winsor performing well as the bowler. Although the team also lost, it was only narrowly by 12-15 ½ and it was an excellent game.

#### *Sailing*

Congratulations to Lucy Greenwood (6S) who won the New Hall School Sailing Team their first ever trophy over the last Bank Holiday weekend. Nearly 100 young people aged 8-18 from schools all over the country descended on Oxford to compete in the National School Sailing Association's various classes. Lucy was entered into the Rookie Fleet for sailors in their first season of major regattas outside of their own club. Weather conditions were very challenging with Force 5/6 winds and gusts in excess of 30mph. This took a toll on competitors and boats alike with many retirements on the Saturday before racing was brought to a halt in the afternoon with only 2 races complete. Lucy excelled herself and finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place, with 2 wins out of 2 races. Sunday morning saw very similar conditions, and racing for the Rookie Fleet ended at lunchtime after a further 3 races when the wind started to pick up even more. Lucy managed a 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place ending up overall winner of the 'Burning Ambition' trophy. Congratulations to Lucy on her excellent achievement.

#### *Swimming*

Over the half-term break, William Banks and John Barber (4R) represented Chelmsford Swimming Club at an open gala in Colchester. Swimming against older boys from a number of swimming clubs across Essex in the U11 age group, both boys set personal bests and county times in various events. William Banks collected a medal for coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the 50m breaststroke and John Barber came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50m backstroke and collected further medals in the 50m freestyle and 100m individual medley. Their efforts contributed towards Chelmsford winning the club trophy. Well done to both boys.



#### **Swimming Gala**

The New Hall Swimming Gala will be taking place on Tuesday 14 June from 9.00am-4.00pm. As a result of this, all swimming lessons are cancelled next week. Parents are welcome to attend the Gala; times of the different races are below:

Pre-Reception	9.00am	9.45am
Year 1	9.45am	10.30am
Year 2	10.30am	11.15pm
Year 3	11.15pm	12.00midday
Lunch		
Year 4	1.15pm	2.00pm
Year 5	2.00pm	2.45pm
Year 6	2.45pm	3.30pm

#### *Tennis*

There are still places available if your child wishes to take part in the New Hall Tennis Competition for pupils in Years 3 & 4 on Saturday 18 June from 2.00 till 5.00pm. Please contact the Preparatory School Office if you would like your child to participate.

#### *Triathlon*

##### *New Hall School Junior Triathlon*

The schedule of the Junior Triathlon event is now available to download from the New Hall website, please visit [www.newhallschool.co.uk/events](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/events).

#### **Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is open throughout the summer holidays. If you wish to avoid the queue the Uniform Shop now offers an appointment service during the holiday period, which is available to new and current students. Please contact Debbie Edwards by telephone on 01245 236 114 if this is of interest.

#### **Notices**

##### *Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco For Schools Vouchers 2011*

We are still collecting the Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco's For Schools vouchers. The collection boxes are located in the Preparatory School Reception area.

#### *Lost Property*

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Olivia Fenton (5T) - named tracksuit top
- Zoe Dunmow (4R) - named blazer

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

#### *Menu*

Please be advised that next week we will be operating 'Week 2'.

#### **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

If you have any friends who are interested in their children joining the Preparatory School in Pre-Reception, the next opportunity to look around the school is tomorrow from 2.00pm-5.00pm at our Teddy Bears' Picnic.

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

# BRAIN CHALLENGE

## Brain Challenge Number 27 Solution

A skinny riddle: What is being described in the following riddle?

*When I am filled,  
I can point the way.  
When I am empty,  
Nothing moves me?*

The official answer is a glove. However, we had several other sensible answers: a wind sock, a sail, a compass and a torch which all deserve credit. The winners this week therefore are: William Wakeman (2H), Holly Layzell (2R), Lara Clarke (4R), Abby Fowler, Maiia Tolia-Shah & Charles Mabbutt (6A) and Lucy Greenwood (6S).

## And the next challenge:

*The largest Roman*

What is the largest number you can express in Roman numerals if you have one of each of the following letters? Note: no powers allowed.

CDILMVX

Please write your answer on a piece of paper with your name and class on it. Please hand in to Mr Shah in the Preparatory School Science Lab by Tuesday morning at the latest.

## Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Sat 11 June	5.00-9.00pm	MEPS Swimming Gala at Riverside Ice & Leisure Centre
	2.00-5.00pm	Teddy Bears' Picnic
Sun 12 June	10.00am-4.00pm	Dance Show Rehearsal
<b>CONGO WEEK</b>		
Tue 14 June	9.00am-4.30pm	Preparatory School Swimming Gala
Thu 16 June	9.00-11.30am	Classes meet their new teachers
	9.00-10.30am	Pre-Reception Drop-in
	1.00-4.30pm	French Cafe
Sat 18 June	9.00am-1.00pm	Staff Trek from Maldon to New Hall
Mon 20 June	3.15-5.30pm	Year 6 Boys' & Girls' District Sports Field Events at Melbourne Track
Tue 21 June	3.30-6.15pm	U9A/U9B Boys Cricket v Bishop's Stortford College
Wed 22 June	12.30-3.30pm	U9 Boys' & Girls' Tennis Competition at Brentwood Ursuline School

Thu 23 June	7.00-9.30pm	Year 6 Production
Fri 24 June	1.15-4.30pm	Years 3-6 District Sports Field Events
	3.30-5.30pm	U11 Boys & Girls Tennis v Holmwood House School (Home)
	7.00-9.30pm	Year 6 Production

## Fundraising for the Congo



### Staff Trek News

Miss Ullmer's training is going well, she has been walking approximately 6-8 miles for the past 6 weeks and so she feels ready to tackle the 13 miles! Mrs Conrad has also been preparing by taking long walks. All of the staff are getting very excited about the trek!

## Prayer Corner

This week we pray for:

Lucy Greenwood's grandfather who is ill and is being looked after in hospital at the moment.

Macy Sharp's grandfather who is poorly.

**On Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost**  
Almighty God,

Bring your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts.

Let the wind and flames that the disciples felt renew our faith.

Help us to show the Holy Spirit in our lives that others may know your love and learn your way.

We ask this through Jesus, Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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# New Hall Preparatory School

## CONGO WEEK

**COUNTDOWN – 4 DAYS TO GO**



Monday 13 June - Saturday 18 June 2011

# We have raised over £500.00 so far! Well done!

### **School Book and DVD**

Next week we will be creating a New Hall Preparatory School Book – all about us! This is for our sister school in the Congo so they can get to know us and start the communication between the two schools.

### **Sponsored Hula Hoop Challenge**

This will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 3.00pm on the Cedar Plot.

Could we please ask children who are participating in the sponsored Hula Hoop challenge to bring along their own hula hoops, if they have one? Parents are welcome to come along and support.

### **Colourful Socks Day**

This will take place on Thursday. Each pupil is invited to wear colourful socks to school and bring along 50p which will be collected by the class teachers.

### **Staff Trek**

The Staff will be beginning their trek at the Tesco car-park in Maldon around 9.00am on Saturday 18 June. They aim to arrive at New Hall between 12.30pm – 1.00pm. Please feel free to welcome them back to school.

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# New Hall Preparatory School

## CONGO WEEK



Monday 13 June - Saturday 18 June 2011

### Congo Disco

This will take place on Friday 17 June and the arrangements are as follows:

Foundation and KS1  
4.15pm - 5.30pm

Key Stage 2  
5.30pm - 7.00pm

There will be NO clubs on Friday 17 June in preparation for the Congo Disco. All the pupils, with the exception of Years 5 & 6 (as they have games), can be collected at 3.25pm in order to go home, have some dinner and get ready for the disco.

For those parents who cannot collect Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils and have them back for the start of the disco at 4.15pm, we will allow them to bring their disco outfits to school and get ready under supervision. We would appreciate you only using this option if you really cannot get back in time.

Year 5 & 6 pupils can be collected at 4.00pm.

There will be a variety of refreshments available at the disco for purchase, all profits will add to our fundraising efforts for the children of the Congo.

We ask that parents collecting pupils from the disco collect their child from the playground and for Key Stage 2 pupils to enter the disco through the School Office. We will be asking parents to sign their children in and out for safety reasons.

*Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an exciting 'Congo' week.*

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Year 6 presents

# PETER PAN

## THE MUSICAL

Thursday 23 June 2011  
Friday 24 June 2011  
7.00pm in the Eaton Theatre

Tickets available from the  
Preparatory School Office

**ONLY £4.00**

Second star to the right and  
straight on till morning ...



Peter Pan Book, Music and Lyrics by Piers Chater-Robinson  
Adapted from the play by J M Barrie  
By arrangement with Samuel French Limited  
Poster designed by Lucy Greenwood

**Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment!**