

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I hope that you had a lovely summer holiday and are now feeling relaxed and refreshed. It is wonderful to have the children back in school, eagerly anticipating the year ahead with their new teacher! A very warm welcome to all those new staff and pupils who have joined us - we hope you will all enjoy your time at New Hall.

Our year is beginning with a number of exciting celebrations. During the holidays, Mrs Gardner (Miss Lees) and Mrs Hedditch-Grey were married and Miss Hunter became engaged. We wish them many congratulations. Today, some of our school family are celebrating Eid which is the feast that marks the end of the fasting period of the Islamic month of Ramadan and ushers in the month of Shawwaal. We wish all our Muslim families "Id Mubarak".

Next week, as a Catholic school, we will be celebrating the visit of Pope Benedict to the UK. This is a unique and historic event in our lifetime as it is only the second time in 2000 years that a Pope has visited our country. The visit is sure to be a time of great blessing, grace and renewal for us all. Please see below for further information.

Unfortunately, I also have some more sombre news to share with you. Mrs Kightley has asked me to let you know that her cancer returned during the holidays and she will consequently be undergoing a course of intensive chemotherapy starting today. This, of course, means that she will not be around in school this term. We will keep Mrs Kightley and her family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Papal Visit

Next Friday, Pope Benedict will be giving a special assembly, 'The Big Assembly', for our children and young people. This will be transmitted live via the Internet and the whole school will be watching this special event at various venues across the site. We will be gathering in our school hall from 10.15-11.15am to watch this special address and parents are most welcome to join us. Please visit the following website to view the message of Pope Benedict XVI in advance of his historic visit next week: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8piXjGie1Eo>.

Today, the children will be bringing home a "Papal Quiz" which they have been invited to complete. All entries will receive a house point and a small prize! We will also be holding prayer groups on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30-8.40am to pray for the success of the visit as well as any other intentions. Parents are welcome to join us in our Preparatory School Chapel.

Blessing of the New School Year Service

There will be a service on Wednesday 15 September from 9.00-10.00am to mark the beginning of the new academic year. Fr Frank will be joining us on this special occasion when we will be asking God to bless our school. All parents and visitors are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

New Parents' Drinks Reception



We were delighted to welcome new Preparatory School parents to a champagne reception on 9 September. Parents had the opportunity to meet their children's new class teacher. It was wonderful to see so many parents and to have this opportunity to introduce families to each other and to staff.



Relay for Life

New Hall was delighted to host the Cancer Research UK Relay for Life on the Bank Holiday weekend in August. Over 20 teams took part in the 24 hour event where at least one member of the team had to be walking round the track at all times. There were many Old Fishes who took part, including recent leavers Alexandra Carter and Danielle

Wetherall. Oliver Huke, who left in 2009, completed a marathon on the first day of the event in order to boost funds. The current total for the event is now over £70,000 which will all go towards valuable cancer research work.



Dance

Dance & Theatre Summer School

The Dance & Theatre Summer School took place from Wednesday 25-Friday 27 August. The students all had the chance to learn a range of dance and musical theatre styles. Parents were treated to a performance of songs from popular musicals including *Grease*, *Glee*, *Billy Elliott*, *Mary Poppins* and many more. Well done to all pupils who took part and many thanks to all of our helpers who made the workshops possible.



English

Congratulations to the following pupils who successfully passed their English Speaking Board Examinations:

Jessica Bates	Distinction
Ellena Collett	Distinction
Megan Cotton	Distinction
Chloe Elsom	Merit
Sofia Garvin	Merit+
Willow Gwyn-Williams	Merit+
Thomas Hughes	Distinction
Nicola Jackson	Merit+
Isabella King	Distinction
Ellis Oxlade	Merit

Music

Congratulations to the following pupils who successfully passed their Music examinations:

ABRSM Music Examination Results

Altosax

Maria Bromham	Grade 1	Merit
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Guitar

Hannah Notley	Grade 1	Merit
Aaron Phipps	Grade 1	Pass

Piano

Katherine Barber	Prep Test	
Aisling Dinan	Grade 1	Pass
Cerys Dunmow	Grade 3	Merit
Ella Gaskin	Grade 1	Pass
Lucy Greenwood	Grade 3	Pass
Rebecca Jeffrey	Grade 1	Merit
Georgina Mead	Grade 2	Pass
Samantha Moody	Prep Test	
Chloe Norman	Grade 1	Pass
James Thomson	Grade 1	Merit
Mikhaela Twimasi	Prep Test	
Callum Westwood	Prep Test	

Copper Descant Recorder: Pass

Helen Burnett
Hannah Greenland
Ellena Harvey
Maximus Lawes
Joseph Murphy
Niamh Rayment
Cameron Searle
Daisy Theakston
Georgia Tombs
Amber Whitehorne
Poppy Yates

Silver Treble Recorder

Emily Brignell	Excellence
Aisling Dinan	Pass
Lucy Greenwood	Pass
Rebecca Kimberlin	Excellence
Holly May	Excellence

Singing

Katherine Barber	Grade 1	Pass
Benjamin Clark	Prep Test	
Megan Cotton	Prep Test	
Grace Murray	Prep Test	
Sian Redmond	Prep Test	
Georgia Tinson	Grade 3	Pass
Ruby Mae-Wellman	Grade 3	Merit

Theory

Aisling Dinan	Grade 2	Merit
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Violin

Alfred Fardell	Grade 1	Merit
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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 c.taylor@newhallschool.co.uk.

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 1

Mathematical Snack:

If MAUREEN is written over and over again like this: MAUREENMAUREENMAUREEN...

- What is the 16th letter
- What is the 39th letter
- What is the 105th letter?


See if you can do it without writing it out!

Answers on a piece of paper (with your name and class teacher written on it) to Mr Shah in the Science Lab. Parents please refrain from participating! First pupil to submit the correct answer wins a prize.


Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Wed 15 Sept	9.00-10.00am	Blessing of New Year Service
Fri 17 Sept	10.15-11.15am	Papal Visit to London The Big Assembly
Fri 17 Sept	5.00-6.00pm	Year 7 Entrance Information Evening for Years 5 & 6 Parents

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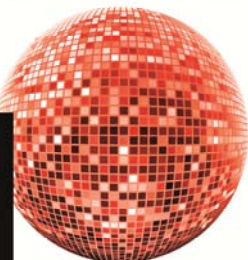
New Hall School



Strictly Dancing

with **Scott Cole**

Latin & Ballroom Dance classes for all abilities from age 8 - adult.
Michaelmas Term 2010

All classes will be £70 per term for 10 sessions starting on Wednesday 15 September in the Barn.

For classes & times please visit:

www.newhallschool.co.uk/events

Prayer Corner

Prayer for the Papal Visit 2010

God of truth and love,
 Your Son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light
 To all who seek you with a sincere heart.
 As we strive with your grace
 To be faithful in word and deed,
 May we reflect the kindly light of Christ
 And offer a witness of hope and peace to all.
 We pray for Pope Benedict
 And look forward with joy
 To his forthcoming visit to our countries.
 May he be a witness to the unity and hope
 Which is your will for all people.
 We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.



Dear Father God,
 We bring to you Mrs Kightley and all those we know who are suffering with illness. Lay your hands on them to bring relief and healing, courage to live through this dark time, and the inner strength which only you can give.

We pray for Luke Harding's Grandfather who passed away during the summer.