

# What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

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I hope you all had a holy and restful Christmas. On behalf of all the staff at New Hall Preparatory School I would like to thank you for your generous gifts and wish you every blessing for the New Year.

## Gold Challenge

After the exciting launch of the Gold Challenge last term, the fundraising has begun! On Friday 21 January 2012, children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a 2012m running event at New Hall School. Thank you to everyone for their donations and sponsorships so far with the challenge as all the children really need your support to help the Preparatory School to raise as much money as possible for our nominated charity, Kids Inspire.

## English

### English Speaking Board (ESB) Examination Results

Congratulations to the following pupils on their ESB results:

Joseph August	Merit
Lillian Bartella	Merit Plus
Jessica Bates	Merit Plus
Chloe Elsom	Merit
Ella Gaskin	Distinction
Holly Haslam	Merit Plus
Conall Hornett	Merit Plus
Nicola Jackson	Distinction
Cameron Lee	Merit Plus
Cameron Meechan	Merit Plus
Benjamin Notley	Merit Plus
Thomas Spilsbury	Merit Plus
Katie Turnbull	Merit
Sophia Turnbull	Merit Plus

## Music

### ABRSM Examinations

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved the following results in their recent ABRSM examinations.

Katherine Barber	Grade 1	Cello	Pass
Katherine Barber	Grade 1	Piano	Pass
Abby Beaumont	Grade 1	Violin	Pass
Olivia Buckland	Grade 1	Piano	Merit
Matthew Cook	Grade 1	Singing	Pass
Zoe Dunmow	Grade 1	Violin	Merit
Abby Fowler	Grade 2	Alto Sax	Merit
Elizabeth Murphy	Grade 3	Clarinet	Pass
Elizabeth Murphy	Grade 1	Singing	Merit
Grace Murray	Grade 1	Singing	Pass
Libby Murray	Prep Test	Piano	Pass
Charlotte Ray	Grade 1	Piano	Merit
Sian Redmond	Grade 2	Singing	Pass
Molly Reynolds	Grade 1	Piano	Pass
Sylvie Smith	Prep Test	Piano	Pass
Aaron Stone	Grade 1	Singing	Pass
Mikhaela Twimasi	Grade 1	Singing	Pass
Samantha Whetstone	Grade 1	Piano	Pass

## 4R Class Fayre

Class 4R had a wonderful time at their end of term class Christmas fayre on Friday 16 December 2011. Pupils organised their own stalls, complete with posters advertising the event, and Christmas decorations. Highlights included homemade cakes and sweets, bookmarks, friendship bracelets and paper bats to buy! There were also games to play including 'smash the malteser', 'splat the rat' and 'target practise'. The class clarinet players completed the festive mood with musical entertainment. The children raised over £28.00, which they have donated to the school Congo fund.

## Golden Book Awards

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

6M	Thomas Hughes Thomas Spilsbury Chloe Elsom	6S	Willow Gwyn-Williams James Thomson Lillian Bartella Joseph Beddoe
5A	Eloise Winsor Mia Ramage Aidan Turner-Wallace Sarah Coxon	5T	Ella Phelps John Barber William Banks Samantha Whetstone
4D	Myles Coyne Ellena Harvey Emily Conrad Kieran Scully Joseph Murphy	4R	Olivia Buckland Felix Ruiz Fleur Smith Isabella Warren Hannah Greenland
3K	Erin Heffernan Harry Corney Daisie Elsom James McBurney	3RE	Fionnuala Heffernan Niamh Wright Lilianne McCorry Oliver Clayden
3RI	Rosie Bullen Coral Dunk Maria Lynch Daniel Holt	2H	Katherine Harker Oliver Haslam Asha Odedra Harry Harle
2T	Lily Raindle Felicity Jeffrey Francesca Minnis Jennifer Thomas	1G	Aishani Sengupta Isabella Chapman Harry Turnbull Anish Nikam
1S	Daniel Ballard Isabella Sidwell Anna Dunk Ralph Courtney-Cook	RG	Aidan Brown Oliver Radley Evie Angell
RH	Ruark Hornett Thomas Harrison Thalia Adams Katie-Ana Drew	PR	William Maze Rhiannon Gaselee Harry Wilson Evie McLaren

## Sport

### Gymnastics

The Primary Schools Gymnastics Competition will be held on Monday 12 March 2012 at Melbourne Park Athletics Centre. Selected children in Years 1 and 2 will be starting at 9.30am, followed by children in Years 3 - 6, starting at around 10.30am. Further details will be finalised nearer the time.

### Swimming

There was a wonderful atmosphere at the New Hall Swimming Gala on Tuesday 10 January. New Hall was head to head with Holmwood House until the final race, when the New Hall squad raised their game and took 1<sup>st</sup> place, winning by 2 points overall. Particularly exceptional swimming was shown by Elizabeth Murphy (5A) and John

Barber (5T). Well done to everyone that took part. For a full list of results and times, please visit the Preparatory School sports pages on the New Hall School website.

## Notices

### NHPA Christmas Faye - Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

Yellow: 109  
Green: 4, 77, 86, 95  
Pink: 120, 182  
White: 66, 11, 20

### Assemblies

The following classes will be presenting assemblies to parents, on Thursdays, this term:

26 January - 5T  
2 February - 4R  
9 February - 3K  
1 March - 2T  
8 March - 2H  
15 March - 1G  
22 March - 6M

### Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Rosie Bullen - school shoes
- Felix Ruiz - named tracksuit trousers

Could all parents please check names on uniform items. If any of these items are found, please hand in to the School Office. Please may parents also ensure that all uniform is labelled.

### Lost Property in the Preparatory School Office

The School Office have a number of watches, children's glasses and jewellery which have been handed in. Please contact the office if you are missing any of the above items. Anything not claimed by Friday 20 January will be given to charity.

## Uniform Shop

### Closure

Please be advised that the uniform shop will be closed all day on Thursday 16 February due to refurbishment.

### Duffle Coats

Due to the introduction of the new Preparatory School duffle coat, the Uniform Shop are selling the old 'Distinctive' duffle coat at the reduced price of £50.00. Please contact the Uniform Shop if you wish to purchase a duffle coat.

## Parking Arrangements for Year 7 Assessments

For the duration of the Year 7 assessments, which will be taking place between Monday 16 - Friday 20 January 2012, please can parents who would usually park or drop off/pick up in the main Radcliffe car park (by the Bursary), please park in the swimming pool car park. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during this busy time.

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](mailto:e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk).

## Prayer Corner

God of time and of eternity,  
with Christmas joy we praise you for the year gone by  
and for the year we have begun.  
Your Son comes among us to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to proclaim a year of grace for all the world.  
Strengthen us to follow you more closely  
during the coming year of 2012.  
Amen



## New Hall Parents' Association

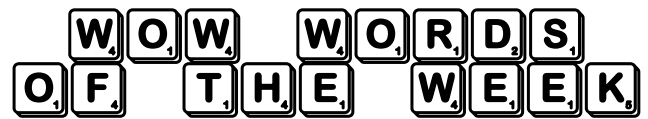
*working together for our children*

The NHPA and Mrs Conrad would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fayre such a wonderful event. The hall was full of excited children (as well as staff and parents!) with their arms full of goodies. Thank you for your continued support of the NHPA.



## Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Jan	All Day	Assessments for Year 7 Entry 2012
Sat 21 Jan	2.15 - 4.00pm	U11A/U11B/U11C Boys Hockey v Orwell Park
Tue 24 Jan	4.30 - 5.30pm	Year 6 Swimming Gala v Holmwood House School
Wed 25 Jan	3.30 - 4.15pm	U9 Girls Netball/U9 Boys Rugby v Elm Green Preparatory School
Fri 27 Jan	3.30 - 4.30pm	U10/U11 Girls Hockey v Forest School
Mon 30 Jan	3.30 - 4.00pm	U8A/U8B Girls Netball & U8A/U8B Boys Rugby v St Margaret's Preparatory School
Tue 31 Jan	4.30 - 5.30pm	Years 4 & 5 Swimming Gala v Holmwood House School



For last term's Winter Wonderland themed Words of the Week, Hannah Greenland (4R) submitted a delightful acrostic poem:

Watch the ice-white snow tumbling from the clouds  
Icicles clinging from branches  
Now it is winter, the weather is cold  
The scrumptious puddings are all eaten at Christmas time  
Eat the Christmas dinners and pull crackers with the family  
Reindeer soar over the clouds, while Father Christmas delivers presents

## BRAIN CHALLENGE

### Solution to Brain Challenge 13:

The soil would be blue.

There were 3 winners; Apollo Wilkins (3K), Molly Reynolds (4D) and Hannah Greenland (4R). Well Done!  
It would be good for Years 5 and 6 to participate this week!

### Brain Challenge 14

#### *Cat and Mice*

Five mice – Mindy, Marty, Muriel, Mabel, and Mike – were nibbling the cheese on the kitchen table, but Whiskers the cat chased them back into their hole. Muriel Mouse made it back third, and Mike Mouse was fourth. Mabel Mouse was after Mike, and Marty Mouse was not second. Which mouse was first, and which was last?

# Pool Parties

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