

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents

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May Procession

May is the traditional month to honour Mary, the Mother of God, as it is during the season of resurrection and new life. In former times, it was the custom in many countries for Catholics to walk in procession through town on feast days of Mary carrying flowers and banners. We were pleased to maintain this custom by holding our annual May Procession. The sun shone down on us as we walked prayerfully to the New Hall grotto where children placed flowers at the feet of the statue of Our Lady. At the end of the service, all our pupils were presented with a bookmark printed with the Hail Mary prayer. Thank you to Father Frank for giving up his time to be with us and to Miss Hunter for organising this delightful event.



Reading partners walking together to the Grotto



Pupils placing flowers in the Grotto

2P Class Assembly

We were pleased to welcome so many of you into school on Thursday to see 2P's excellent electrical assembly. The assembly was very informative and included a *Mr Men* play where the children shared lots of important safety rules, an electrical safety message which they performed in the form of a fun "rap" and a song. The children were very enthusiastic when learning and performing their assembly and it was enjoyed by all. Well done Mrs Pope and 2P!



2H Class Assembly

Parents of children in 2H are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 19 May at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

School Council News

The School Council has a very busy term planned with fundraising initiatives and their themed Congo Week. To help current representatives organise these exciting ventures, additional members have been recruited from each class who will attend the weekly meetings and help prepare for forthcoming events. Congratulations to Daisy Adams, Katherine Barber, Cameron Clarke, Brenna Doyle, Coral Dunk, Daisie Elsom, Ina-Margaret Fisher, Evie Fisher-Cook, Felicity Jeffrey, Cameron Lee, Katriya Levine, Holly Notley and Charlotte Ray. We wish them all the best in their new role as Deputy Council Representatives. Please keep an eye out for the information about events which the council will be hosting to raise awareness and money for our sister school in the Congo.

E-Safety Workshop

The handout from last week's presentation is now available to download from: www.newhallschool.co.uk/news.

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Charlotte Brooke-Walder Sophia Panayiotou Maiia Tolia-Shah Saskia Walmsley	6S	James Fraser Rhiannon Hollis Georgina Mead Harry Phelps
5F	Joseph August Jessica Bates Ellena Collett	5T	Tom Durkan Olivia Fenton Thomas Hughes Finlay Ramjane Catriona Ryan
4D	Lucy Barrett Frederick Beecroft Grace Murray Mia Ramage Aidan Sherlock	4R	Hannah Bellamy Ralph Carroll Samuel Jones
3H	Liberty Bates Myles Coyne Katie Jenner Molly Reynolds Kieran Scully	3M	Charlotte Ray Benjamin Spilsbury Amber Whitehorne
2H	Harrison Hooker Akshadha Nikam Felix Russell William Wakeman	2P	Eleanor Jones Libby Murray Annabel Napper Alexia Panayiotou
2R	Harry Corney Thomas Henderson	1G	Felicity Jeffrey Sophie Kingston Poppy Theakston Jasmine Wharton
1M	Evie Fisher-Cook Jaydhan Prabhakar	RG	Katie Bateman Rebecca Bentinck Ella Downes Albert Smith
RU	Frankie Christopher Amelie Collins Sebastian Loots Christopher Stewart	PR	Francesca Burrows Charlotte Clayden Sophia Hoogakker Yann Macleod Joseph Sidwell Amelia Spurr Cameron Waite

Sport

Rounders

U10 v Widford Lodge Preparatory School, Chelmsford

In their first match together, with one man down, the U10 team stormed into a lead with fantastic rounders from Megan Cotton and Holly Haslam. Megan bowled steadily throughout the whole match and led the team to a 7 ½ - 7 lead after 30 balls for each team. Katriya Levine was

excellent as the back stop and Chloe Elsom was solid on fourth post. All players contributed to an exciting game, closely fought until a final score of 13 ½-17 ½. The girls had a very good understanding of fielding, making only a few minor errors which will improve with practice. Megan Cotton and Holly Haslam were the players of the match and showed enormous potential after this first game. Thank you to the parents for their support and assistance with refreshments at the end of the match.

Swimming

Gala v Abbey Preparatory School

New Hall will be hosting a Swimming Gala against Abbey Preparatory School on Thursday 19 May. This will involve pupils in Years 3 and 4 and will take place from 2.30-4.30pm.

New Hall Preparatory School Swimming Gala - 14 June 2011

9.00-9.45am	Reception
9.45-10.30am	Year 1
10.30-11.15am	Year 2
11.15am-12.00noon	Year 3

Lunch

1.15pm-2.00pm	Year 4
2.00-2.45pm	Year 5
2.45-3.45pm	Year 6

Volunteers are needed for this event that may be needed in the water! If you are able to help, please contact the Preparatory School Office.

Tennis

U9 v Brentwood Preparatory School

The U9 Tennis demonstrated some excellent tennis skills in closely contested games against Brentwood Preparatory School. For some of the New Hall players this was their first experience at playing a competitive match and they played admirably. In both the boys' and girls' doubles, New Hall managed to win two out of the three matches. The singles matches were just as close, although Brentwood managed to narrowly win both the boys' and girls' games 8-4. The New Hall team consisted of John Barber, Frederick Beecroft, Ralph Carroll, Maximus Lawes, Joseph Murphy, Toby Warren, Katherine Barber, Olivia Buckland, Lara Clark, Eden Waite, Samantha Whetstone and Eloise Winsor.

U11 v Felsted School

The U11 team travelled to Felsted for their first match of the season. All of the team put in some great performances and showed enormous potential going forward. Each of the New Hall pairs managed to complete one set against their opposite doubles pairing. The scores were as follows:

Gregory Oxlade & Harrison Ellis: lost 3-6
Jonathan Murphy & Benjamin Clark: won 6-3
John Barber & Arran Phipps: lost 5-6

Georgina Mead & Aisling Dinan: lost 4-6
Megan Cotton & Emily Brignell: lost 2-6

Year 3 & 4 Competition

Please be advised that the Year 3 & 4 Tennis Competition due to take place on Saturday 14 May has been cancelled.

Pre-Reception Taster Session

Please be advised that the taster session due to take place on 26 May has been replaced by a session which will be taking place on 16 June.

House of Prayer Jazz Event

The Diocesan House of Prayer has asked us to advertise a fundraising event which they are holding on Saturday 16 July 2011 at Abbotswick House of Prayer from midday onwards. Listen to Pete Baker's 'Crusty Jazzers' and enjoy a fun day out with the whole family. They are hoping to have pony rides as well as a bouncy castle. Pre-booking is essential. Tickets and further information are available at www.abbotswick.org or by calling the Sisters on 01277 373 959.

Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Caribbean Ball

The annual RDA fundraising ball will be taking place on Friday 23 September at Pontlands Park, West Hanningfield. The cost per ticket is £50.00 which includes a three-course meal, wine, live music and a raffle & auction. Tables are available and can seat between 8 and 12 people, although part tables and single tickets are also fine. The RDA is run by students from New Hall, with volunteer adults. All money raised goes directly to fund the rides for the disabled which are provided "at cost" by Rawreth Equestrian Centre. This is the RDA's main fundraising event of the year. Please help them to provide over 1,200 rides for disabled children and adults. For further information and tickets please contact Donna Barber on 07720 850047, donna.e.barber@btinternet.com or Kim Baird on 0773 6061473, kim@graysinnnews.com. Donations of items for the raffle would also be gratefully received!

Notices

Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco For Schools Vouchers 2011

Once again, we are 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:

- Annabelle Harle (4D) - named black dance hoody
- Holly Notley (4R) - named blazer
- Joseph Murphy (3H) - named swimming shorts
- Unnamed school cardigan

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 3'.

Car Parks

This is a gentle reminder to parents to be vigilant when using the car parks. We have been made aware of a vehicle which was recently damaged in the car park, although a note was left and the incident was not reported. Please

ensure that you advise a member of staff if an incident such as this occurs.

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 c.tayler@newhallschool.co.uk.

Prayer Corner

Loving God, you give us Mary as our mother, our model and our queen.

Let our love for her bring us closer to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 24 Solution

Coast to coast (lateral thinking)

Train A and Train B are crossing the United States from coast to coast, over 3000 miles of railroad track. Train A is going from East to West at 80 miles per hour and train B is going from West to East at 90 miles per hour. Which train will be closer to the west coast when they meet? *When the trains meet (at a station), they will be the same distance from the west coast as each other!* There were 4 winners: Katherine Barber (4D), Abby Fowler (6A), Lara Clark (4R) and Lucy Greenwood (6S). Come on Years 3 and 5 and come on boys!

And the next challenge:

Here are a series of letters. Each letter in each series is the first letter of a word. The words in each series are related. What are the next three letters in each series?

1/ O,T,T,F,F,?,?,?

2/S,M,T,W,?,?,?

3/D,N,O,S,A,?,?,?

Answers on a piece of paper (with your name and class teacher) to Mr Shah in the Science Lab.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 16 May	9.00-3.00pm	Year 5 Egyptian Day
	9.00 - 1.00pm	Year 1 Medicals
	3.30-5.00pm	U9 Boys' & Girls' Tennis v Holmwood House (Home)
Tues 17 May	9.00-3.00pm	Year 3 Ancient Greek Day
Wed 18 May	9.00-10.00am	Parents' Forum
	4.00-5.00pm	Reception Introductory Meeting (Intake 2011)
Thur 19 May	All Day	2011 IAPS Inter-School Sailing Regatta
	2.30-4.30pm	Swimming Gala v Abbey Preparatory School (Home)
Fri 20 May	2.45-5.30pm	U11 Boys' & Girls' Tennis v Brentwood Preparatory School (Away)
Sat 21 May	12.15-5.30pm	U11A/U11B Boys Cricket v Bishop's Stortford College (Away)
Sun 22 May	9.00am-2.00pm	Years 2-6 Tap Examinations

Join us for a Teddy Bears' Picnic



at New Hall School, Chelmsford
on Saturday 11 June 2011
from 2.00pm-5.00pm



for families considering entry to Pre-Reception from 2012

Activities include:

Music & Storytelling
Meet Beaulieu Bear
& your local Policeman
Soft Play Area
and much much more ...



Bring a picnic and your favourite Teddy!

For more information contact Mrs Gill O'Riley on 01245 467 588 or
g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk or sign up online at

www.newhallschool.co.uk

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Sunday 19 June 2011

First wave starts at 9.30am - Timing chips will be used

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www.entrycentral.com



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PARENTS' ROUNDERS MATCH

1 July 2011, 4.00pm, New Hall School



If you would like to play contact Kevin Searle on
k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk

This event will be after sports day so timing is approximate.
Any standard is welcome. This is a fun event!

www.newhallschool.co.uk

PGL Trip 2011

Teamwork, communication, personal development and plenty of fun were the focal points of last week's annual residential visit for Year 6. Forty pupils and four staff travelled to PGL's newest centre at Liddington in Wiltshire, which boasts modern, comfortable amenities and high quality facilities and resources.



Shortly after their arrival the pupils settled into their rooms and enjoyed the first of many delicious meals they had throughout the week. The evening entertainment was 'Wacky Races', which had the pupils competing in their activity groups in amusing themed races. A long day came to a close as they returned for their first night's sleep.

The children faced the difficulty of ascending the Vertical Challenge and the exhilaration of the Giant Swing on the morning of their second day. Raft Building took up the whole afternoon, with the pupils working in co-operation in their activity groups to design, build and sail a simple raft around the PGL lake. Some teams had more success than others, and everyone became well-acquainted with the water by the end of the session!



Grace, Aisling, Charlotte, Natasha and Daisy ready to launch!

In the evening Year 6 took on the challenge of 'Top Gear', a competition to build a car and ramp from recyclable

materials, testing their planning and teamwork abilities. The third day saw the children learn how to survive in the woods by working in small groups to build shelters, filter water and make fires in the Survivor activity.



Charles, Callum, Ben and Greg made a great shelter

More fun on the water followed with Open Canoeing, before sessions of Archery and 'Jacob's Ladder' in the afternoon.



'Jacob's Ladder' promoted co-operation and perseverance, with some pupils managing to scale the 50 foot height!



'Capture the Flag' rounded off the day, with pupils using tactical skills and teamwork to steal opposing teams' colours and win points. Pupils were crawling on the ground, flying through the air and everything else in between during Thursday's activities. Low Level Ropes provided a series of different challenges just off the ground that had to be completed by small teams relying on and trusting each other, whereas the Zip Wire propelled individual pupils on a thrilling high speed journey from a soaring tower.

Aeroball was a cross between trampolining and volleyball, and Abseiling returned us once more to breathtaking heights, with not a little personal courage and determination.



James & Callum attempting to navigate



Group 4 enjoyed their Aeroball session with plenty of bouncing and goal scoring



Saskia, Daisy and Holly using their map to find the markers and head off in the right direction.

The eagerly-awaited disco in the evening did not disappoint, with New Hall pupils showing themselves as easily the best movers on the dance floor.



Bleary-eyed, yet excited about the final activity sessions, the pupils awoke early on their last day to finish packing and vacate rooms. During Orienteering, pupils had to use map-reading skills and initiative in order to explore the site and locate control points.

The Crate Challenge gave groups the last opportunity to display effective teamwork and strategic planning in order to simultaneously build and climb a tower made entirely of crates. Sophia, Georgina and Lauren built the highest tower of all, creating a tower which was 10 levels high – a PGL record!



Waving goodbye to Liddington, Year 6 and their teachers returned to New Hall perhaps a little tired and ready for home, but with many happy memories and positive experiences. Thank you to all the staff who kindly gave up their time to accompany the pupils on the visit and to the children who behaved impeccably throughout.