

What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

National Children's Book Week Celebrations

Children's Book Week provided an excellent focus last week for reading throughout the school. Whilst Reception children shared books together from home, some year groups enjoyed titles by favourite authors: Mick Inkpen, Nick Butterworth, Julia Donaldson, Ted Hughes, Lemony Snicket, Berlie Doherty and Michelle Magorian. National Poetry Day began with the poem *All Poems Great and Small* written especially for the day by Ian Moore. 6S featured a very emotional poem as part of their class assembly, *The Evacuee*, written from the point of view of a World War 2 evacuee child. The corridors echoed with the rhyme and rhythm of poetry as children and staff shared their favourite poems and wrote their own as a class or individually, including the titles 'Autumn' and 'Apples'.



The week ended with Foundation Day and the whole school enjoyed story telling workshops led by Charlie Wilson.



On Tuesday evening this week, Mrs Thorogood and Mrs Evans attended The Primary Teachers' Book Cafe at *Just Imagine*, the recently established bookshop and story centre on New London Road in Chelmsford. *Just Imagine* has a wonderful calendar of events especially for children and their families, and is a must for the forthcoming half term.

Full details will be published in next week's *What's New This Week?*. Coming up this week...

Children's Laureate, Julia Donaldson is visiting *Just Imagine* on Friday 21 October from 3.00 - 4.00pm. Come and meet the author of well-loved favourites: *The Gruffalo*, *Tiddler*, *Stick Man* and *Room on the Broom*. Pick up a signed copy of her latest book *The Highway Rat*. Julia will be happy to sign one favourite title from home along with new books purchased on the day.

Just Imagine also hosted the Michael Rosen event at the Civic Theatre, which Years 4 and 5 attended on 13 October. Everyone enjoyed the experience of seeing Michael performing his poetry and they were lucky enough to meet him afterwards and purchase signed copies of his work to enjoy in class and the school library.



Congratulations to all the readers who participated in the summer Reading Challenge at their local Libraries during the long holiday. The children are bringing home their Circus Stars certificates today!



Golden Book Awards

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

6M	Tom Durkan Chloe Elsom Edward Lerwill Jamie Norman	6S	Cameron Meechan Zak Ramjane Sian Redmond Willow Gwyn-Williams
5A	Daniel James Maxwell Lynn Aidan Turner-Wallace James Wong	5T	Luke Harding Ramis Ibrahim Toby Warren Callum Westwood
4D	Ina Margaret Fisher Aamish Ibrahim Mia Southgate	4R	Ellie Law Niamh Rayment Benjamin La Rocca Felix Ruiz Poppy Yates
3K	Maddi Bullen Harry Corney	3RE	Lucy Bateman Amy Jones William Wakeman Niamh Wright
3RI	Maria Lynch Annabel Napper Szara Shahril-Rauz Oliver Warn	2H	Roman Anstee Ruby-Mae Cayne Isabelle Harrison Asha Odedra
2T	Zak Dennison Francesca Minnis Anna-Maria Romero	1G	Toby Brown Ella Downes Benjamin Gundle Finlay Meyer-Melville
1S	Isobel Haresnape Oluwademilade Olanrewaju-Olawoyin Ina Vaeremans	RG	Charlie Brooks Francesca Burrows Annabelle Minnis Natalia Romero
RH	Siobhan O'Connor Charlotte Gore Darcie Meechan Hamza Saeed	PR	Jacob Dennison Nafeeha Carbon- Oyalowo Preston Taylor

5A Assembly

On 12 October, 5A presented their assembly to the school based on their Creative Curriculum topic, 'A Victorian Tale'. They performed various sketches in a Victorian street, a poor house and a Victorian School, all introduced by a very timely visit from Doctor Who! The children focused particularly on what life was like for Victorian children. They ended their performance by reciting a poem called 'Be Thankful'. The important message was to appreciate what we have today and to be grateful for our friends and family, but to always remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Well done to all the children for their wonderful performance. Thanks go to Miss Allen and particularly to all the parents, for their help and support.



Class Assemblies

Parents of children in 4D are warmly invited to attend their class assembly on Thursday 20 October 2011. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am before the assembly.

Music

Congratulations to Oriana Farrell, Maria Lynch and Apollo Wilkins for their superb piano recitals in assembly this morning.

Notices

Request from the Religious Community

The sisters at Melbourne would be very grateful if anyone could donate empty biscuit tins for making drums and toys that are in a good condition (suitable for ages 0-5 years); these will be used as Christmas presents for deprived children living in the local area. Donations can be dropped off at the School Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Gym Squad

Please note that Gym Squad will be cancelled on Thursday 20 October 2011 due to Parents' Evening.

Sport

Cross Country- some splendid team and individual wins!

For the second race in the cross country league, New Hall runners travelled to Hylands Park. The U10 girls' team set off first with Elizabeth Murphy (Year 5) making a speedy start to avoid the confusion that sometimes arises at the start of such a busy race. Once the girls had completed a lap of the track, Holly Notley (Year 5) led the way and finished exceptionally strongly, winning the race. She was followed closely in 3rd position by Elizabeth Murphy. Georgia Tombs (Year 3) placed 23rd and Eloise Winsor (Year 5) placed 27th, with Isabella Warren (Year 4) and Rebecca Jeffrey (Year 5) were the next in line. The team finished in 1st place overall. Some valuable experience for Olivia Buckland (Year 4), Charlotte Ray (Year 4), Amber Whitehorne (Year 4), Niamh Rayment (Year 4) and Samantha Whetstone (Year 5) means the future looks very promising with so many young runners up and coming. The U10 boys' team ran very well with James Holt (Year 5) finishing in 9th, John Barber (Year 5) in 12th, Toby Warren (Year 5) in 22nd, and Charlie Murray (Year 5) in 28th - and the team finishing 1st overall. In a field of over 160 runners to have 4 team members finishing inside the top half was

excellent – particularly Joseph Murphy (Year 4) and Ben Hutton-Penman (Year 4) who finished in 36th and 61st place respectively. The U11 teams found the course a bit tougher, but in spite of this, Tom Durkan (Year 6), Jamie Norman (Year 6), Joseph Beddoe (Year 6) and Tom Spilsbury (Year 6) were all very determined and ensured the team finished in 2nd place overall. The first finisher for the U11 girls was Laura Hedges (Year 6), who showed real strength and endurance finishing in 7th place after a tough sprint finish at the end. The team, including Katherine Turnbull, Jessica Bates, Holly Haslam and Nicola Jackson (all Year 6), finished just outside the top 3, but should be pleased with their efforts on a difficult circuit.

Hockey

On 12 October the Year 5 hockey team played their first match of the season. Excellent team work and skills were displayed throughout the match. New Hall defender, Elizabeth Murphy, played very well and saved many goals with her great tackling skills. Eloise Winsor and Samantha Whetstone showed great determination which led to an amazing goal. The final score was 8-1 to Felsted. A special well done goes to Samantha Whetstone, who was voted Player of the Match by the team.

Written by Rebecca Jeffrey (5T).

Riding

New Hall Inter-School Dressage Competition- through to the Nationals!



The annual New Hall Inter-School Dressage Competition took place on 8 October at the College Equestrian Centre in Keysoe. The dressage show ran alongside the Woodbridge Jumping with Style (JWS) competition and New Hall riders took part in both competitions. New Hall had great success in the JWS classes. The first class of the day was the mini and the New Hall team, including Megan Cotton (Year 6), rode really well and finished 3rd as a team. The success continued for Megan in the second class with the New Hall team winning the class and qualifying for the NSEA National Championships in October.

Rugby

Please note the following changes to sport fixtures:

- U9 A, B and C Football v Holmwood House is now on Wednesday 19 October, away, starting at 2.30pm
- U8 Tag Rugby v Widford Lodge is on 14 November at New Hall with a 3.15pm start

Yours sincerely

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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 e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Fri 14 Oct	3.45pm	U10/U11 Rugby v Bishops Stortford College (A)
Fri 14 Oct		U11 Netball Tournament (A)
Sat 15 Oct	All Day	Taster Day for 2012 Year 7 Students
Mon 17 Oct	All Day	Ten Ten Theatre Company
Mon 17 Oct	4.30 – 8.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 19 Oct	1.30 – 4.00pm	U9A/U9B/U9C Boys Football v Holmwood House; A
Wed 19 Oct	7.30pm	NHPA AGM
Thu 20 Oct	4.30 – 8.00pm	Parents' Evening
Fri 21 Oct	2.30 – 5.00pm	U10/U11 Girls Hockey v Chigwell School; A
Fri 21 Oct	4.30pm	Half Term begins

Prayer Corner

We bring to you Lord,
Our nation, out world, our universe;
All the areas that are fastened shut to hold you out;
All the bewildered confusion
About who we are and why we are here;
All the doubts and insecurity;
And all the searching for inner peace.



BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 34 Solution

8 days. On day 7 the frog climbs to 9m and falls back to 7m overnight. On day 8 the frog climbs to 10 metres and escapes to freedom!

There were 6 winners: William Wakeman and Amy Jones (Year 3) and Matthew Cook, Katie Barber, Sam Jones and John Barber (Year 5).

Brain Challenge Number 34

What time is it?

What is the missing time in the sequence?

Watch A : 5.23am

Watch B : 8.26am

Watch C :12.30pm

Watch D : 5.35pm

Watch E : ?

You must respond on paper by Tuesday morning with your name and class on it and hand it to Mr Shah or leave it on his desk in the Science Laboratory.



New Hall Parents' Association

working together for our children

NHPA AGM

You are warmly invited to attend the New Hall Parents' Association AGM on Wednesday 19 October at 7.30pm in the North Room in the Senior School. Mrs Conrad and Mrs Jeffrey will be attending and there will be the opportunity to meet some of the Governors.

Grand Fireworks Display

The NHPA are presenting a Grand Firework Display on Saturday 12 November 2011 on the rugby pitches behind Walkfares. The gates open at 5.00pm with the display starting between 7.00pm - 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children over the age of 3.

There will be rides, sideshows, a licensed bar, food and beverages and a fantastic fireworks display.

Tickets can be purchased from Lucy Brignell in the Preparatory School Office (l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk) or via Mark Myers on 07771 768 228.

WOW Words of the Week

WOW 5 ~ well done belatedly to Katriya Levine (6M) for finding two further words with five letters, four of which are vowels: eerie and audio!

WOW 6: well done to one anonymous writer, Lara Clark and Rebecca Jeffrey (5T) for their almost perfect entries!

The winners for 15 correct titles and their authors are William Wakeman (3RE) and Hannah Greenland in (4R). Congratulations!

Words of the Week 6 Solution

1. Dogger by Shirley Hughes
2. The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
3. Winnie the Witch by Valerie Thomas
4. Horrid Henry by Francesca Simon
5. The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
6. Peace at Last by Jill Murphy
7. The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith
8. Winnie the Pooh by A A Milne
9. The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit
10. Peter Pan by J M Barrie
11. Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian
12. James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
13. Charlotte's Web by E B White
14. Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire by J K Rowling
15. A (sorry about the 'T!') Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

Words of the Week Number 7

What do the following words have in common?

CONQUERED

ALSO

FRONT

DEVOURED

ATTACKS

Hint - Think about some synonyms for these words - time to reach for your Thesaurus!

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

Parents please refrain from doing these for the pupils.