

# What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

## Another Award for New Hall



On 16 November 2011, we were delighted to have been awarded first prize in the Independent Schools Awards 2011. The award was presented for Outstanding Strategic Initiative at a special ceremony for 350 guests at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham. The judges praised New Hall School for its ambitious and pioneering move to set up a 'diamond' model school, the resounding success of this initiative enabled the school to double its roll to 1,150 students by September 2010. The award was collected from the guest of honour, former Olympic medal winner, Roger Black MBE, by Katherine Jeffrey, Joy Hopkinson and Professor Michael Alder. We are thrilled to have received this award which is one of the 'Oscars' of the educational world and is testament to all the hard work of staff, students and parents over the last few years to enable us to become such a unique and forward thinking school.

## Advent Services

Advent begins next Sunday, the fourth Sunday before Christmas and we will be holding our Advent services on Thursday 24 November in the main school chapel (please see Forthcoming Events for timings). Advent is the time in the Church's year when we prepare for the coming of Jesus our Saviour, not only at Christmas but at the end of time. In Jesus, God has come among us. He is with us still, and one day when his work is complete, he will gather us into his glory. Until then we wait, and we prepare. We hope that you will be able to join us for one of our special services when we can begin to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of the Christ child this Christmas.

## Fireworks

Last Saturday, the Parents' Association held their annual firework display. At 5pm, it was already dark and the grounds were transformed by the colourful lights of fairground rides and glow sticks whilst the aroma of delicious food wafted through the air. Excitement mounted as hundreds of people gathered for the spectacular firework display. I would like to thank all the parents who worked tirelessly to make this event so successful, raising a staggering £5000!

## National Anti-Bullying Week



On 14 December, the school was wowed by a magnificent performance of *Puss in Boots* by the Shooting Stars Theatre Company, which conveyed some important messages on how to deal with bullies. We were told that when using the computer we should 'zip it, block it and flag it' so we can keep our personal information safe. We found out that bullying can be done verbally as well as physically, we were involved in some actions to help us remember to stick up for ourselves by 'Putting our hands up, stepping back and shouting back off!' Overall, we enjoyed the performance and learnt some crucial messages as part of our Anti-Bullying Week.

*Written by Katriya Levine (Year 6)*

## 3RE's Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Reynolds and 3RE who presented their own version of *Horrible Histories - The Rotten Romans* on 17 November. The archaeologists explained how we find out about the past by digging up artefacts, and the Romans put forward a good argument for not being called 'rotten!' We discovered that many things we take for granted today

were introduced to Britain by the Romans. Well done to all the children for their wonderful performance and thank you to the parents for their support.



### November – A Month of Remembrance

#### *Mass for the Deceased*

You are all warmly invited to attend a special Mass which will be held in the main school chapel on Wednesday 30 November 2011 at 4.30pm – 5.30pm, to remember and pray for those close to us that have died.

#### *Book of Remembrance*

A Book of Remembrance is available in the school foyer where all parents, children and staff are warmly invited to write the names of any deceased loved ones who they would like us to remember and pray for this month and during the Mass.

### Staff Announcement

Congratulations to Mrs Molina who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Clara, on Tuesday. Mother and baby are both doing well.

### Charity

#### *Pencils for the Congo*

Thank you to all the families who brought in pencils and sweets as Christmas presents for children at our sister school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This week we have written personal gift tags in French to our brothers and sisters in Africa, and our pencils will be sent to the Congo to arrive in time for Christmas. Once again, thank you to all those who donated to this worthy cause.

### Golden Book Awards

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

6M	Holly Whitworth Cameron Lee Chloe Elsom Edward Lerwill	6S	Lillian Bartella Joseph Beddoe Ellena Collett Ellis Oxlade Jessica Bates
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5A	Charles Murray Elizabeth Murphy Lucy Barrett	5T	Mikhaela Twimasi Ella Phelps Hannah Bellamy Luke Harding
4D	Emily Conrad Cameron Searle Amelia August Helen Burnett	4R	Finley Westwood Maximus Lawes Theodore Clark Hannah Greenland
3K	Jake Adams Sylvie Smith Apollo Wilkins Ellen Thompson	3RE	Niamh Wright Freddie Christopher
3RI	Coral Dunk Libby Murray Verity Winsor	2H	Tor-William Fisher Livia Hancocks Harry Harle
2T	Poppy Theakston Isabelle Maze Eva Ramage	1G	Toby Brown Zoe Neal Harry Turnbull Benjamin Gundle
1S	Daniel Ballard Hugo Ruiz Kyan Bailey Jasmine Grimes	RG	Isabella Corney Deshaun Twimasi Charlotte Clayden William Street
RH	Callum Barber Sajida Carbon-Oyalowo Riya Paul Ruark Hornett	PR	Christian James Ethan Scott Yann Macleod

### Music

#### *Assembly*

Thank you to Charlotte Ray (4R) for playing the piano so beautifully in assembly today and to 6S who performed Bruno Mars' song "Count on Me" to remind us of the importance of being a good friend.

#### *Choir*

##### *Year 4 Junior Choir Members – Brentwood Centre Concert*

Year 4 Junior Choir members are performing at a fundraising concert for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society along with schools from across the Diocese. The concert is taking place on Friday 2 December at the Brentwood Centre and tickets are now available. Due to the Brentwood Centre having difficulties with their online booking system, it is recommended that you purchase tickets by ringing the box office on 0871 224 1113. Please be aware that there will be 17 schools performing at the concert and therefore tickets will be in high demand.

#### *Young Voices Concert*

If your child is in the Chamber Choir, please encourage them to visit the *Young Voices* website ([www.youngvoices.co.uk/kids](http://www.youngvoices.co.uk/kids)) where the lyrics, backing tracks and dance moves are available. This will help them

to learn the songs they will be singing at the concert. In addition, the children have also been given a CD of all the songs so that they can play them at every possible opportunity – car journeys can now be even more fun!

### Notices

#### Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Eloise Winsor (5A) – named tracksuit top

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.

#### School Photos

Please return all orders for school photographs by Friday 25 November 2011 in order to be in time for Christmas.

### Sport

#### Netball

##### U10 Netball v Brentwood Preparatory School



On 11 November, the U10 Netball Team played away at Brentwood Preparatory School. Once again they worked well as a team, passing the ball accurately around the court allowing the shooters – Elizabeth Murphy (5A) and Eloise Winsor (5A) the chance to shoot and score. During the match, Brentwood played extremely well and matched New Hall's score, making the players in attack and defence worried, but only for a short time, due to the excellent defence by Katherine Barber (5A) who managed constantly to retrieve the ball for Ella Phelps (5T) and Lara Clark (5T) to pass it up to the shooters. At 9-9, and the end of the match in sight, the team persisted with their determination to try and win and on the final whistle, had succeeded with a 10-9 victory! Player of the match was Lara Clark for good passing and team work.

*Written by Lara Clark (5T)*

#### Rugby

##### U8 Rugby v Widford Lodge

The U8 Tag rugby team enjoyed their first game together for the school against Widford Lodge. The 'A' team started strongly with Joshua Notley (3RE) and Oliver Warn (3RI) both making some good runs and scoring tries. Some quick

tagging by Freddie Christopher (3RE) and William Wakeman (3RE) kept the pressure on the opposing team. Whilst Widford Lodge just edged the score winning 8-5, the New Hall School team played some great rugby. The 'B' team, captained by Robin Brown (3K), conceded 3 tries in the opening minutes, but then matched Widford Lodge score for score. Jake Bain (3RI), Peter Ray (3K), Adam Warne (3K), Jacob Pullum (3K), James McBurney (3K), Daniel Holt (3RI) and Jack Cooper (3RI) all enjoyed the competitive game and scored 7 tries between them!

##### U11 Rugby v St Cedd's School

The U11 rugby team had a good game against St Cedd's School. Some excellent tackles from Oliver Robins (6M) and Cameron Meechan (6S) helped the New Hall team dominate the first part of the game. The New Hall forwards and backs worked hard in defence with Luke Freestone (6M), Thomas Spilsbury (6M), Toby Warren (5T) and Tom Durkan (6M) forcing St Cedd's into making errors. New Hall captain, Edward Lerwill (6M), managed to score following another period of dominance, but the end result went to St Cedd's. The New Hall players should be very pleased with the way they worked collectively, playing as a team, in what was an exciting and close game.

#### Tennis

Please note that due to Sports Scholarship Assessments taking place on Saturday 26 November 2011, tennis lessons will be held in PE2 (opposite the Eaton Theatre).

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).

### Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Thu 24 Nov	9.00am – 9.30am	KS1 Christmas Advent Service
Thu 24 Nov	2.45pm – 3.15pm	KS2 Christmas Advent Service
Fri 25 Nov	12.00pm – 3.00pm	New Hall Year 6 Netball Rally
Mon 28 Nov	6.00pm	Christmas Dance Show
Wed 30 Nov	4.30pm	Mass for the Deceased
Thu 1 Dec	2.00pm – 3.00pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Fri 2 Dec	9.15am – 10.30am	KS1 Christmas Production
Sun 3 Dec	9.00am – 3.00pm	U11 Boys Rugby Tournament v Brentwood Preparatory School
Wed 7 Dec	2.30pm – 4.00pm	U11 Boys Rugby v Felsted Preparatory School
Wed 7 Dec	3.00pm – 5.00pm	U11 Girls Hockey v Holmwood House School
Wed 7 Dec	3.00pm – 5.00pm	U9 Girls Netball v Holmwood House School
Thu 8 Dec	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Foundation Stage Christmas Production
Fri 9 Dec	9.15am – 10.00am	Foundation Stage Christmas Production
Fri 9 Dec	All Day	U10/U11 Girls Hockey v Brentwood School
Sun 11 Dec	1.30pm – 4.00pm	U11 Boys Rugby v Holmwood House School



## New Hall Parents' Association

*working together for our children*

### NHPA Grand Fireworks Display

The annual Grand Fireworks Display took place on Saturday 12 November. As always, it was a fantastic evening with rides, sideshows and wonderful refreshments. Thank you to catering, especially Tracey the Preparatory School chef, the domestic bursar, the estate staff team and to everyone who helped to make it the great night that it was.



*The NHPA volunteers in the refreshment marquee ready for the hungry spectators!*

### NHPA Christmas Fayre

The annual Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Friday 16 December from 2.00pm - 6.00pm in the Preparatory School Hall. There will be an array of stalls selling Christmas gifts, games for the children to enjoy and Santa will even be making a visit! Donations for the raffle and the hugely popular cake stall would be gratefully received.

## Prayer Corner

This week, we pray especially for all our Year 6 pupils who are sitting their 11+ examination on Saturday.

May the Holy Spirit inspire them to do their very best and help them not to feel nervous.

Amen

Loving God thank you for fireworks.

For the ones that EXPLODE

With a loud BANG,

For fireworks that fizzle and crackle,

For fireworks that whizz,

For fireworks that whizz,

For fireworks that burst into beautiful colours,

For fireworks of all colours, shapes and sizes,

We thank you.

Amen



# BRAIN CHALLENGE

## Brain Challenge Number 37 Solution

A kimono!

Louis prefers the International items: mousse is French, Pasta is Italian, a rendezvous is French, noodles are Chinese and a kimono is Japanese.

There were two winners: Callum Westwood (Year 5) and Joe Beddoe (Year 6). Hannah Greenland (Year 4) gets an honourable mention for trying.

## Brain Challenge Number 38

*Six Daughters*

Mr. March has 6 daughters. Each daughter is 4 years older than her next younger sister. The oldest daughter is 3 times as old than her youngest sister.

How old is each of the daughters?

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.

# WOW Words of the Week

## Words of the Week 9 Solution

1. Jazz
2. Quiet
3. Yucca
4. Extra
5. Violin
6. Bashful
7. Grown
8. Defeat
9. Koala
10. Molar
11. Porcupine

## Words of the Week Number 9

Congratulations to Benjamin La Rocca (4R) who correctly answered last week's Words of the Week.

## Words of the Week Number 10

*Hinky-Pinky* is an old-time favourite word game to practise syllable, rhyming word, and synonym skills. The object of the game is simple. Given a clue, you must guess the two word answer. The trick is that the answer contains two words that are equal in the number of syllables and rhyme. The title *Hinky-Pinky* implies the answers will contain two syllables.

For example: one who lives in basement = cellar dweller

## These are just a few to get you started.

sound slumber  
 cook who cannot hear  
 master of sailing ship  
 seat for a rabbit  
 loyal colour  
 noisy mob of people  
 shining sun  
 clever prank  
 clever detective

## Create some of your own.

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.

