

What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

3M Class Assembly

3M's entertaining and educational assembly entitled 'I learnt it at school' gave the children an opportunity to share a variety of work that they have covered in the curriculum this term. We were delighted by their rendition of the poem *Please Mrs Butler* by Allan Ahlberg and we enjoyed seeing their beautiful volcano paintings. Thank you to all the children in 3M and Mrs Eva and Mr McIntosh.



The Stratford and East London Music Festival

On Monday and Tuesday of this week the Infant Choir and the Year 5 and 6 Chamber Choir took part in the Stratford and East London Music Festival. Both choirs sang superbly; the Infant Choir who was awarded 84 marks out of 100 and achieved 2nd place in the Infant Choir category. The Year 5 and 6 Chamber Choir was awarded 87 marks out of 100 gaining a distinction and 1st place in the 'Junior Choir Two-Part Singing' category. Congratulations to all the children who took part.

Reading for pleasure

It has been a busy half term throughout the school for all our readers, who are developing their skills through individual and group reading activities, whilst enjoying an injection of new resources both in the Library and class rooms. A new edition of phonics books, non-fiction books and the ever popular Oxford Reading Tree Magic Key stories have been added to resources from Reception to Year 2, with Key Stage 2 classes enjoying new boxed sets of 15 fiction titles from the previous Children's Laureate, Michael Morpurgo.

Year 6 pupils are well established as Reading Partners with Reception children, and it has been invaluable support welcoming a group of Year 12 students from our own Senior School, who are now enjoying the Reading Buddy initiative with KS2 pupils. In addition a new Buddy

System is well established with pupils in Pre Reception. Year 12 students each have a key group of children with whom they enjoy reading activities and visits to the Library. Year 12 students have designed activities which tie in with their own A Level studies, so for example will be growing plants with the children. This new system is in place for the full academic year and is proving to be a great success

The use of the Library grows each week, and it is good to see so many children borrowing books from our well-stocked shelves for a good read both in school and at home. Years 1 and 2 have also received new dictionaries and thesauruses to enhance teaching and learning in their English lessons.

This year we shall also be promoting the enjoyment of Francesca Simon's books about the popular character, *Horrid Henry*. After half term, we are looking forward to welcoming back to the Preparatory School, Theo Stevenson (now in Year 8 at the Senior School), who has recently spent 2 months filming in the title role of the new *Horrid Henry* movie, to be released in August this year. Theo is going to talk to pupils across the school about his experiences during the making of the film, in addition to reading extracts from the *Horrid Henry* books, acting in character and answering any questions from his audience!

World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 3 March, which is the first Thursday of the new half term. A huge selection of books will be available for your children to choose from, which I hope they will enjoy. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. Many thanks to the parents who have kindly donated money to the library, it is very much appreciated. After half term I will be inviting children to choose their books, which will then have a book plate placed inside, marking their donation. They will then bring the books home for the 'first read' after which the books will be put into the library for all to borrow.

NHVS

Fashion Show

You are warmly invited to the NHVS 'Truly British Fashion Show' which will be taking place on Wednesday 16 March from 7.00-9.00pm. Tickets cost £10 each for adults and £5 each for students and include a drinks reception and canapés as well as a goody bag, a prize draw and the opportunity to shop! To purchase a ticket please visit www.newhallschool.co.uk/events to download a booking form.

T-shirt Competition

Children are invited to take part in a poster competition to raise funds for NHVS. The design of the t-shirt should commemorate the Royal wedding and British Heritage. A Clarion Call message has been sent to you today with further details. Entries must be received by Friday 4 March.

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Charlotte Brooke-Walder Daisy Clover Kieran Drew Harrison Ellis	6S	Rhiannon Hollis James Fraser Gregory Oxlade Harry Phelps
5F	Abby Beaumont Cameron Clarke Sian Redmond Charles Young	5T	Thomas Hughes Finlay Ramjane Shehzad Siddiqi Katriya Levine Isobel Moyler
4D	Jack Daly Mia Ramage Emma Shannon Aidan Turner-Wallace	4R	Matthew Cook Samuel Jones Eden Waite
3H	Molly Brignell Helen Burnett Aamish Ibrahim Joseph Murphy	3M	All pupils for their class wonderful assembly!
2H	Brenna Doyle Fionnuala Heffernan Harrison Hooker Peter Ray	2P	Emma Barrett Eleanor Jones Szara Shahril-Rauz Oliver Warn
2R	Harry Corney Holly Layzell Grace Lingwood Adam Warne	1G	Elizabeth Jones Sacha Oxlade-Creswell Anna-Maria Romero Poppy Theakston
1M	Oliver Haslam Anthony Macleod Tyler Tombs	RG	Finlay Meyer-Melville Anish Nikam Coco Wilkins
RU	Frankie Christopher Hugo Ruiz Fredrick Searle Christopher Stewart	PR	Elisha Burns Francesca Burrows James Coxon Genevieve Rogers Cameron Waite

Sport

Hockey

U9 v Bishop's Stortford College

New Hall welcomed Bishop's Stortford College for a series of U9 fixtures.

The U9B girls enjoyed the experience, and demonstrated the skills that they have been practising in their lessons. Emma Shannon and Lucy Barrett made some timely interceptions and tackles. The girls were supported by Amber Whitehorne and Charlotte Ray who made better use of the space as the game progressed. On the attacking front, Eden Waite, Niamh Rayment, Holly Notley and Samantha Whetstone all contributed to a well contested game, with 3 near misses at the Bishop Stortford goal. Unfortunately, the team lost, but it was great to see the depth of hockey players in the Year 3 and 4 pupils.

The U9A team faced a closely contended match with defenders Rebecca Jeffrey and Elizabeth Murphy working hard to prevent the Bishop's Stortford side from scoring. Midfield players Lara Clark and Katie Barber played the ball forwards, towards Annabelle Harle and Darcie Courtney-Cook. It was one of these passes that eventually found its way to captain Eloise Winsor, who took a firm shot at the goal, to score the first goal of the game. Into the second half, the Bishop's Stortford team increased the pressure and managed to equalise with a goal.

Ice Skating

National Ice Skating Tests

Congratulations to Laura Hedges (5T) who has achieved the following: Level 2 Elements, Level 2 Free and Level 3 Field Moves.

Swimming

IAPS Regional Round, Bishop's Stortford College

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 competed against 6 other schools at the tournament. The swimmers worked hard to achieve some excellent results. Lucy Greenwood showed off her front crawl stroke by swimming against the U13s for an Essex time and won the race. Lucy was also been ranked 1st in her 25m butterfly race. We will await the results to see if she has managed a selection to the finals which are to be held in May.

U9, U10 & U11 v Elm Green Preparatory School, Chelmsford, St Cedd's School, Chelmsford, and Holmwood House School, Colchester

On Tuesday 8 February New Hall hosted a gala against local Preparatory Schools and finished in 2nd place overall. The results were as follows:

St Cedd's School	160
New Hall Preparatory School	135
Elm Green Preparatory School	109
Holmwood House School	97

New Hall secured an 80-52 win against Holmwood House School in the 'B' league. The U9 boys scored top results winning overall, the U11 girls just missed out by 1 point to finish in 2nd place against St Cedd's School. Mrs Staines would like to thank all the children for their hard work in training and she looks forward to the next Gala.

Clubs

Saturday Dance/Musical Theatre Classes

Please note that Saturday dance /musical theatre classes will take place this Saturday as normal.

Cancelled Lessons

Fencing Monday 28 February
Tennis Friday 4 and 11 March

Uniform Shop

Due to the high demand for beanie and legionnaire sunhats, we are now taking pre-orders. Please contact the Uniform Shop to place your order.

We are now stocking white base layers for pupils in Years 3-6. These are optional pieces of kit and are available to order in the following sizes: 22/24, 26/28, 30/32 and 34/36. Please contact the Uniform Shop to place your order.

Notices

Menu

Please note that during the week back after half term we will be operating on 'Week 3'.

Sainsburys' Active Kids Vouchers 2011

Once again, we will be collecting the Sainsburys' Active Kids Vouchers. The collection box will be located in the Preparatory School Reception.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Hannah Bellamy (4R) - named P.E bag with school uniform inside, tracksuit blazer and tracksuit top (named - Dominic Bellamy)
- Cameron Clarke (5F) - named New Hall hooded jumper
- Kieran Drew (6A) - named sports bag with school uniform inside
- Jamie Norman (5T) - named swimming bag and kit, black tracksuit bottoms
- Shehzad Siddiqi (5T) - named rugby top and white P.E top

Could all parents please check names on uniform items. If any of these items are found, please hand in to the School Office.

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 c.tayler@newhallschool.co.uk.

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 16 Solution

I am BRAINY.

Congratulations to the following pupils who got the correct answer: Tobias McBurney (1G), Apollo Wilkins (2R), Fleur Wharton and Angus Jones (3M), Lucy Barrett and Annabelle Harle (4D), Lara Clark and Rebecca Jeffrey (4R), Nicola Jackson and Laura Hedges in (5T), Grace Key and Ben Clark (6A) and Lucy Greenwood (6S)

And the next challenge:

Novel in a Haystack

A friend tells you that someone has hidden a £50 note in the school library for one lucky person to find. The friend does not know the title of the novel but goes on to say that the money is hidden in between pages 201 and 202 of the unnamed novel. What do you do: look for the money or laugh it off? Give a reason for your answer.

Answers on a piece of paper (with your name and class teacher) 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
Fri 18 Feb		End of Half Term
Mon 28 Feb		Term recommences
Thu 3 Mar		World Book Day
		IAPS Netball Tournament
	5.00-6.00pm	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Information Evening
Fri 4 Mar		IAPS Netball Tournament
	2.45-3.45pm	U10/U11 Boys Rugby v Brentwood Preparatory School
Sat 5 Mar	9.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning for Prospective Pre-Reception families

Prayer Corner

This week we pray for:

Mr McIntosh's new baby son, Oliver Samuel, and Katriya Levine's new baby brother.

Loving God, thank you for the gift of life and for bringing these new babies safely into this world. May You bless them and keep them safe, helping them to grow loving, strong and healthy in Your love, now and always. Amen.

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Own a Pony Day

at Runningwell Equestrian Centre



Monday 21 February from 9.30am-3.30pm

Spend the day at Runningwell Equestrian Centre, where you will be given your own pony for the day.

The day will be packed with fun activities where you will learn how to care for your pony and includes a riding lesson.

Open to New Hall students and those considering entry into Year 7 in September 2011.

The day fee of £50.00 includes all activities. All levels catered for.

Please bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, food may be purchased from the cafe.



For more details please contact Runningwell Equestrian Centre on 01268 711 221 or info@runningwell.co.uk.

Runningwell Equestrian Centre, Warren Road, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 8DG

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New Hall School

Tennis Camp

Develop your tennis skills at the New Hall Tennis Camp with experienced L.T.A Licensed Tennis Coaches



Monday 11 - Thursday 14 April 2011,
8.30am - 2.30pm
at New Hall School, Chelmsford

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New Hall Preparatory School

You and your family are warmly invited to join staff from New Hall Pre-Reception for

Coffee & Cupcakes

on Saturday 5 March 2011 from 9.30-11.30am
at New Hall Preparatory School

If you are considering entry to New Hall Pre-Reception (from the age of 3) this is an opportunity to visit Pre-Reception, meet the Headteacher, staff & pupils and to meet other families.

Optional tours and fun activities with a visiting entertainer will take place throughout the morning.

RSVP online at www.newhallschool.co.uk/events or to Christina Tayler, New Hall School, The Avenue, Boreham, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 3HS, UK
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