

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

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Dear Parents

Inspection

ISI inspectors were in school from Monday to Wednesday last week and provided us with initial verbal feedback on Wednesday afternoon. This was very positive, with particular commendation of the school's ethos, pastoral care, extra-curricular provision and boarding. However, we will have to wait for approximately a month for the formal written report. Thank you to all parents who responded via the ISI questionnaires.

Advent Services

We are delighted to invite you to attend our Advent Services. The KS2 Advent Service will take place on Friday 26 November 2010 at 9.00am until 10.00am and the Foundation Stage and KS1 Advent Service will take place on Monday 29 November from 2.45pm until 3.15pm. Both these services will take place in the Senior School Chapel. We look forward to seeing many of you at one of these services.

National Anti Bullying Week

The School Council hosted a school assembly on Wednesday to bring attention to Anti-Bullying Week. They shared a very important message with a twist on the old saying 'Sticks and stones can break your bones, but names can never hurt you'. They spoke about times when they had been called names or excluded from games and how this had hurt their feelings. They demonstrated this by screwing up paper hearts which, when unfolded, were imprinted with wrinkles. They also shared times when people were kind and caring towards them and displayed this by smoothing out their paper hearts; however, they pointed out that the hearts would never be entirely smooth again. Thank you to Mrs Smith and the School Council for their efforts in organising this assembly and reiterating the important message to all children to 'Say No to Bullying'.



SEAL Booklet

The pupils have also been discussing in their PSHE lessons the importance of using 'I' statements when they are not happy with someone, and how important it is to tell a teacher or adult at school if they are feeling picked on or unsafe. Today, each family will be receiving a SEAL booklet in support of National Anti-Bullying Week to help with guidance and resolutions related to bullying which we are discussing at school.

Poster Competition

Thank you to all the pupils in KS1 and KS2 who have designed a poster for the School Council's 'Say No to Bullying' competition. There were some fantastic entries and winners will be announced early next week.

Essex Records Office visit to Year 5



On Wednesday 17 November, a member of the Essex Records Office visited Year 5 to provide an interesting and thought provoking History lesson with a difference! The theme was Victorian Children in Essex, and provided an exciting, extra stimulus for our Creative Curriculum topic, 'The Victorian Tale'. Year 5 were shown an early photograph of a class of school children, circa 1892, and immediately became history detectives, as they made comparisons between themselves and the rather unhappy looking Victorian pupils. Lively comments such as, 'the girls are all in pinafores', 'why are there so few boys?', 'nobody is wearing glasses', 'that boy's face is blurred', led to more detailed discussions about Victorian clothing, education for boys and girls, no money to help with payments for glasses, and the advent of the first camera, for which you had to keep very still! Other photographs or documents observed and discussed included a Victorian classroom; girls taking part in a cookery lesson; a scene from the workhouse and an advertisement for a new, local

boarding school, The Roxwell Academy. The documents generating the greatest interest and comment were pages from a school's punishment book: 2 strokes from the birch cane for breaking your school slate and 4 lashes for refusing to do a task set for bad behaviour, having been warned...Perhaps we do prefer our school in the 21st Century after all!

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Charlotte Brook-Walder Benjamin Clark Maia Tolia-Shah	6S	Natalie Chan Lucy Greenwood Rhiannon Hollis Benedict Stotesbury
5F	Abby Beaumont Megan Cotton Benjamin Notley	5T	Holly Haslam Thomas Hughes Edward Lerwill
4D	Sarah Coxon Ethan Doyle Mia Ramage James Wong	4R	William Banks John Barber Zoe Dunmow Samantha Whetstone
3H	Freya Adams Joseph Murphy Molly Reynolds	3M	Ben Hutton-Penman Maximus Lawes Fleur Wharton Amber Whitehorne
2H	Eloise Barber Fionnuala Heffernan Lelia McMillan Ana-Cristina Mead	2P	Rosie Bullen Jack Cooper Georgina Gundle Isabella Johansen- Howarth
2R	Maddi Bullen Maisie Cussen Neve O'Brien Philippa Palmer	1G	Zak Dennison Samuel Maddison Tobias McBurby Sophie Kingston
1M	Ruby-Mae Coyne Harry Harle Zarah Okakah	RG	Isabella Basile Ella Downes Harry Turnbull
RU	Kyan Bailey Daniel Ballard Amelie Collins Louisa Napper	PR	Thalia Adams Callum Barber Charlotte Clayden Theo Smith

Music



Congratulations to Samantha Whetstone (4R), who achieved the following at the Southend Musical Festival:

Honours	Grades 2 & 3	Cello & Bass	any age
Gold	Cello Solo	set piece	10 yrs & under
Honours	Cello Solo	own choice	10 yrs & under
Gold	Cello Solo	set piece	8 yrs & under
Silver	Cello Solo	own choice	8 yrs & under

5T Class Assembly



Inspired in their English sets by the animated version of the poem, 5T presented their class assembly on Thursday based on 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. Dressed in black or as the characters from this famous narrative poem, they shared their thoughts about how the music had added to the atmosphere and effect of the poet's use of figures of speech, such as metaphor, and his lively, descriptive vocabulary. 5T wrote character sketches, spoke as if they were the characters, and even hot-seated them to find out more about their background and how they featured in the poem. ICT skills were used to research the topic of highwaymen, especially the infamous Dick Turpin and his Essex origins. This included an interview with Mrs Brazier, who showed Year 5 photographs of her quest to trace family connections with a certain Mary Brazier, and links with Dick Turpin! The assembly concluded in this special Anti-Bullying Week, with a reflection on the dastardly deeds of highwaymen. Whilst they might look dashing and daring, 5T felt that highwaymen, and women, were probably just like bullies: they frightened people; they made them feel scared and unsafe; they demanded that they gave them all their possessions, shouting 'Stand and deliver, your money or your life!' This reminds us to stand

up for ourselves, to say 'I don't like what you are doing or saying to me' and remember at all times: 'Say No to bullying!' A special thank you must go to Mrs Thorogood and 5T for preparing the very informative and enjoyable assembly. Thank you also to all the parents and families for their help with costumes, and for coming along to support the children's assembly.

5F Class Assembly

Parents of children in 5F are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 25 November at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

Year 5 Visit to Braintree Museum

On Monday 6 December, Year 5 pupils will be spending the day at the Braintree Museum to support their learning about Victorian History. Details are being sent to parents today via Clarion Call.

Charity

Link Romania Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Link Romania Shoebox Appeal this year. In total, the Preparatory School donated 92 boxes, which is fantastic! The boxes are being collected on Saturday along with the Senior School's collection. Many thanks for your generosity.

Sport

Netball

Year 6 v St Cedd's School Results – lost 7-9

The Year 6 team performed well at an attacking level, displaying smooth, well-linked passing up the court and good shooting was seen from Holly May and Tara Durkan. The girls' footwork and jumping to catch the ball have definitely improved and they began to operate as a team, with better communication and movement. Although the teams were level in the last quarter, unfortunately St Cedd's scored another 2 goals to make the final score 7-9.

Year 5 & 6 v St Hugh's School Results – lost 8-11

On the same afternoon, the Year 5 and 6 teams played against St Hugh's School. The Year 5 team drew 6-6. The Year 6 team never let their opponents get more than one goal ahead throughout the game, until the last quarter, where, again the final 3 goals saw a result of 8-11.

The Year 6 girls are now looking forward to the annual New Hall Netball Rally which is taking place next week on Friday 26 November, 12.00-4.30pm. Parents are warmly invited to come along and support the girls. We wish them every success.

Rugby

St Columbas College Rugby Tournament Results

The Year 4 rugby team attended the St Columbas College Rugby Tournament this week. In the morning pool games, the team were initially a little apprehensive as the size of the first 2 opposition teams was something entirely new to all of the players. Into the 3rd game, the boys began to focus on the rucking they had been working on in training. This had real success against a strong side, with Samuel Jones

gaining a good score. Toby Warren, John Barber, Aidan Turner-Wallace and Ralph Carroll all made good tackles and were very determined. Into the afternoon, the boys played with much greater enthusiasm and power in the forwards. They matched Caldecott School in most areas of the game, but conceded 2 important tries. Into the next game, playing against Bedford Modern, New Hall played their best rugby of the day with some very good tackles seen by all players. Aaron Stone was unlucky not to score as he stepped over the dead ball line on the pitch, but Samuel Jones scored a good try and sealed a place in the medal competition final for the team. In the final they played against Haberdashers School. The boys battled well, but Haberdashers eventually won by 2 scores. Well done to the boys who evidently had listened well in training and put what they had learnt into practice.

Sailing

Ben Hutton-Penman (3M) is a member of the Corinthian Otters, the junior section of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Burnham-On-Crouch. Last week was the annual prize giving and Ben received a number of awards in his age group. He won the award for Outstanding Achievement for his season's sailing. He is the only member of his sailing group that has competed nationally and in the large events. He has also competed locally, sailing in all conditions. There are various other awards, including the racing medal and the zooming medal, which is for sailing in strong wind, which are usually reserved for sailors aged 9-10. Ben won both of these awards at the age of 7. Congratulations to Ben who has done tremendously well.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Fencing

Fencing Club after school on Monday 22 November, will be in DR1

Toilets in Octagon/Radcliffe

A reminder to parents and children not to use the toilets in Octagon/Radcliffe as this can disturb the Senior School students.

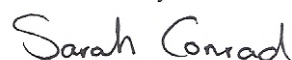
Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- James Fraser (6S) – named *Niki* football boot bag & boots, shin pads & *Opro* mouth guard
- Katherine Harker (1M) – named blazer

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 8 Solution

By looking at a car number plate, how does one tell how old a car is?

1. During the 1880s and 1990s number plates started with the letters A through to Y. The later in the alphabet the letter was, the more recent the year of manufacture of the car was.
2. Between the years 2000 and 2009, the system was made more straight forward i.e. '01' for early 2001 and '51' for late 2001 and so forth.
3. For 2010 onwards, the system was changed again although it was kept fairly similar i.e. '11' for early 2011 and '61' for late 2011 (so you would need to add 50)

Congratulations to Nicola Jackson (5T) and Lucy Greenwood (6S) who scored the maximum 3 points. Well done also to and Imogen Coker (6S), Hannah Greenland (3M), Jamie Norman (5T) and Thomas Spilsbury (5T), who gave correct answers.

And the next challenge:

Every year on his birthday, Toby gets £1.00 from his aunt Edwina for every year of his age; that is £1.00 on his first birthday, £2 on his second birthday and so on. Just after his last birthday, Toby realised he had received £276.00 in total. *How old is Toby?*

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.

Prayer Corner

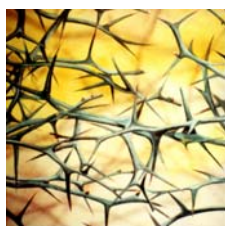
During Anti-Bullying Week we think especially of how we should treat other people.

Unkind words are like thorns.

They stab and prick.

Father God, please help me not to say cruel things that get under people's skin.

Amen.



Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Fri 19 Nov	7.30pm	NHVS Quiz Night
Sun 21 Nov	11.00am-1.30pm	U11 Rugby Tournament v Brentwood Preparatory School
Wed 24 Nov	9.00-10.00am	Parents' Forum Meeting
Thu 25 Nov	8.50am	5F Class Assembly
Fri 26 Nov	9.00-10.00am	KS2 Advent Service
	12noon-5.00pm	Year 6 Netball Rally
Mon 29 Nov	2.45-3.15pm	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Advent Service
	5.30-10.00pm	Christmas Dance Show
Tue 30 Nov	4.15-6.15pm	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Gala v Elm Green School
Thu 2 Dec	2.30-3.30pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
Fri 3 Dec	9.15-10.15am	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
Mon 6 Dec		Year 5 Visit to Braintree Museum
Thu 9 Dec	2.30-3.30pm	Foundation Stage Christmas Production
Fri 10 Dec	9.15-10.15am	Foundation Stage Christmas Production



New Hall Parents' Association

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NHPA Grand Fireworks Display

The annual Grand Fireworks Display took place on Saturday 13 November. As always it was a fantastic evening with rides, sideshows and wonderful refreshments. Thank you to catering, especially Tracey, the domestic bursar, the estate staff team, and to everyone who helped to make it the great night that it was.



NHPA Christmas Fayre

The annual Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Tuesday 14 December from 2.00-6.00pm 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.