

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

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There has definitely been a feeling this week that spring has at last appeared. With this in mind, Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 have been looking for new life around the site, and rehearsals for our Easter productions are in full swing. Also, we welcomed Reverend Greenland into school on Monday when the children learnt about super heroes in the bible.

Golden Book Awards

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

6R	Alexander Acheson William Baird Ethan Barber	6H	Marco Choi Samuel Jackson Samuel Makins Bethany Murphy
6A	James Bacon Grant Beard Maria Bromham Chloe O'Hare	5D	Aisling Dinan Grace Key Charles Mabbutt Holly May
5F	James Fraser Lucy Greenwood Rhiannon Hollis Charlotte Parker	4P	Phineas Allen Tom Durkan Thomas Hughes Edward Lerwill
4H	Abby Beaumont Aleisha Moore Zak Ramjane Charles Young	3M	Elizabeth Attwood Jadon Barnes Jack Daly Eloise Winsor
3R	William Banks Hannah Bellamy Holly Notley Aaron Stone	2S	Helen Burnett Cameron Searle
2I	Brenton Cook Hannah Greenland Ellie Law Fleur Smith	1B	Grace Lingwood Ellen Thompson Adam Warne
1M	Fionnuala Heffernan Niamh Wright	1G	Ravit Dewan Georgina Gundle Abigail James Maria Lynch
RL	Joshua Gundle Elizabeth Jones Tobias McBurney Eva Ramage	RU	Madeleine Hamilton Oliver Haslam Asha Odedra Freddie Warn
PR	Oluwaferanmi Aremu Isabella Corney Madeleine Hamilton Isobel Haresnape	PR	Oliver Haslam Albert Smith Ina Vaeremans Freddie Warn

Year 5 visit to the Europa Centre

On Friday 26 February and Friday 5 March the Year 5 pupils went to the Europa Centre for their French school trip. We were all really looking forward to it. Once we had our lunch at the café, we were put into groups with an assistant who took care of us. I (Aaron Phipps 5D) went to the boutique (le magasin de vêtements) and I bought a jumper (un pull) and a pair of jeans (un jean). We all really enjoyed the trip and we loved all of the shops, especially the bakery because it had lots of tasty treats in it like waffles (des gaufres) with ice cream (de la glace). The staff were really nice and helped us out when we struggled with a word or a phrase.

By Imogen Coker 5F, Callum Bain 5D, Aaron Phipps 5D, Lucas Bowers 5D



World Book Day

I hope that the pupils all enjoyed World Book Day and that they are pleased with their books. Thank you to all of the parents who very kindly donated money to the library. I will be inviting children to choose their donated books which will have a book plate with their name in the front. They will then be able to bring them home for the "first read", after which they will be returned to the library to be taken out by all. Unfortunately, I am currently wrestling with a new library computer system which is delaying everything! I will inform you when I am starting "donations". Many thanks once again for your kindness.

2S Assembly

Parents of children in 2S are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 29 April at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

Signing in and out of the Preparatory School

This is a reminder to parents to please sign both in and out at the School Reception when coming to the Preparatory School. This is imperative for the safety of our pupils and from a Health & Safety point of view.

Year 4's visit from the Essex Records Office

On Tuesday 9 March Jane from the Essex Records Office came in to School to speak to Year 4. She brought with her an ink pot, a parchment and a quill. We looked at Queen Elizabeth's signature. We also had the chance to write with a quill ourselves and wrote our own names in Latin writing. I really enjoyed writing with a quill although it was not easy and very messy. We also learnt that in the past boys could write and read but girls could not read and could only write their name.

By Thomas Hughes 4P

Trip to Keene House

On Monday 8 March pupils from Year 6 visited Keene Residential Home. We played a variety of different instruments and a few children performed their ESB poems, some of which made our listeners laugh. We sang 'He's got the whole world in his hands' and 'Everywhere around me' with Mrs Roe encouraging them to join in with the actions. At the end we all sang (including our audience!) 'It's a long way to Tipperary', 'Pack up your troubles' and 'Daisy Bell'. It was a very enjoyable visit for everyone.

By Rebecca Kimberlin 6H

NHVS Fashion Show

A lively and entertaining NHVS Fashion Show took place on 17 March. The show raised over £2,000 for the annual NHVS Children's Holiday. Well done to Sophie Thomson (6A) who won the "Create a fashion garment from recycled material" competition in 'Green Week' she was the youngest model at the fashion show and was superb.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Last day of term

Please note that there will be no clubs taking place on the last day of term.

Year 5 & 6 Choir

Please note that Year 5 & 6 Choir on Wednesday 24 March is cancelled owing to the KS2 Easter Concert in the evening.

Sainsburys' Active Kids Vouchers 2010

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

Tesco For Schools and Club Vouchers 2010

The collection box for these vouchers is in the Preparatory School Reception. We would appreciate your help with collecting these.

Sport

Gymnastics

After a busy time rehearsing, the Year 1 and 2 gymnastic squads were ready for the Chelmsford schools competition. The girls including Amber Whitehorne, Isabella Warren, Liberty Bates, Amelia August, Ellen Thompson and Georgina Gundle performed very well demonstrating some well controlled cartwheels, rolls, balances and jumps. They reached the finals and were placed 3rd overall.



The first of all teams to perform from the Year 3 and 4 girls, consisted of Jessica Bates, Layla Sammour, Lara Clark, Katherine Barber, Ella Gaskin and Darcy Courtney-Cook and they set the standard for all the other schools to follow. The slick movements and timings in the performance were very good. The second team made up of Ella Phelps, Grace Murray, Annabelle Harle, Rebecca Jeffrey, Sian Redmond and Eloise Winsor performed beautiful cartwheels and backward rolls executed with control. After a great display by the team the New Hall first team were awarded 2nd place. Thank you to Mrs Clark for all of her hard work with the girls especially with their choreography, a highly original and ambitious routine was performed by both teams. Thank you also to parents who brought the children in for the early morning start which proved to be really important as it enabled the team to practise together.

Hockey

On Tuesday afternoon the U7 and U8 girls played Bishop Stortford College for a 7-side game of hockey. Megan Cotton showed great determination as the striker in centre forward position, twice shooting into the goal, to great excitement. Eloise Winsor gave exceptional support, whilst Rebecca Jeffrey provided excellent defensive play at the back with Nicola Jackson. Sophia Turnbull gave valuable help in the midfield position, while Holly Notley began to

learn about directing the ball up to her shooting circle. Ella Phelps played in goal for both games, only letting in one goal the whole time. In the second game Katriya added another dimension with her determined efforts and Jessica Bates waited hopefully in the goal circle looking for chances to score. Everyone in the teams helped to reach a very respectable 1-1 draw in the first game and a 1-0 lose in the second.

In the boys' team, Ellis Oxlade and Joe Beddoe made some good tackles, but the opposition players found space to the side and managed to fire home a well crafted goal. Determined work by Joseph August and Thomas Spilsbury put some pressure on the Bishop Stortford goal keeper. Despite the continued pressure when tackling, New Hall lacked the finishing cutting edge and lost 1-0. In the second boys' game, some good interceptions were well worked for Aaron Stone and new recruit Matthew Cook. Into the second half, the team started to push the ball further up the field, committing more players forward. This allowed a little too much space behind the New Hall defenders which the Bishop Stortford players were able to capitalise on and bundle the ball past a helpless goal keeper. Tom Durkan was unlucky not to get a goal back following a fantastic attacking run; the ball just went wide of the goal. The end result was 2-0. However, a much improved team performance against another experienced team bodes well for the future. Many thanks to the staff who helped out with the teams on the day.



Old Buckenham Hall were welcomed to New Hall for the last Hockey game of the year for the Year 5 and 6 teams. Lots of passing and movement by both teams gave plenty of opportunity for goals. OBH were more decisive in their attempts, making sure that they shot immediately at the goal when in the D. The New Hall boys, missing their usual centre forward, found the opposition pressure came too quickly to allow enough time to shoot on target.

The B team with predominantly Year 5 boys playing worked very well as a team and matched the opposition in a fast flowing game. After half time, OBH scored a goal which was cancelled out by Jonathan Murphy who played very well throughout the game. Callum Rayment also showed some excellent movement and awareness in attack and defense. Unfortunately, the OBH team scored another

couple of goals. The C team adapted well to the grass surface and showed good determination in the midfield.

Cross Country

Following the postponement of the previous cross country event, the team were eager to test their running. The Year 5 girls as is customary were the first to set off. Tara Durkan set off very quickly and led the way over the first 50 metres, she was followed by Georgina Mead and Lucy Greenwood, with Natasha Skeens a little further back. As the race progressed, the girls continued to run well with Georgina and Lucy working together. For the U10 boys' team, a couple of changes in personnel gave Joe Beddoe and Aaron Stone the opportunity to test themselves against older boys. Both boys really enjoyed the run – with Aaron asking to run again with the Year 6 team! Jonathan Murphy and Scott Taylor both had their strongest runs in the cross-country series. Kieran Drew and Callum Bain also showed good fitness and had great sprint finishes. The Year 6 girls performed very well, with Grace Carroll placing 5th overall – her best individual place in the league events. She was well supported by Chloe O'Hare, Evangeline Moir-Smith, Alexandra Burnham and Sindhu Kugan, resulting in a team placing of 2nd overall narrowly missing out on the victory. Sam Makins was the star performer for the Year 6 boys' team finishing the race in 3rd place. With the rest of the team including Kavin Kugan, Benjamin Coxon, Grant Beard, Samuel Spilsbury and Benjamin Jones finishing in the top 40 in a field of around 150 children, this was another excellent performance. As the cross-country relays approach, New Hall will go in with high hopes of defending their titles won last year.

Events

Annual Parish Assembly

Parents are welcome to attend the Springfield Parish Assembly due to take place at the Parish Centre, St Augustine's Way, Springfield at 7.30pm. There will be Guest speakers from the Neighbourhood Watch and Springfield Charities as well as display stands showing the work carried out by local youth groups within the community. Information will also be available about the Parish Council, the activities that take place at the Parish Centre and at Chelmer Village, and the latest projects that the Parish Council is undertaking, such as the proposed library to be located at the Parish Centre. Please can you inform Mrs Mary Martin if you would like to attend.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Sarah Coxon – Yellow t-shirt and tracksuit trousers
- Sofia Garvin – named school blazer
- Bethany Cook – named fleece
- Matthew Cook – named trousers
- Willow Gwyn-Williams – named tracksuit trousers

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

Travel Information

From September 2010 we are introducing two new minibus services for students in Yr 3 upwards:

- From Southend via South Woodham Ferrers and Howe Green
- From Epping via North Weald, High Ongar and the A414

If you are interested in either of these services, please contact Mrs G Phillips, Travel Secretary, for more information on gphillips@newhallschool.co.uk.

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

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Sat 20 March	10.15am	U8 TAG Rugby v Holmwood House School
Sat 20 March	10.15am	U8 Netball v Holmwood House
Sat 20 March	9.30am	ABRSM Examinations
Tues 23 March	4.45pm	U10A/U10B Boys Rugby v St Faith's School
Wed 24 March	7.00pm	KS2 Easter Concert
Thurs 25 March	9.00am	Year 5 English Speaking Board Examination
Fri 26 March	9.00am	KS2 Reconciliation Mass
Tues 30 March	9.00am	Foundation Stage "Easter Treat"
Tues 30 March	2.30pm	Key Stage 1 "Easter Tea Showcase"
Wed 31 March	1.30pm	RU & RL Class Liturgy
Wed 31 March	2.00pm	4H Class Liturgy
Thurs 1 April	9.00am	End of Term Assembly



Blessed are you, Lord our God,
Creator of the universe.
You fill the world with your glory
and give it to us as a home.
Teach us to recognise its wonders,
to treasure its variety.



CHELMSFORD MALE VOICE CHOIR



Spring Concert 2010
In aid of the Mayor's Charities

Music Director: John Taylor
Accompanist: Claire Lowe
With guest artistes
Ben Brunning & Anna Davis



Chelmsford Cathedral on April 10th 2010
at 7.30pm
Tickets £8

Please call The J's for tickets on 01245 - 351514
Or email info@thejshospice.org.uk





RDA
MASKED BALL
FRIDAY 7TH MAY 2010

PONTLANDS PARK
WEST HANNINGFIELD RD
GREAT BADDOW, CHELMSFORD
CM2 8HR

7PM - 12:30AM
BLACK TIE - MASKS OPTIONAL



Ticket Price £50, to include: welcome cocktail, three course meal & table wine, with live music and entertainment. There will be a raffle, no long speeches, no auction, just the chance to sponsor any number of rides for disabled riders.

TABLES CAN BE 8-12 PEOPLE. WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO ACCEPT PART TABLES & SINGLE TICKETS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TICKETS CONTACT:

DONNA BARBER
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NHVS RDA (Riding for the Disabled) 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 our main fund raising event of the year. Please help us to provide over 1,200 rides for disabled children and adults of all ages.

Registered Charity No: 1074172.