

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Dear Parents

Open Morning

Thank you to all those families who attended our Open Morning last weekend. Thank you also to all our Year 5 and 6 tour guides who gave such an excellent impression of the school. Many visitors commented on how polite and informative the pupils were.



Book Week

Mrs Thorogood, our new Head of English writes:
Next week is Children's Book Week which is an annual celebration of reading for pleasure for children of primary school age. This year's theme is books around the world. Further information about this special week can be found from The Booktrust, 'Inspiring a Love of Books' at www.booktrust.org.uk.

During this week, staff and children will be focusing on a particular author/genre, and we would encourage parents to support us in this venture, sharing and enjoying as many books as possible with them at home. We very much value the part that families play in supporting our recommended regular reading, and would ask for a particular focus on reading aloud this term, in addition to reading from a breadth of reading material. Please do help us to ensure that children are enjoying a rich and varied reading diet of fiction, non-fiction, picture books and poetry, alongside a teacher's guided choice of readers.

All children should be bringing home a reading book and record sheet, in which we would ask you to sign and make comments, as appropriate, to record their daily reading. We are also promoting the use of our school Library this term, through timetabled class/set visits, in addition to the lunch time sessions which are available to all pupils. We hope that parents will make use of their own local libraries and bookshops, where a wide range of books are available and, during Children's Book Week, will feature a variety of special activities and book promotions.

Within this week, on Thursday 7 October, it is National Poetry Day, when we shall be sharing poetry books and reading poetry aloud together. We are sure there will be a wealth of poetry and books of rhymes at home. Please do encourage your child to bring these into school on Thursday. We hope that you will all enjoy next week's events and thank you for your support in our promotion of reading and literacy.

National Schools' Fire Safety Week

Next week we will be taking part in National Schools' Fire Safety Week, and talking to the children about fire safety, they will learn valuable messages that might one day save their lives. We will teach your children the following rules:

- Matches and lighters are tools for grown-ups and should never be played with
- If you see matches and/or lighters lying around, always tell a grown up!
- Matches and lighters are very dangerous: they can burn you and cause a fire
- Fire spreads very quickly and gets out of control.
- If someone tries to persuade you to play with matches or lighters, you should always say no

If you would like more information or activities you can do at home with your child please visit:
www.nationalschoolsfiresafetyweek.com.

Swimming Coaching Session with Nick Gillingham MBE



On Sunday 26 September, Nick Gillingham MBE, the Commonwealth Gold and Olympic Silver medallist held coaching sessions at the New Hall pool, on the art of butterfly stroke. A total of 32 swimmers from all over the South East attended, including Lucy Greenwood (6S), along with Evangelina Fisher (Year 11) and Arran Rae (Year 10). Nick also spoke to the swimmers about the importance of nutrition and motivation. He kindly signed autographs and showed off all of his medals!

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Callum Bain Sophia Panayiotou Jasmine Turner- Maynard	6S	Georgina Mead Benedict Stotesbury
5F	Joseph August Zak Ramjane	5T	Holly Haslam Nicola Jackson Oliver Robins
4D	Alfie Bloomfield Darcy Courtney-Cook Jack Daly Annabelle Harle	4R	Hannah Bellamy Lara Clark Matthew Cook Rebecca Jeffrey
3H	Liberty Bates Ciaran Chambers Kieran Scully	3M	Hannah Greenland Benjamin La Rocca Niamh Rayment
2H	Eloise Barber Harrison Hooker Lilianne McCorry Leila McMillan	2P	Rosie Bullen Jack Cooper Georgina Gundle Sophie Hughes
2R	Maddi Bullen Madison Knight Ellen Thompson	1G	Isabelle Maze Sacha Oxlade-Cresswell Eva Ramage Noah Warne
1M	Ruby-Mae Coyne Zarah Okakah	RG	Jack Burrows Ella Downes Albert Smith Lily Ulyatt
RU	Frankie Christopher Amelie Collins Sebastian Loots Frederick Searle	PR	Callum Barber Charlotte Clayden Edward Doran Genevieve Rogers

6A Assembly



As part of Year 6's topic, 'Is it right to fight?' 6A presented their class assembly on Thursday, about World War 2. They performed a series of sketches about life as evacuees in the country and during the scenes, we learned about rationing, Anderson shelters, the Blitz and the Battle of Britain. They concluded their assembly by reciting the poem 'I dream of a World of Peace'. This teaches us an

important message that God wants us to live in harmony and mutual respect for others across the world. Thank you to Miss Allen and the children for their hard work and to the parents who came along to support them.

6S Class Assembly

Parents of children in 6S are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 7 October at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

Charity

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to Miss Wooderson who arranged a Macmillan coffee morning for the teachers last Friday. All of the staff kindly bought in cakes and made donations to the cause. So far we have raised £265 for the Charity.

Harvest Festival

This year we will be collecting for two charities, Harvest for the Hungry and the NHVS Christmas Parcels for the Elderly. We are asking for the following items:

<i>Pre-Reception</i>	Small Christmas Puddings and plain flour
<i>Reception</i>	Small tins of ham and plain flour
<i>Year 1</i>	Tins of soup, vegetables and sugar
<i>Year 2</i>	Tins of fruit and sugar
<i>Year 3</i>	Packets of special biscuits and rice
<i>Year 4</i>	Small tins of salmon/tuna and rice
<i>Year 5</i>	Small jars of pickles, relish and pasta
<i>Year 6</i>	Small boxes of chocolates and pasta

Coin Trail

On Wednesday, the School Council will be hosting a *Coin Trail*, we will endeavour to create a fire truck with gold coins. We would like to ask the pupils to bring along a gold coin to school on Wednesday. The money raised will be donated to the Fire Fighters Charity. This Charity helps fire fighters when they need it most, providing vital support services for all UK fire fighters and the help they need to recover from injury, surgery, illness, so they can get back to their job of saving lives. The Charity also supports community fire safety initiatives, to help reduce the number of injuries suffered by fire fighters.

Extra-curricular clubs

Gymnastics

Please note that gymnastic club on Monday 11 October at 8.00am, will be in PE 2 in the Senior School and not in the sports hall.

Tennis

Spaces are still available for Reception Tennis on a Saturday from 10.00-10.45am. If you are interested in joining this lesson, please contact Mr Bennett on a.bennett@newhallschool.co.uk to reserve your place.

Sport

Cross Country

The first cross country event of the year took place at Melbourne Park in Chelmsford. Despite the rain, there were 34 teams who attended – making it quite a daunting event for the new runners. Congratulations to the Year 4 and 5 boys' team who came 1st and to the Year 6 girls who came 3rd. The individual races were also successful. From the Year 4 and 5 girls who entered, Elizabeth Murphy and Holly Notley ran well to complete a finish in the top 30 runners. From the Year 5 boys, Aaron Stone finished in 10th place and was well supported by Joseph Beddoe and Toby Warren. The Year 6 girls including Tara Durkan and Lucy Greenwood made a confident start and demonstrated the importance of running at a consistent speed. From the Year 6 boys, Scott Taylor ran extremely well in a competitive race and finished in 9th position, closely followed by Jonathan Murphy.

Riding

A reminder that the school will be hosting its second Dressage Show at Towerlands Park on Saturday 9 October. We hope to have a number of entries from New Hall as this is a major event in the NSEA interschool diary. If any parent or student is interested in helping on the day please contact Mrs O'Riley on g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk.

Rugby

U11A v Brentwood Preparatory School

The game saw excellent work in the loose by Harry Phelps and Callum Bain, together with the strong driving and determination by Ben Clark. It was down to some miscommunication in the back division that provided Brentwood with their opening scores – meaning New Hall were trailing at half time two scores to nil. Into the second half, a little more expansive play gave the New Hall backs the opportunity to pass the ball down the line. Just prior to the final whistle, Callum Bain went over under the posts for a good score. Despite the loss, the team were well matched in most facets of the game.

U11B v Brentwood Preparatory School

The U11B side consisting of mostly Year 5 boys found the game tough, and were unable to find the fluency of passing they had enjoyed in the previous match. The strength and size of the opposition meant that tackles and contact needed to be effective. Tom Durkan and Tom Spilsbury both led by example making some crunching hits. However, due to the size of the Brentwood boys, New Hall needed to commit players to the rucks, leaving fewer players in the back line to defend when the ball emerged from the back of the rucks and mauls. The team gained some good experience from this match, learning the importance of communicating to get the defence re-aligned.

Events

You are warmly invited to a morning of festive Italian food demonstrations with Ursula Ferrigno on Monday 8 November, at the Little Baddow Village Hall. Tickets are priced at £25 each and include coffee and biscotti on arrival plus a glass of wine and canapés after the demonstration. To purchase a ticket please see A Wolton in After School or

contact Debbie de Boltz on 07889 726269 or email debbied@rarercancers.org.

Health Centre

This is a reminder to parents that the Preparatory School is nut free. We have several pupils that are allergic to nuts and this could be life threatening for them. Please do not provide nuts as snacks for your children at break time.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Annabelle Harle (4D) – named black skort
- Callum Westwood – 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.

Yours sincerely



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
Tue 5 Oct		National Children's Book Week
	9.00-10.00am	Harvest Festival: Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1
	2.30-3.30pm	Harvest Festival: Key Stage 2
	4.00-5.30pm	PR 2011 Trial Sessions (by invitation only)
Wed 6 Oct	7.30pm	NHPA AGM
Thu 7 Oct		National Poetry Day
	8.50am	Class 6S Assembly
Fri 8 Oct		Foundation Day
	9.00-10.00am	Foundation Day Mass
	10.30am-4.00pm	Shake Rattle & Roll
	3.00-4.30pm	U9 Girls Netball v Ipswich Junior School
	3.45-5.00pm	Years 3 & 4 Football v Brentwood Preparatory School
Sun 9 Oct	9.30am	U11 Colts Rugby Festival
Mon 11 Oct	4.30-7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 13 Oct	4.30-7.30pm	Parents' Evening

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 3 Solution

Counting the days

1. Is it possible to have 5 Sundays in the same month?
Yes
2. Is it possible for February to have 5 Sundays?
Yes in a leap year
3. Is it possible for December to have 6 Sundays?
No
4. If the 19th of a month is a Sunday, what date is the last Monday of the month?
27th
5. Can there ever be more Wednesdays than Mondays in the same month?
Yes
6. In the past, many people were paid on Fridays. Although there are 52 weeks in a year, could there ever be 53 pay days?
Yes

Congratulations to Molly Reynolds (3H), Ellen (2R) and Lucy Greenwood (6S).

This week's challenge: Anagram Arrangements

AER

How many different arrangements of the three letters are there? How many are real words?

OPST

How many different arrangements of the four letters can be found? How many of them are real words?

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

This week we pray for:

Erin and Fionnuala Heffernan's uncle Dwight Page in the USA as he has had a relapse in leukaemia.

Today is the feast day of St Therese of Lisieux



The Prayer of St Therese of Lisieux

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

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ADULTS £6 CHILDREN £3

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2010

WALKFARES FIELD, NEW HALL SCHOOL

GATES OPEN AT 5.00pm - DISPLAY AT 7.00pm

Rides & Sideshows Licensed Bar
BURGERS * CURRY & RICE * HOT DOGS * DOUGHNUTS * TEA * COFFEE

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FIREWORKS

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY - TICKET NON-REFUNDABLE

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Ring Mark on 07771 768228
or contact Lucy Brignell in the
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