

What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

Easter Concert



The Key Stage 2 concert, "Around the World in 80 Minutes", took place on Thursday evening and what a spectacular event it was! Year 5 pupils astounded the audience by performing on steel pans; the Aboriginal drumming was captivating and the Chinese song, accompanied by Years 3 and 4 on pitched percussion instruments, was absolutely delightful. Interspersed between the musical items were some exciting dance routines and the whole evening culminated with the School Orchestra accompanying pupils, staff and parents singing "Land of Hope and Glory". It really felt as if we were experiencing the last night of the proms! Thank you to Mrs Roe, our Director of Music, Mrs Romhany, Mrs Molina and all the staff for their hard work and creativity in putting together a concert of such a high calibre.

Inter-School Quiz Championship



On Monday, the Preparatory School hosted the Essex heat of the South East Prep Schools Inter-School Quiz Championship. New Hall entered 2 teams and in total there were 12 teams who participated in each of the 6 different area heats. The top 2 in each area heat then progressed through to the final at Harrow School. The quiz was run by radio frequency keypads and there were

fantastic slides to relay the 40 questions which covered English, Science, Mathematics, Geography, History, Food, Music and Sport. New Hall Team 1 performed admirably and were in second place for the majority of the competition. Unfortunately, question 40 cost the team their place in the final: Which planet has 63 moons - Jupiter or Saturn? The answer is Jupiter as Saturn has 62 moons. The team finished 3rd and so just missed out on a place in the final. New Hall Team 2 finished in 9th place. The quiz provided a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to learn about the importance of team strategy, which we hope to see the reserves put into practice next year! Thank you to Mr Shah for coaching the teams and to Mrs O'Riley and Mrs Palmer for organising the event.

Megastructures Showcase



Year 2 held a showcase on Friday all about Megastructures around the world and the countries they are in. In groups, we made an information display board and thought of activities for the Year 1 and 3 children and for the parents to take part in when they visited. Thank you to everyone who came. *By William Wakeman (2H)*



Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Kieran Drew Harrison Ellis Abby Fowler Aaron Phipps	6S	Lucy Greenwood Callum Rayment Lauren Underwood
5F	Megan Cotton Conall Hornett Sian Redmond Sophia Turnbull	5T	Olivia Fenton Nicola Jackson Katriya Levine Finlay Ramjane Shehzad Siddiqi
4D	Sarah Coxon Daniel James Emma Shannon	4R	Rebecca Jeffrey Matthew Cook Mikhaela Twimasi
3H	Myles Coyne Katie Jenner Kieran Scully	3M	Sophie Carter Hannah Greenland Darcie Macarthur Daisy Theakston
2H	Freddie Christopher Amy Jones Joshua Notley Felix Russell	2P	Emma Barrett Coral Dunk Daniel Holt Abigail James
2R	Sylvie Smith	1G	Elizabeth Jones Macy Sharpe Anna-Maria Romero Jasmine Wharton
1M	Benjamin Buckland Freddie Warn Tianna Yagnik	RG	Katie Bateman Connor Brown Albert Smith Coco Wilkins
RU	Hugo Ruiz Amelie Collins	PR	Isabella Corney Thomas Harrison Natalia Romero Joseph Sidwell

Sport

Cross Country Championship, Framlingham College, Suffolk
 Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the Cross Country Championships which were held at Framlingham College last weekend. In total, 21 schools competed at the event and each category had 68 individual competitors.

The results were as follows:

U10 Girls 7th position overall
 Rebecca Meer 42nd
 Elizabeth Murphy 21st
 Holly Notley 24th
 Eloise Winsor 51st

U11 Girls 13th position overall
 Tara Durkan 30th
 Lucy Greenwood 53rd
 Georgina Mead 27th
 Natasha Skeenes 58th

U10 Boys 11th position overall
 Joseph Beddoe 18th
 Jamie Norman 45th
 Toby Warren 46th



Rugby

The U9 team played against St Faith's School in Cambridge in the last match of the season. With several changes in playing positions and the introduction of a few new players, the emphasis was on the boys gaining experience during the match. Toby Warren as captain of the 'A' team led by example and together with John Barber made some good breaks and tackles. However, during the first half of the game, New Hall failed to put pressure on the opposition, giving them too much time and space which they were able to exploit. In the second half, the boys played much better; most notably Aidan Turner-Wallace and Ben Hutton-Penman. Aaron Stone and Ralph Carroll demonstrated some fantastic tackles.

The 'B' team played well. Captain James Holt scored a good try from a 5 metre scrum, making a break down the blind side and scoring. For his first game, Aidan Sherlock showed some real promise, exerting his strength in the scrums. Maxwell Lynn made some important tackles and also displayed his power when he scored too. Samuel Jones made some good runs.

Both teams played well and hopefully learned from the St Faith's players experience and organisation.

Travel Information

School Coaches and Minibus Services on Open Day

This is a reminder that school coaches and minibus services will operate on Open Day, Monday 2 May 2011 at the normal morning times but with an early departure from school in the afternoon at 4.30pm.

Forthcoming Events

Final Assembly

Parents are warmly invited to our final assembly which will be taking place at 8.50am on Friday 8 April 2011.

A Day with Chris Walker

New Hall is delighted to be hosting a day with internationally renowned composer, Chris Walker, on Saturday 30 April. The event, which is organised by the Diocese of Brentwood, is open to anyone who enjoys singing, parish music leaders, instrumentalists and catechists. The day will be an opportunity to learn new works by Chris Walker and all are welcome to attend. A booking form is available for download from the New Hall website. The cost is £10 for adults and free of charge to New Hall students.

Sports Day

A Cricket Match and a Rounders Match will be taking place after Sports Day (Friday 1 July). Both games are open to mums and dads. If you would like to take part, please e-mail Kevin Searle on k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk.

Charity

Earthome Furniture Auction



As part of our Lent fundraising for Rwanda, we are delighted to announce for auction a unique piece of furniture, produced by Mr Earley, Head of Design and Technology. Mr Earley is also Design & Marketing Director

of *Earthome*, an ethically driven small family business. We would like to offer parents the opportunity to bid for the package of a pair of elegant solid oak tables and a luxurious foot stool which fits neatly underneath the two tables, which is covered in beautiful natural 100% pure wool Camira fabric. Table dimensions are H44 x W60 x D40cm and the foot stool dimensions are H35 x W60 x D45cm. The retail price of this package is £800.00. Parents will have the opportunity to bid for the items until Wednesday 6 April. The successful bid will be announced on Thursday 7 April. All money raised from the auction will be split between two charities - one that supports women and children in Rwanda affected by the Genocide and another education project which is run by the Community. To place a bid, please visit www.newhallschool.co.uk/news. The highest bid will be updated daily on the website, so please do check back regularly to avoid disappointment.

Notices

Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco For Schools Vouchers 2011
Once again, we will be collecting the Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco's For Schools vouchers. The collection boxes are located in the Preparatory School Reception area.

Menu

Please be advised that next week we will be operating 'Week 3'.

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.taylor@newhallschool.co.uk.

Prayer Corner

This Mothers' Day we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms
with new responsibility
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of
work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children
due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or
emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother
has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know
and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.

Amen



BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 21 Solution

Lewis Carroll (philosopher, mathematician and author) figured out how to change the word NOSE to the word CHIN in six moves by changing only one letter at a time. Each time you change a letter you get an English word. Here I have given you the words for move 2 and 3. You have to figure out the words for moves 1, 4 and 5.

NOSE
 ????
 COTE
 CORE
 ????
 ????
 CHIN

The solution is NOSE to NOTE to COTE to CORE to CORN to COIN to CHIN.

Congratulations to the following pupils who answered correctly: James McBurney (2R), Molly Reynolds (3H), William Banks and Rebecca Jeffrey (4R), Harry Phelps and Lucy Greenwood (6S).

And the next challenge:

The Masters family are moving to a new house. They have a dog, a cat and a mouse. They can't leave the dog alone with the cat because the dog chases the cat if no one is watching. They can't leave the cat and the mouse together because...well you know what would happen if they did!

How can the Masters family get all three pets to their new house?

Let's assume that they have only one car or van and they can only transport one pet at a time.

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
Mon 4 Apr	9.00am-12.00pm	Year 5 English Speaking Board Examinations
	9.00am-12.00pm	Year 6 Rivers & Water Workshop
Tue 5 Apr	9.00-9.30am	Foundation Stage Easter Treat
	2.15-3.15pm	KS1 Easter Treat
Fri 8 Apr	9.00am-9.40am	Final Assembly End of term
Wed 27 Apr		Term begins
Thu 28 Apr	3.30-6.30pm	U9 Boys Cricket v Brentwood Preparatory School (Away)
Fri 29 Apr		Royal Wedding Bank Holiday
Sat 30 Apr	2.00-5.00pm	Years 5 & 6 Boys and Girls Tennis Competition
Mon 2 May	8.40-3.25pm	Open Day
Mon 2 - Fri 6 May		Year 6 Trip to PGL Liddington



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Own a Pony Day

at Runningwell Equestrian Centre



Monday 11 April 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 joining us in Year 7, 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.

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