

What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

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Year 3 Ancient Greece Day

Year 3 classes enjoyed an Ancient Greece day on Tuesday as part of their 'Heroes and Heroines' theme for this term. The day was designed to help them better understand and experience a little of what life was like for the Ancient Greeks through participation in a variety of interactive activities. In the morning, children were able to choose from eight different workshops that included creating clay pots, making wax tablets and producing oil from olives to burn in a lamp.



A celebratory feast was held in the afternoon, with children sampling food that would have been eaten by the Greeks, such as feta cheese, olives, honey cake and dates. Entertainment was provided by groups of children who had rehearsed dance, music, drama and Greek warrior manoeuvres. We even had our own slaves to serve us! Thank you to all the parents who had worked hard to make or source costumes for the children to wear, and a particular thanks to the parents who kindly gave up their time to assist in the day's activities.



Egyptian Day

On Monday, Year 5 had a "brought-to-life" Egyptian day. In the morning we were looking after shops. The shops included a scribe, canopic jars made by hand, carving, mummification, wax cones and magical amulets.



We were told that the job had to be done perfectly (which made the teachers happy and gave them ideas for lessons!). In fact some people were sent back 4 times just to do the job correctly. In the afternoon we had a banquet, and bad news! The pharaoh Ankenaten had been poisoned, but just because he couldn't attend, that didn't mean we weren't having a great time! The banquet was amazing. There was dancing, acting, eating and drinking. There was even a bull who told the future!



By the end of the day,,,, Year 5 had learnt a great deal of information. The day was definitely a highlight!

By Katriya Levine (5T)

Dancing Bears

Having been inspired by a poem studied in English called 'The Dancing Bear', some children in Year 6 decided to organise a fund raising venture, making a bear out of coins, to save these Dancing Bears. They put together a PowerPoint presentation and led the School Assembly on Tuesday 10 May. The school was encouraged to donate copper coins towards the International Animal Rescue Charity. The money raised will go exclusively to the plight of the bears. To date, they have raised nearly £200.00 and donations will continue to be greatly received up until Friday 27 May. Thank you to all those who have generously donated so far.



2H Class Assembly

Well done to 4H who took us on a journey around the Island of Struay as part of their assembly on Thursday. Katie Morag introduced us to her two grannies and we heard character descriptions that the children had written about them. We were also delighted by an interesting song which helped us remember which Grannie was which! It was lovely to see their ICT and DT work in the assembly which all linked to their current topic "Island Life". Well done to Miss Hunter and all the pupils in 2H!



Class Assemblies

Parents of children in 4R are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Wednesday 25 May at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Parents of children in 1G are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 26 May at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. On both days, tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Lucas Bowers Daisy Clover Grace Keys Aaron Phipps	6S	Rebecca Meer Samantha Moody Jonathan Murphy Gregory Oxlade Natasha Skeens
5F	Joseph August Jessica Bates Cameron Meechan Sophia Turnbull	5T	Chloe Elsom Ella Gaskin Katrina Levine Shehzad Siddiqi
4D	Ethan Doyle James Holt Elizabeth Murphy Emma Shannon	4R	Rebecca Jeffrey Holly Notley Mikhaela Twimasi
3H	Helen Burnett Ellena Harvey Victoria Hollick Abbey Jackson Mia Southgate	3M	Olivia Buckland Felix Ruiz Fleur Wharton
2H	Freddie Christopher Amy Jones Robyn Moody Danielle Sirrett	2P	Libby Murray Szara Shahril-Rauz
2R	Robin Brown Daisie Elsom India Gwyn-Williams James McBurney	1G	Joshua Gundle Elizabeth Jones Toby McBurney Francesca Minnis
1M	Harry Harle Anthony Macleod	RG	Katie Bateman Connor Brown Ella Downes Madeline Jeffrey
RU	Ralph Courtney-Cook Jasmine Grimes Oluwademilade Olawayin Hugo Ruiz	PR	Isobel Beddoe Isabella Corney Jessica Pullen Tilly Southgate

Sport

Cricket

U11 v St Cedd's School

The U11 Cricket team welcomed St Cedd's to New Hall for the first match of the season. Jonathan Murphy and Callum Bain opened the batting, and put on 26 for the first wicket. With Callum being bowled out after playing a sweeping shot to a straight ball, Gregory Oxlade was brought to the crease. Jonathan Murphy added 2

boundaries down the leg side, before being caught out after going for another longer boundary. Harrison Ellis took a couple of overs to add to the speed and direction of the bowling and was just starting to play some nice shots, when he was caught and bowled out. Kieran Drew showed some real potential with the bat, and played with confidence before being caught. As the innings continued, Gregory, Callum Rayment, James Fraser and Scott Taylor were all bowled out when they chose to play the wrong shot to good deliveries. A total of 72 to defend was a respectable score. As St Cedd's came to the crease, the opening batsmen played cautiously to the bowling of Kieran Drew and Gregory Oxlade and only hit 5 runs from the bat in the opening 4 overs. In a similar fashion, with Aaron Phipps and Scott Taylor bowling, the batsmen played sensible shots to straight deliveries. Unfortunately, the accuracy and consistency of the bowling was costly, with the number of extras conceded being far too great, identifying the need for a good line and length bowling delivery. In the end, St Cedd's third and fourth batsmen entered the game and played some more attacking shots, enabling them to reach the total with 4 overs still remaining.

Hockey

Congratulations to Arthur (1G) and Willem Owens (1M) who were awarded the Players of the Year Trophy for Under 8s at Chelmsford Hockey Club.

Rounders

U11 v St Cedd's School - lost 10 ½ -12 ½

The U11 girls played an exciting game against St Cedd's School last Friday afternoon, with Rebecca Meer leading as bowler. Aisling Dinan scored 2 rounders to thunderous applause in the first innings, while Emily Brignell scored 2 ½ and Megan Cotton scored 1. St Cedd's gained 9 rounders in their first innings, but New Hall kept their second score to only 3 ½, so were in with a good chance of winning. However, in spite of Rebecca Meer catching a player out and excellent bowling from Megan, New Hall only scored 4 ½ to bring the final totals to 10 ½ to 12 ½ with a win to St Cedds. The team will work on their fielding skills to improve their chances in the next game.

U9 v St Margaret's Preparatory School, Gosfield

Well done to the following girls who hit rounders and half rounders: Eden Waite (1 ½), Katherine Barber (2) Amber Whitehorne (3), Eloise Winsor (1 ½), Lara Clark (2), Rebecca Jeffrey (2 ½), Elizabeth Murphy (2), Annabelle Harle (2), and Darcy Courtney-Cook (1/2). In return, St Margaret's scored 12 rounders from batting, and were limited by the quick fielding and good catching most notably by Eden who demonstrated 2 good catches. Unfortunately, the opposition also had 6 points accumulated from 'no balls', which gave them a total of 18 - narrowly beating New Hall by 2 rounders. To further improve their skills the girls should work on their awareness as fielders, to determine which batters they can try and run out. They can also work on their bowling skills, to reduce the number of 'no balls' bowled.

Sailing

On Thursday, 33 crews from across the country arrived at the Olympic sailing venue in Weymouth. The Preparatory School had two entries, Benjamin Hutton-Penman and Toby Warren as one crew and Ella Phelps and Lucy Greenwood as the other. Harry Phelps was the fifth member of the team, who watched patiently as the day unfolded.



The competition was strong, and Ben and Toby were the youngest crew members. There were 2 races in the morning to decide who would race in the Silver and Gold fleets for the trophies in the afternoon. Ben and Toby sailed well, achieving 16th and 15th position, placing them 15th overall in the Gold Fleet. Ella and Lucy both achieved 4th places guaranteeing them a slot in the more advanced races. Following lunch, the action resumed with the boys gaining ground and the girls holding position. Race 3 was tough in stronger weather conditions and places were dropped, but Race 4 had New Hall back in full strength with the girls gaining 5th place and the boys 6th place. Overall, Lucy and Ella finished in 4th, just missing out on a medal and were the highest positioned all-girls team; Ben and Toby finished in 15th place. These were excellent results and a credit to the squad who worked so hard. Finally, the squad met World Olympic Champions Ben Ainslie and Saskia Clarke. Our thanks go to Mr Greenwood and Mr Hutton-Penman for their commitment and dedication to New Hall's first sailing squad.



Any current sailors who are interested in taking part in future inter-school events, please contact Mrs O'Riley on 01245 467 588 or by e-mail to g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk.

National Optimist Dinghy Event

Last weekend, Benjamin Hutton-Penman competed in the Regatta fleet for the first National Optimist Dinghy Event of the year at the Inlands, Grafham Water. Conditions on Saturday were quite poor with 20-25 knots of wind which meant that the Regatta fleet went out but did not race. Better conditions on Sunday allowed for 5 races to take place. There were nearly 100 sailors competing in the Regatta fleet and Ben finished in 60th place, which was a good achievement for his age. However, the position masks what was a brilliant performance as Ben was one of the youngest sailors competing in the event. In the first 2 races he sailed the whole course, but misunderstood the finishing procedure so was counted as not finishing either race. In the first race, Ben would have finished in 10th place – an outstanding achievement. After lunch, Ben finished all 3 races within the top 20; his best result was 12th place. Well done to Ben on these fantastic results and we shall look forward to hearing of his future successes.

Swimming

Year 3 & 4 v The Abbey School, Woodbridge – lost 116-125

A wonderful end of year gala competition took place yesterday as pupils in Years 3 and 4 competed against The Abbey School. The gala was most enjoyable and we were very proud of our swimmers' achievements. Congratulations to the Year 4 team who won the shield by beating The Abbey School 66-61. The Abbey School took home the Year 3 shield after winning 64-50. Well done to all the swimmers who took part.

Year 3

Amelia August
Olivia Buckland
Abbie Jackson
Benjamin La Rocca
Maximus Lawes
Joseph Murphy
Charlotte Ray
Molly Reynolds
Kieran Scully
Benjamin Spilsbury
Isabella Warren

Year 4

Williams Banks
John Barber
Ralph Carroll
Darcy Courtney-Cook
Sarah Coxon
Luke Harding
Elizabeth Murphy
Aaron Stone
Eden Waite
Samantha Whetstone
Eloise Winsor

Tennis

U9 v Holmwood House School, Colchester

This was a fantastic match and both teams demonstrated excellent tennis skills. All the matches consisted of a championship tie-break to 10 points. The New Hall pairs all managed to register at least one victory against the teams from Holmwood; each pupil played 3 doubles matches and finished the match with a singles game against their opposite number. The girls' match was exceptionally close although eventually New Hall lost 7-8. The boys had a fantastic game and were too strong for the Holmwood team, storming to a 14-1 victory. All the players enjoyed their experience and were a credit to the school team. The teams consisted of: John Barber, Ralph Carroll, Toby Warren, Matthew Cook, Joseph Murphy, Benjamin Hutton-Penman, Kaherine Barber, Eden Waite, Eloise Winsor, Samantha Whetstone, Olivia Buckland and Lara Clark.

Notices

Class Photographs

The proofs for the class photos are coming home with your children today. The last day for returning the proofs for ordering is Friday 27 May. Orders received after this date will be returned and will have to be ordered directly with Van Cols.

Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco For Schools Vouchers 2011

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

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Darcy Courtney-Cook (4D) – named black tracksuit bottoms & black skort
- Lucy Greenwood (6S) – named school tracksuit & 2 school cardigans
- Jasmine Grimes (RU) – named school cardigan
- Eleanor Jones (2P) – named left, white & purple trainer, size 10.

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

Menu

Please be advised that next week we will be operating 'Week 4'.


Uniform Shop

Nearly new Prep uniform is always in demand. Please remember that items must be in a good condition for resale. However, we are unable to re-sell socks, gloves or swimwear. Please leave your son's/daughter's name in the garment/s otherwise we will be unable to credit your New Hall account once sold. Should you have any queries regarding nearly new, please contact Janet Bevans on 01245 236 114.

Safety in the Car Park

Following a potentially dangerous incident in the car park this week, could I please remind everyone that the "coach only" section of the car park is only open to Preparatory School parents for overflow **after 8.15am** during morning drop off and **until 5.30pm** during evening pick up. Using it at any other times is hazardous and could cause a serious accident. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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.

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 25 Solution

Here are a series of letters. Each letter in each series is the first letter of a word. The words in each series are related.

What are the next three letters in each series?

1. O,T,T,F,F,?,?,? = S, S, E (Six, Seven, Eight)
2. S,M,T,W,?,?,? = T, F, S (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
3. D,N,O,S,A,?,?,? = J, J, M (July, June, May)

There were seven winners: Kieran Scully (3H), Rebecca Jeffrey (4R), Samantha Whetstone (4R), Callum Westwood (4R), Lara Clark (4R), Laura Hedges (5T), Lucy Greenwood (6S). Well Done!

And the next challenge:

Five friends play together in a band. Each one plays a different instrument. The instruments they play are saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, flute, and drums. Their names are Rosa, Kim, Julie, Keith, and Lily. Can you figure out who plays which instrument from the following four clues:

- Rosa plays the sax.
- Kim does not play a wind instrument.
- Julie does not play the flute or the clarinet.
- Keith's instrument is held sideways when it is played.

Answers on a piece of paper (with your name and class teacher) to Mr Shah in the Science Lab.

Prayer Corner

We pray at this sad time for Abbie Jackson and her family whose Grandmother passed away recently.

Thank you, God, that you made it possible for us all to stop, rest and be refreshed.

Thank you, God, that you made the weather to help us feel good and relaxed.

Thank you, God, that you made a world which is full of great places to visit.

Thank you, God, for summer.

AMEN

Fundraising for Congo

The launch of the Congo fundraising week has officially started! This week, members of the School Council presented confidently to the Parents' Forum to inform them of our plans for Congo Week. Disco tickets have been purchased by children across the school each morning via the school council, and staff have already dusted off their trainers and started training for the staff trek! Remember to keep an eye out for hula-hooping practice which will take place during lunchtimes, and to keep count of the total amount raised so far on the display board in the entrance hall. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm so far, if we work together we will help to make a difference to the lives of children in the DR of Congo.



New Hall Parents' Association

working together for our children

Sports Vests

Mr Winsor would like to thank the NHPA for kindly purchasing 130 Athletics vests for New Hall students to wear at Cross Country and Athletics events. Preparatory School pupils wore them for the first time when competing in a running event at Melbourne Park.



Story time chairs

Our thanks also go to the NHPA for providing the below story time chairs.



Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Sat 21 May	12.15-5.30pm	U11A/U11B Boys Cricket v Bishop's Stortford College (Away)
Sun 22 May	9.00am-2.00pm	Years 2-6 Tap Examinations
Mon 23 May		Year 3 Retreat
	3.30-5.00pm	U9 Boys & Girls Tennis v Widford Lodge Preparatory School (Home)
Tue 24 May	6.00-9.00pm	Preparatory School Concert (North Room, Senior School)
Wed 25 May	1.45-5.45pm	U10 Boys Cricket v St Margaret's Preparatory School (Away)
Thu 26 May	9.00am-3.00pm	Year 2 Trip to Langdon Visitors Centre
	2.00-5.45pm	U9A/U9B Boys Cricket v St Faiths Preparatory School (Away)
Fri 27 May	9.15am-3.00pm	Reception Trip to Tropical Wings
	3.00-4.30pm	U11 Boys & Girls Tennis v Widford Lodge Preparatory School (Home)
	3.30-6.00pm	U10 Cricket v Elm Green Preparatory School (Home)
		Half Term begins
Mon 6 June		Term re-commences
Fri 17 June	5.00-5.30pm	Key Stage 1-2 transition meeting

Join us for a
Teddy Bears' Picnic
 at New Hall School, Chelmsford
 on Saturday 11 June 2011
 from 2.00pm-5.00pm
 for families considering entry to Pre-Reception from 2012

Activities include:
 Music & Storytelling
 Meet Beaulieu Bear
 & your local Policeman
 Soft Play Area
 and much much more ...

Bring a picnic and your favourite Teddy!

For more information contact Mrs Gill O'Riley on 01245 467 588 or
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www.newhallschool.co.uk

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Justice and Social Responsibility

Marriage and Family



Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory
Saturday 16th July 2011
11.00 - 4.30 pm.


A Day of fun and faith for all the family. Celebrating the Grandparents of Jesus, St Anne and St Joachim.

A day for Grandparents and Grandchildren (and of course Mums and Dads!). Full programme of events for all. Bring your own picnic lunch. Day starts with opening service at 11.00 am and concludes with Mass at 3.00 pm. Advice essential for coach parking. For more details contact Phil Butcher tel. 01277265252 or e-mail familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Arranged in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Southwark and Diocese of Westminster




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New Hall School

Pony Camp



Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July 2011

Runningwell Equestrian Centre

2 fun-filled days of lessons, stable management, competitions, games and quizzes. Suitable for all ages and standards.

From 8.00am till 7.00pm both days, which includes breakfast, lunch & dinner. Cost: £150.00

To book please phone Runningwell direct on 01268 711221