

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

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Dear Parents

New Hall really values working in partnership with parents and we are blessed to have such a thriving school community. This week, the staff and I have really enjoyed meeting with so many of you at our parents' evenings, 4D's assembly and the NHPA Annual General Meeting. Thank you for all the support you give to your children and to the school. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxing and restful holiday.

Congo Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Sr Moira and Sr Margaret Mary to our school assembly on Wednesday. The sisters have just returned from the Congo where they presented the children and staff at our sister school with the money we raised last term, along with our letters and DVD. It was very moving to see what joy our gifts brought to this African community so far away. An update on our Congo initiative will be published shortly and we look forward to further fundraising activities which will be taking place at Christmas.

Staff Announcement

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Kim Hurley to New Hall Preparatory School. Mrs Hurley is our new school nurse; she has been working in nursing for 25 years. Mrs Hurley enjoys travelling, reading and listening to classical music.



Premises and Grounds

This half term holiday, the road leading to the new car park behind the Preparatory School is being widened and a path created. The gate at the back of the playground is being upgraded and will be positioned slightly further along the perimeter fence where there is an allocated pedestrian area. This will give parents a safe place to stand when saying goodbye to their children.

Dropping off Pupils

Please could we remind parents that pupils should not be dropped off before 8.00am in the morning either at the main Preparatory School building or at Walkfares. It is a serious safeguarding issue to leave children on the grounds before this time as they are unsupervised. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

4D Assembly

A big thank you to 4D for presenting their assembly about the Rainforest on 20 October. The children conveyed their messages with lively songs and performed *The Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry. They reminded us of how reliant we are upon our environment, and of our responsibility for taking care of it. Thanks to Mrs Dolding, Mrs Gurr and Mrs. Church. Also, to Mrs Roe for the music and Madame Macleod for teaching the children some sentences in French. Many thanks to all of the parents for their support.



Year 5 visited by the Essex Records Office

The children enjoyed an interesting morning as history detectives on 19 October, travelling back to Victorian times to search for clues and examine artefacts to tell them more about life as a Victorian child. They studied photographs and advertisements for the local Roxwell Academy - most deciding they would not want to board there! Some experienced the Victorian punishments of being made to sit in a back brace to encourage good posture, whilst others had their fingers locked into finger stocks - all for very minor misdemeanours such as fiddling with a pencil or twiddling their hair! The cane was seen, but not used (!), and Year 5 pupils were amazed by the minor reasons for a name being written in the punishments book. All pupils had the opportunity of practising their best copperplate handwriting using a slate and slate pencil, whilst the

Victorian teacher loomed over them with the threat of wearing the dunce's hat in the corner! The children concluded that perhaps life at New Hall School in 2011 is preferable to the miserable days of the Victorian era!



Golden Book Awards

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

6M	Olivia Fenton Nicola Jackson Shehzad Siddiqi	6S	Ellena Collett Conall Hornett Ellis Oxlade Charles Young
5A	Ethan Doyle Elizabeth Murphy Eloise Winsor	5T	Hannah Bellamy Zoe Dunmow Aaron Stone Charlotte Underwood
4D	Helen Burnett Victoria Hollick Joseph Murphy Molly Reynolds	4R	Matthew Jones Lucy Merry Charlotte Ray Poppy Yates
3K	Daisie Elsom Sylvie Smith	3RE	Ana Cristina Mead William Wakeman
3RI	Rosie Bullen Daniel Holt Georgina Gundle Eleanor Jones	2H	Tor-William Fisher Zarah Okakah Tianna Yagnik
2T	Sacha Oxlade-Crewell Lily Raindle Macy Sharp	1G	Isabella Chapman Ochenhi Daudu Aishani Sengupta Lily Ulyatt
1S	Sebastian Loots Isabella Scully	RG	Evie Angell Dylan Castro Theo Coker Robert Ronco

RH	Dara Gleeson Thomas Harrison Sophia Hoogakker Theo Smith	PR	Christian James Joseph Sidwell Samuel Quinlan
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Notices



Just Imagine has a wonderful calendar of events especially for children, to enhance their love of reading. Their calendar of events, which will take place at the *Just Imagine* Story Centre, 64-68 New London Road, Chelmsford in half term is as follows:

Saturday 22 October 9.00am - 5.00pm and Sunday 23 October 11:00am - 4.00pm

Harry Potter Open Weekend

You and your family are invited to come and discover the spell-binding power of stories. There will be magic, face painting, storytelling, crafts and free goodie bags on the two days. Children can also come dressed as a character from one of the Harry Potter books and enter the best dressed character competition.

Monday 24 October 3.00 - 4.00pm

Cartoon Workshop with Ros

Wednesday 26 October 11:00 - 12:00am

Wacky Wednesday: Pumpkin Soup

Pre-school workshop for children aged 2+ based on the popular book by Helen Cooper.

Wednesday 26 October 1.00 - 2.00pm

Draw Your Own Adventure

Thursday 27 October 11:00am - 12:00noon

Story making with Kate Millner (for 4-7 year olds)

Friday 28 October 10.30am - 12.00noon

Hallowe'en Ceramics

Saturday 29 October

Winnie the Witch Fun Day (for 5-9 year olds)

For further details about any of these events, please contact *Just Imagine* on 01245 267 748. Or visit their website: www.justimaginestorycentre.co.uk.

Uniform

After half term, all children should return to school wearing their winter uniform (girls' tights should be dark grey). This is particularly important as the individual photographs will be taking place on Thursday 10 November.

Year 5 Visit to Braintree Museum

Please remember that we shall be visiting the Victorian school room and exhibition galleries at The Braintree Museum on Wednesday 9 November. Please refer to the letter from earlier this term for details of this visit, and remember that the half term holiday is an ideal time to organise your Victorian costume.

Request from the Religious Community

The sisters at Melbourne would be very grateful if anyone could donate empty biscuit tins for making drums and toys that are in a good condition (suitable for ages 0-5 years); these will be used as Christmas presents for deprived children living in the local area. Donations can be dropped off at the School Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Music

Chamber Choir

Today we presented the Year 5 and 6 Chamber Choir with their choir badges. Members are to be commended for their commitment and dedication to the choir, attending rehearsals regularly and working together as a team. Over the forthcoming months, the Chamber Choir will be performing at the O2 Arena in London and will be competing in a number of regional and national competitions.

Music Badges

Junior Choir and Orchestra badges will be presented after Half Term.

Assembly Recital

Thank you to Rebecca Jeffrey for her beautiful violin recital this morning and to the Chamber Choir for their superb performance of "I've Got the Power in Me!"

Sport

Football

Fantastic Win for the 'C' Team

The U9 football team faced Holmwood House, with Joseph Murphy captaining the side. Felix Ruiz, Maximus Lawes and Joseph Murphy provided good opportunities for the strike force of Cameron Searle and Harrison Hooker. The end result was 3 - 0 to Holmwood House.

In the 'B' team, Felix Russell and Oliver Warn had some excellent interplay, and gave New Hall an early lead. There were some excellent covering tackles by Jack Cooper and Ben Hutton Penman, but the final score was a close 4-3 to Holmwood House.

In the 'C' team, captain Matthew Fullerton led by example. Some strong runs and good passing with Aamish Ibrahim and James McBurney making good use of space, and Oliver Clayden, William Wakeman and Jake Bain tackled well, giving New Hall an early lead. Holmwood House were able to score early in the first half, but goals by James McBurney and Matthew Fullerton ensured a comfortable 4-1 victory for New Hall.

Rugby

The U11 rugby team played Bishop Stortford College. Some excellent work was shown by Edward Lerwill and Cameron Meechan. The New Hall boys played some solid tackles - particularly from Luke Harding and Conall Hornett.

Please note the following changes to sport fixtures:

- U8 Tag Rugby v Widford Lodge is on 14 November at New Hall with a 3.15pm start

Sailing



Congratulations to Ben Hutton-Penman (Year 4) who has been selected to sail in the RS Tera National Intermediate squad over the winter. The squad will involve five weekends training throughout the winter with the aim of preparing him for the next level of sailing in 2012. Ben has also just been selected for the Eastern Region Optimist Zone squad which is normally reserved for sailors over the age of 10. Whilst Ben will probably not take the place this year, it is still a fantastic achievement.

Ben also sailed at Rutland Water recently in the Optimist Dinghy End of Season Regatta. Over 300 children took part and he sailed in the Regatta fleet against 90 others. Ben finished in 2nd place overall and won two races. This was a tremendous result given the conditions were difficult with strong winds. The top five sailors, from other clubs around the country, were all aged between 10 and 12 years so Ben was once again younger, smaller and with less experience. Well done Ben!

Skating

Laura Hedges (6M) has passed 3 National Ice Skating Association Tests recently. She has successfully passed; Level 3 - Elements, Level 3 - Free and Level 4 - Field Moves. Congratulations Laura!

Tennis

Preparatory Saturday Tennis lesson will not be held now until Saturday 12 November 2011.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Conrad

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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 e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Fri 21 Oct	4.30pm	Half Term begins
Mon 24 - Tue 25 Oct	10.00am - 3.00pm	Tom Rees' Rugby Camp
Mon 7 Nov		Term Resumes
Wed 9 Nov	9.00am - 3.00pm	Year 5 Trip to Braintree Museum
Wed 9 Nov	2.30pm - 4.00pm	U11 Girls' Hockey v Orwell Park School & Forest School
Thu 10 Nov		Preparatory School Individual Photographs
Thu 10 Nov	4.00 - 6.00pm	U11 Girls' Netball v Forest School
Fri 11 Nov	8.50 - 9.30am	Remembrance Assembly
Fri 11 Nov	2.30 - 5.00pm	U10/U11 Girls' Netball v Brentwood School
Fri 11 Nov	3.00 - 4.30pm	U11 Boys' Rugby v St Cedd's School
Fri 11 Nov	4.00 - 5.00pm	Pre-Reception & Reception Drop-in (for 2012 Intake)
Sat 12 Nov	5.00 - 9.00pm	NHPA Firework Display

Prayer Corner

A child was asked by a friend, "What is it like to be a follower of Jesus?"

The child replied, "It is like being a pumpkin!"

"God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you.

"Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff".

"He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed".

"Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see".

This Halloween, may we all remember that Jesus is the light of the world.



NEW HALL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS A
GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY

ADULTS £6 CHILDREN £3

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2011

RUGBY PITCHES, 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

For further information or to book tickets
please contact Lucy Brignell in the
Preparatory School Office on
l.brignell@newhallschool.co.uk
or Mark Myers on 07771 768 228

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 35 Solution

11.41pm

There were 11 winners: Toby McBurney (Year 2), James McBurney (Year 3), Ravit Dewan (Year 3), Hannah Greenland (Year 4), Aamish Ibrahim (Year 4), Maximus Lawes (Year 4), Hannah Greenland (Year 4), Ramis Ibrahim (Year 5), Toby Warren (Year 5), Ethan Doyle (Year 5) and James Thomson (Year 6).
Well done and thank you all for your enthusiasm!

Brain Challenge Number 36

The three little pigs, as you know, built houses — one of straw, one of sticks, and one of bricks. By reading the six clues, figure out which pig built each house, the size of each house, and the town in which each house was located. Use a chart to keep track of your information and your logic.

	TOWN	SIZE	MATERIAL
Patricia Pig			
Penny Pig			
Peter Pig			

Clues:

1. Penny Pig did not build a brick house.
2. The straw house was not medium sized.
3. Peter's house was made of sticks, and it was neither medium nor small.
4. Patricia Pig built her house in Pleasantville.
5. The house in Hillsdale was large.
6. One house was in a town called Riverview.

You must respond on paper by the first Tuesday back after half term, with your name and class on it, and hand it to Mr Shah or leave it on his desk in the Science Laboratory.