

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School



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Dear Parents

Staffing

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Elizabeth Thorogood who will be joining us next year as a Year 5 class teacher and Head of English. Mrs Thorogood is an extremely experienced teacher with a particular passion for English and Drama. She is currently at St Cedd's School in Chelmsford where she has a reputation for inspiring pupils and achieving academic excellence. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Thorogood to our school community.

All staff appointments and classes for 2010-2011 will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Golden Book Awards

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

6R	Poppy Lawrance Chloe Thurgood	6H	Felix Fardell Samuel Jackson George Shield Georgia Tinson
6A	Ridhi Bhayani Bryony Harding Isabelle Sinnott Roland Smith	5D	Aisling Dinan Tara Durkan Charles Mabbutt Scott Taylor
5F	Imogen Coker Lucy Greenwood Georgina Mead Natasha Skeens	4P	Chloe Elsom Edward Lerwill Oliver Robins
4H	Ellena Collett Conall Hornett Ellis Oxlade Cameron Meechan	3M	Jadon Barnes Alfie Bloomfield Sarah Coxon Jack Daly
3R	Hannah Bellamy Lara Clark Zoe Dunmow Rebecca Jeffrey	2S	Emily Conrad Molly Reynolds Georgia Tombs
2I	Finley Westwood Fleur Wharton	1B	Maisie Cussen James McBurney Philippa Palmer Sylvie Smith
1M	Beatrix La'da Felix Russell	1G	Jack Cooper Maria Lynch Annabel Napper Alexia Panayiotou
RL	Poppy Theakston Jennifer Thomas Elizabeth Jones Oliver King	RU	Jaydhan Prabhakar Zarah Okakah
PR	Jack Burrows Frankie Christopher	PR	Harry McLaren Zoe Neal

Egyptian Day

On Monday 17 May, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting Egyptian experience. Pupils spent the day as apprentices, learning a number of new skills. They enjoyed a variety of activities, including carving soap sculptures and wrapping bandages around clothes peg mummies. Using clay, the pupils made canopic jars and cones, into which they poured perfumed wax to produce "head cones". They also perfected the skill of Egyptian painting and experimented with burning olive oil. After lunch, they were all summoned to a feast, by the new Pharaoh and delighted him with their dancing, acting and fortune telling. Thank you to our wonderful helpers who joined in with great enthusiasm and to all of the parents who provided the fantastic costumes.



Music

Music Festival

On Tuesday 18 May, the Preparatory School Orchestra and the Senior Recorder Ensemble participated in the Leigh-on-Sea Music Festival. Both groups played brilliantly in an extremely close competition and were awarded a distinction for their playing. The Orchestra gained first place receiving the gold award and the Senior Recorder Ensemble gained the silver award.



"Flutewise" Workshop

On Thursday 6 May, a group of flautists from the Senior and Preparatory School were selected to participate in a Flutewise workshop exploring experimental flute sounds with Ian Clarke, a leading composer and performer. Following the workshop, they opened a concert at Chelmsford Cathedral, playing Ian's composition Zig Zag Zoo. Ian Clarke then gave an outstanding performance. Trevor Wye, a leading flute educationalist, also treated the students to an entertaining performance, playing a vast collection of flutes and whistles from around the world. This was a fantastic experience for our flautists.

Class Masses

Class 5F Mass

5F were delighted to welcome Father Frank to celebrate a class Mass on Wednesday afternoon. The theme of the Mass was the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and how his spirit works within us all. The readings spoke of how Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with his friends after his Ascension and were beautifully read by Cerys and Benedict. Music, singing and prayers were all led by the class during the Mass.

Class 3M Mass

3M celebrated Mass on Wednesday afternoon in the chapel with Father Frank. Some of the children prepared their own prayers, saying sorry for the things that they have done wrong, asking for God's help, guidance and protection, and offering thanks for his goodness and love. Others read from the Bible and members of the Year 3 and 4 Junior Choir sang 'Dona Nobis Pacem'.

Class 1B Assembly

Thank you to all the pupils in 1B who delighted us with their dramatic presentation of the story of Pentecost. We were reminded of the joy and happiness that good news brings and the children shared some of their good news with us. The acting, narrating and dancing were delightful! Thank you to Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs Atwell for their direction and choreography and to all the parents who gave up their time to attend the assembly.



Class Photographs

Class photographs have been distributed today. Please return them by Wednesday 11 June.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see below for the extra-curricular clubs that will be cancelled next week due to the teachers being at PGL with Year 6.

Monday	Year 3 Cricket
Tuesday	Years 1 & 2 Invasion Games
	Years 5 & 6 Athletics (Jumps)
	Years 5 & 6 Photography
	Examination Preparation Club
	Years 5 & 6 Cricket
Wednesday	Year 3 Football
Thursday	Year 2 Football
Friday	Year 1 Football
	Years 5 & 6 Science

- Please note that Miss Threadgold will not be in on Monday 7 June. She will be in on Friday 11 June 2010.
- Gymnastics on a Monday Morning will take place in the Preparatory School Hall (until the end of term) not in the Sports Hall -

Sainsburys' Active Kids/Tesco for Schools Vouchers 2010

Once again, we are collecting these vouchers and the collection boxes are located in the school foyer.

Sport

Cricket

U9 v St Margaret's

New Hall lost 82-96

In the first innings, Jamie Norman elected to field. With a long wicket, it proved to be a good challenge of the players' bowling skills who coped well. The New Hall team fielded well and tried hard to limit the scoring of the opposition, making some good stops. In response to the opposition's total of 96 runs, New Hall played well, with improved running between the wickets. Towards the end of the innings, Charlie Young and Tom Durkan played some good shots giving a score of 82 runs, just short of the opposition total.

Years 4&6 v Elm Green

New Hall won scoring a total of 83 runs

New Hall was first in to bat, and Harry Phelps and Grant Beard both played some controlled and well positioned shots. Grant hit three consecutive boundaries, reaching a total of 16 before being retired to allow other batsman an opportunity. From the next batsmen to the crease, Harrison Ellis and Harry Morgan combined well to keep the scoreboard ticking over. After Harrison was bowled out, Jonathan Murphy came to the crease, and was eager to run and score. A couple of lovely straight drives gave New Hall a team total of 83 runs.

In preparation for the Elm Green response, captain Kavin Kugan set out an attacking field setting. Gregory Oxlade and Kieran Drew opened the bowling, with both showing a big improvement since the previous game. Gregory bowled with increased speed, but with greater control, and Kieran took an important early wicket. At the next bowling change, Toby Scott and Kavin entered the attack, and made it very difficult for the opposition with some excellent and accurate bowling. Assisted by some excellent fielding, with George Shield attempting several very close run outs, Elm Green found it tricky to score and Toby and Kavin both took wickets. Grant Beard then started his spell of bowling, turning the ball well, and with good variety keeping the batsman guessing with the flight and spin of the ball; this was supported by George Shield, Jonathan Murphy and Harry Phelps. With 2 overs remaining, Elm Green needed 21 runs to win, and was limited to scoring 8 due to the alert fielding. This was a good win for the New Hall boys who have worked hard in some difficult games this season.

Riding

Equestrian Team Success

NSEA Show Jumping Qualifier at Norton Heath



Photo courtesy of www.hookedonhorses.co.uk

New Hall hosted their first ever NSEA Show Jumping Championship Qualifier on Saturday 15 May. Congratulations to the New Hall teams who qualified for the NSEA National Show Jumping Championships in the 70cm, 80cm, 90cm and 1m height categories. Our Open Team of Madeleine Taylor (Year 9), Gabriella Oxlade (Year 9), Annabel Schwier (Year 12) and Anna Giles (Year 12) also became Essex Champions. Our riders did exceptionally well in the individual jumping classes, with Scott Taylor (Year 5) coming 2nd in the 70cm, Pippa O'Riley (Year 8) winning the 70cm, and Madeleine Taylor (Year 9) coming 2nd in the 1m. These riders qualified individually for the NSEA National Championships. Lucy Salter (Year 8), Annabel Schwier, Anna Giles and Gabriella Oxlade also received individual placings in the competition. Well done also to all of the other members of our team who rode fantastically well over a long and challenging course against some tough opposition. All riders contributed to some outstanding results, of which the whole team should be very proud. Our thanks go to Michael Paveley, Director of Riding, and Katie Hamilton-Farey, Head of Equestrian, for the organisation of the event. We are also grateful for the wonderful team of staff, parents, students and friends, who prepared our riders for this competition and helped on the day to make this event run so smoothly.

Extra-Curricular Riding Lessons

From 12 July 2010, lessons will be moved to Runningwell Equestrian Centre in Warren Road, Rettendon. Extra-curricular riding lessons will therefore cease at Park Lane Riding School on the last lesson of term during the week Monday 28 June 2010. Ruth Dowie, the proprietor of Runningwell has arranged an opening evening exclusively for New Hall families to visit and view the facilities on Friday 11 June, 5.00-8.00pm. Please contact Katie Hamilton-Farey, Head of Riding if you would like to attend (k.hamilton@newhallschool.co.uk).

Tennis

There are still spaces in the tennis competitions which are open to all boys and girls:

U11 Years 5 & 6 Saturday 12 June 2.00-5.00pm

Please can you return your reply slip or contact Mr Bennett on a.bennett@newhallschool.co.uk if you wish to take part.

NHVS Children's Holiday Appeal

New Hall students will be remaining in school for the first week of their summer holiday to play host to 20 disadvantaged children from the Chelmsford and London areas.

We are in need of the following items:

- Unwanted outdoor toys such as swing ball, space hoppers etc
- Reading books
- Summer clothing, rainwear, footwear for 6 to 8 year olds
- Cakes, biscuits, bottles of squash, cartons of drinks & bottles of water (sell by date July onwards)

Any contributions can be left at the school reception and marked NHVS with name your name and son's/daughter's tutor group. Please contact Rebecca Leslie via the NHVS office or email nhvs@newhallschool.co.uk.

Donations to Pre-Reception

Thank you to Mrs Buckland and to Mrs Harding for the dressing up clothes, toys and books that they donated to Pre-Reception.

Events

U12 20/20 Cricket Festival for the "Joe Hussain Trophy"

Come along on Saturday 22 May to support our U12 team in the New Hall Cricket Festival. There will be refreshments throughout the day as well as the chance of winning a Junior England one day shirt signed by Nasser Hussain or two tickets for any Clydesdale Bank 40 game at Essex County Cricket Club in our raffle and of course the opportunity to watch some excellent cricket! Games will start at 10.00am and 2.00pm.

See www.newhallschool.co.uk/events for more details.

Ladies Day at the Preparatory School

You are warmly invited to join us at our Ladies Day on Saturday 5 June from 11.00am-4.00pm. A day of indulgence is in store with stalls selling beauty products, clothes & fashion accessories, jewellery, cookware, cakes and lots more! There will also be music and entertainment

to enjoy throughout the day. Raffle proceeds, donations and half of the £2.50 entry fee will go to CAFOD. Please visit, www.theessexeventscompany.co.uk, and click on "Ladies Days" for more information.

Junior Triathlon

The Junior Triathlon will be taking place on Saturday 20 June at 9.30am. For more details on how to enter please see <http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/events>.

NHVS Quiz Night

Please note that tonight's event has been cancelled and has been re-scheduled for Friday 19 November. Mrs Williams will be arranging refunds for those that have already purchased tickets.

NHPA 70's Evening

Please note that this event has unfortunately been cancelled. All of those who have purchased a ticket will be refunded.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Isobel Moyler - named tracksuit top
- Frederick Beecroft - named tennis racket

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.

- Two pairs of girls black school shoes size 1.5 have been found, please contact the School Reception if they are your child's.

The Lost Property has recently been sorted and named items returned to their owners. A significant number of items were not named and these will be sent to the Uniform Shop or a charity shop if not claimed by the end of next week.

Travel

A daily bus service will be starting from Beaulieu Park in September 2010. If you are interested in this service, please contact Mrs G Phillips for more information on 01245467588 or g.phillips@newhallschool.co.uk.

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.tayler@newhallschool.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Sat 22 May	1.30pm	U11 Cricket v Bishop's Stortford College
Mon 24 May	1.00pm	Year 2 Music Medals
Tues 25 May	8.00am	1M Medicals
Wed 26 May	2.30pm	U11B Boys Cricket v Holmwood House
Thurs 27 May	8.50am	1M Class Assembly
Fri 28 May		PGL Liddington Year 6 Trip
Fri 28 May		Term ends

This week we pray for:

Sister Jude, whose sister sadly passed away last week

Miss Ullmer's father who is very ill at this time

Mrs Tann's mother who is very ill at this time

Jean Ward and her husband who are celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary

All our families who have recently had new babies or who are about to welcome a new arrival

All our Year 6 pupils - that they will have a safe journey to PGL and experience a week of life-long memories together

Holy Mary, mother fair,
Filled with love for God,
Pray for us in all our needs.
Pray for us today.

