

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Dear Parents

It was wonderful to welcome the Pope to our country last weekend and we were delighted that so many staff and pupils were able to attend some of the special gatherings that took place. I was fortunate enough to be at the Hyde Park vigil on Saturday which was very moving and uplifting and one of our pupils, Lucy Barratt, was given the opportunity to attend the "Big Assembly" on Friday:

I met the other Essex delegates at St John Payne School where the coach left from to go to St Mary's College in Twickenham where the Big Assembly was held. ITV travelled with us and I was on Anglia news. When we got there we went to the running track to get ready for the Pope to arrive. We watched the Pope on the big screen saying prayers and then he came onto the stage where he shared God's message. Pope Benedict said that if we live a good life and live it to the full we can all be saints no matter what anybody says. I was proud to be chosen to represent my school and I will never forget the day.



Facebook Warning

At the Preparatory School we are committed to keeping your children safe and with that in mind I would like to remind parents that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 to have a Facebook account. This means that no primary aged children should be using it. Most recently we have received a warning about a new addition to the site. Facebook have launched a new application called Facebook Places. When it is enabled, anyone can find out where you are when you are logged in. It gives the actual address & map location of where you are. This can be very dangerous information. This feature is enabled automatically so it is really important to disable this so that people on Facebook can't see where you are all the time.

To undo this feature:

>Profile >Privacy >Edit your privacy settings

>Custom >Customise settings

>Things I Share: uncheck 'Include me in People Here now'

>Disable 'Friends can check me in to places'.

As a rule of thumb NEVER give out personal information (address, telephone and other contact details) over the internet. A reminder also that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 to have a Facebook account.

School Council 2010/11



School Councillors play a vital role in the school community by increasing the pupil voice of the school. They help to make a positive contribution to their school by making sure pupils have a voice in decisions about the school. They work towards improving the school environment, helping their fellow pupils and organising activities within their school. Congratulations to the following pupils who will represent their class on the School Council this year:

Benjamin Clark & Maia Tolia-Shah	6A
James Fraser & Lauren Underwood	6S
Charlie Young	5F
Tom Spilsbury	5T
Callum Westwood	4R
Lucy Barrett	4D
Abbie Jackson	3H
Hannah Greenland	3M
Orianna Farrell	2P
Amy Jones	2H
Sylvie Smith	2R
Arthur Owens	1G
Ruby Mae-Coyne	1M

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

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Lucas Bowers Holly May Scott Taylor	6S	Imogen Coker James Fraser Lucy Greenwood Jonathan Murphy
5F	James Thomson Sophia Turnbull	5T	Olivia Fenton Ellie Macarthur Jamie Norman
4D	Lucy Barrett Sarah Coxon Grace Murray Emma Shannon	4R	Ramis Ibrahim Eden Waite
3H	Amelia August Victoria Hollick Abbie Jackson Mia Southgate	3M	Sophie Carter Fleur Smith Poppy Yates
2H	Ana Cristina Mead Robyn Moody Joshua Notley Peter Ray	2P	Coral Dunk Oriana Farrell Abigail James Libby Murray
2R	Robin Brown Harry Corney Thomas Henderson Philippa Palmer	1G	Sacha Oxlade-Creswell Francesca Minnis Eva Ramage Poppy Theakston
1M	Roman Anstee Roseanna Clements Madeleine Hamilton	RG	Oluwaferanmi Aremu Benjamin Gundle Finlay Meyer-Melville Niamh Westwood
RU	Jasmine Grimes Isabella Scully Isabella Sidwell Ina Vaeremans	PR	Charlie Brooks Frankie-Mae Garner Harry McLaren Jessica Pullum

Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle

Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Colchester Castle this week in order to learn more about their history topic of the Romans and Roman Britain. The children had the opportunity to tour the Roman vaults under the castle, investigate Roman artefacts, and dress as Romans and Celts. Other highlights were working in teams to build a Roman villa and Celtic roundhouse and doing the job of an archaeologist. The children learned a lot about the Roman and Celtic way of life, Boudicca and the Iceni revolt, and the background to the Roman invasion and occupation of Britain.



6A Class Assembly

Parents of children in 6A are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 30 September at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

Extra-curricular clubs

Dance

Please note that Mrs Molina/Mrs Wilkinson's dance and musical theatre lessons are cancelled due to Open Morning.

Football

There will be a Year 2 football club taking place on Fridays from 12.00-12.30pm. Spaces are limited to 14; please register for a place with Mrs Brignell in the Preparatory School Office.

Hockey

Please note that Year 4, 5 & 6 girls hockey will now take place on a Thursday from 4.30-5.30pm.

Tennis

Tennis lessons will run as normal on Open Morning.

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

Riding

Anybody who is involved or interested in competing for the school's equestrian team or extra-curricular riding is

invited to attend a riding meeting and social on Monday 27 September between 6.00pm-8.00pm in the North Room.

Dressage

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

U9A v Bishop Stortford College

New Hall played their first contact game of the season against Bishop Stortford College. It was a close match from start to finish with some great passes, good defending and some breaking runs from our side. We were leading 2 tries to 1 at half time. Bishop Stortford College brought on their big boys in the second half which meant our forwards had to work extra hard! Unfortunately the final score was 4 - 3 to them, but we all had great fun and are looking forward to our next match!

Tries: Aidan Turner-Wallace, James Holt and Toby Warren
Men of the match: John for great tackling and Aiden for trying hard.

by Toby Warren

U11B v Widford Lodge School (Training Match)

The game began strongly from the centre pass, and made immediate impact into the opposition forwards. Thomas Spilsbury and James Thomson both drove well and had good body position in the rucks. It was excellent to see the passing of the ball down the line by the backs, with captain Edward Lerwill, Charles Young and Tom Durkan linking some good passes together. As the game progressed, Callum Rayment began to direct the play well from scrum half, making sure the backs had time with the ball. The first score went to New Hall following quite a few phases of play, Widford Lodge then went on to score a try before the break. After half time, with a few changes in positions and players, the New Hall tackling was superb. The tackle of the game came as a Widford Lodge player ran clear for the line, only to be knocked off his feet and into touch by Tom Durkan. As the game drew to a close, New Hall scored a couple more tries through Charles Young and Callum Rayment, both using their pace successfully.

U11A v Widford Lodge School (Training Match)

Although the U11A team got off to a slow start and were 3 scores down in the early minutes of the game, the team soon began to work more effectively under the guidance of Mr Briggs. As the second half began, more aggression, particularly around the breakdown led to a much more evenly contested game, with New Hall matching Widford Lodge in scores.

Well done to both teams on an enjoyable and productive start to the season.

Sailing

Ben Hutton-Penman (Year 3) entered the Optimist National Championships in July. These were held at the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy, the home of the 2012

Olympic Sailing event. There were 500 entrants in total, split into a number of fleets based on experience. Teams entered from numerous countries including USA, France, Netherlands, UAE, Spain and Ireland. Ben was one of the youngest to compete in the whole event and sailed in the Starter fleet. He sailed superbly and finished 5th in his fleet and also won a prize in the main prize-giving. Many of the Olympic sailors, including Ben Ainslie, attended both the event and training for most of the week. In fact, Ben even managed to shake hands with him and share some sailing experiences!



Travel

Please note that all school buses will operate on Open Morning on Saturday 25 September. Pupils will be collected at their normal morning time, but departure from school will be at 1.00pm.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Kyan Bailey (RU) - named jumper
- Ellena Collett (5F) - named cardigan
- Amelie Collins (RU) - named ballet shoes
- Angus Jones (3M) - un-named blazer with Copper Music Medal attached on lapel
- Isobel Moyler (5T) - named blazer

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.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Conrad

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.

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 2 Solution

An assistant in a butcher's shop is 5'10" tall. What does he weigh? *Meat!*

Well done to: Jake Adams (2R), Jessica Bates (5F), Georgina Mead (6S) and Lucy Greenwood (6S).

And here is the next challenge:

Counting the days

1. Is it possible to have 5 Sundays in the same month?
2. Is it possible for February to have 5 Sundays?
3. Is it possible for December to have 6 Sundays?
4. If the 19th of a month is a Sunday, what date is the last Monday of the month?
5. Can there ever be more Wednesdays than Mondays in the same month?
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?

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
Sat 25 Sep		Open Morning
Thu 30 Sep	8.50am	6A Class Assembly
Fri 1 Oct	4.00-5.30pm	PR 2011 Trial Sessions (by invitation only)
Fri 1 Oct	2.45pm	U10 & U11 Football v Elm Green
Fri 1 Oct	3.00-4.30pm	U10 & U11 Hockey v Ipswich Junior School
Tue 5 Oct		National Children's Book Week
Tue 5 Oct	9.00-10.00am	Harvest Festival: Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1
Tue 5 Oct	2.30-3.30pm	Harvest Festival: Key Stage 2
Tue 5 Oct	4.00-5.30pm	PR 2011 Trial Sessions (by invitation only)
Wed 6 Oct	7.30pm	NHPA AGM
Thu 7 Oct		National Poetry Day
Fri 8 Oct		Foundation Day
Fri 8 Oct	9.00-10.00am	Preparatory School Foundation Day Mass
	10.30am-4.00pm	Shake Rattle & Roll

NEW HALL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS A

GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY

ADULTS £5 CHILDREN £3

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2010

WALKFARES FIELD, NEW HALL SCHOOL

GATES OPEN AT 5.00pm - DISPLAY AT 6.45pm

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
Ring Mark on 07771 768228
or contact Lucy Brignell in the
Preparatory School office*

Prayer Corner

In the light of Cardinal John Henry Newman's recent Beatification, we reflect on some of his wise words:

Dear Jesus,

Help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with Thy spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all
my life may only be a radiance of Thine.
Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come
in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus!
Amen.

