

# What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

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## Advent Services

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting, getting ready and preparing for the coming of Jesus our Messiah, Emmanuel, God is with us. He comes in various ways. He comes through grace into our lives; he comes in the needs of others; he comes when we receive love; he comes when we show love. A very important coming is when he comes to take us with him to heaven, when he comes at our death. There is also a coming at the end of the world. This Advent, may we all remember that Jesus calls us to be ready; ready for when his grace comes, ready in the needs of others, ready to celebrate Christmas, ready to welcome him when he comes to bring us to himself.

Thank you to all those parents who attended one of our Advent services and thank you to Miss Hunter, Sr Moira, Sr Margaret Mary, the readers, actors and musicians who helped to make our services so special.



## Year 6 Trip to Churchill War Museum



On 22 November, Year 6 ventured to the Churchill War Rooms in the heart of London. This is a historic site which was used as a bunker and annex to protect Winston Churchill during the Second World War. The pupils used the audio guides and discovered the corridors and rooms

of the Cabinet War Rooms and how Winston and his team defended Britain against the Germans. Central to the museum is the state-of-the-art lifeline exhibit, a 15 metre long interactive timeline giving information from every year of Churchill's life. The lifeline puts key events in Churchill's life in context and engaged all the Year 6 pupils through a variety of animations and sounds. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mr McIntosh for organising the trip and to our other adults Mrs Evans, Mrs Claridge, Mrs Cotton and Mrs Jackson for giving up their time to join us. Overall, a great experience was had by all.

### Charity

Miss Hunter will be taking part in the annual 'sleep out' event at Chelmsford Cathedral on Friday 2 December. Churches Homeless Emergency Support Scheme (CHESS) runs the annual event to help fund its Winter Project. It costs just £14 to give a homeless person a bed and warm food and drink each night and this event will help raise funds for this. Miss Hunter would be grateful for any donations that people wish to make to sponsor her in this event.

### November - A Month of Remembrance

#### *Mass for the Deceased*

You are all warmly invited to attend a special Mass which will be held in the chapel situated in the Senior School on Wednesday 30 November 2011 at 4.30pm - 5.30pm, to remember and pray for those close to us that have died.

#### *Book of Remembrance*

A Book of Remembrance is available in the school foyer where all parents, children and staff are warmly invited to write the names of any deceased loved ones who they would like us to remember and pray for this month and during the Mass.

### Christmas Cards

Next week our class Christmas post boxes will be situated in the reception area. Children are invited to post Christmas cards to their friends and the Year 6 postmen and women will deliver them!

### Golden Book Awards

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

6M	Nicola Jackson Isobel Moyler Catriona Ryan Shehzad Siddiqi	6S	Layla Sammour Benjamin Notley Charles Young
5A	Darcy Courtney-Cook Annabelle Harle Maxwell Lynn	5T	John Barber William Banks Matthew Cook Callum Westwood

4D	Freya Adams Liberty Bates Mia Southgate Georgia Tombs	4R	Niamh Rayment Ellie Law Fleur Smith
3K	Erin Heffernan Maddi Bullen	3R E	Eloise Barber Fabianna Bartella Danielle Sirett Robyn Moody
3RI	Jack Cooper Jake Bain Annabel Napper Oriana Farrell Szara Shahril-Rauz	2H	Tyler Tombs Madeleine Hamilton Zarah Okakah Freddie Warn
2T	Elizabeth Jones Francesca Minnis Tobias McBurney	1G	Toby Brown Rebecca Bentinck Niamh Westwood Albert Smith
1S	Isabella Sidwell Amelie Collins Christopher Stewart	RG	Aidan Brown Tilly Southgate Francesca Burrows Charlie Brooks
RH	Oscar Burton Genevieve Rogers Charlotte Gore Darcie Meechan	PR	Anna-Kaye Fullerton- Izabella Rogers Conor Downes

### Music

#### *Trinity Guildhall Drum Exams*

Congratulations to the following children on their fantastic results in the drum examinations on 19 November.

William Banks	Grade 1	Merit
Joseph Beddoe	Grade 1	Merit
Luke Harding	Grade 1	Merit
Benjamin Notley	Grade 1	Distinction
Rebecca Jeffrey	Grade 2	Pass

#### *Choir*

##### *Year 4 Junior Choir Members - Brentwood Centre Concert*

Year 4 Junior Choir members are performing at a fundraising concert for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society along with schools from across the Diocese. The concert is taking place on Friday 2 December at the Brentwood Centre and tickets are now available. Due to the Brentwood Centre having difficulties with their online booking system, it is recommended that you purchase tickets by ringing the box office on 0871 224 1113. Please be aware that there will be 17 schools performing at the concert and therefore tickets will be in high demand. A DVD will be available to purchase of the concert at a cost of £12.50. Orders can be made on the night or alternatively via Colbridge Videography. For all enquiries, please contact them on 01206 860 090 or via their website [www.colbridgevideography.co.uk](http://www.colbridgevideography.co.uk).

## Notices

### *Christmas Activity Scheme*

If you would like a place on the Christmas Activity Scheme, please return your form as soon as possible to the Preparatory School Office, as places are going fast.

### *Dance Classes*

Please note that Dance Classes will be running for an extra week this term and will now finish on Friday 9 December.

### *Design and Technology Club*

There will be no further Design and Technology Club sessions held this term due to Year 11 mock examinations and the Carol Service.

### *Lost Property*

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Nicola Jackson (6M) - named tie
- Ciaran Chambers (4D) - blazer
- Freddie Warn (2H) - named jumper
- Adam Warne (3K) - named sports bag and kit
- Connor Brown (1G) - named grey hat

Could all parents please check names on uniform items. If any of these items are found, please hand in to the School Office. Please may parents also ensure that all uniform is labelled.

### *Forms*

Please note that parents can now download forms which may need to be completed from the New Hall School website at [www.newhallschool.co.uk/preparatory/forms](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/preparatory/forms).

## Sport

### *Hockey*

#### *U10's v Chigwell School*

On 18 November, the U10 hockey team played a match against Chigwell School. Chigwell gained an early lead, scoring the first goal. New Hall came back strongly to even the score with an excellent goal from Eloise Winsor (5A). This was followed by an outstanding shot from Rebecca Jeffrey (5T) to make the score 2-1, at the end of the first half. In the second half, some strong play from Chigwell brought the score to 2-3 to Chigwell. Lara Clark (5T) scored the equalising goal, bringing the score to 3-3. The final score was 3-5 to Chigwell.

*Written by Annabelle Harle (5A)*

### *Tennis*

Please note that due to Sports Scholarship Assessments taking place on Saturday 26 November 2011, tennis lessons will be held in PE2 (opposite the Eaton Theatre).

## Gold Challenge

We are delighted to announce that in the run up to the Olympics, New Hall Preparatory School will be taking part in a new and exciting Olympic themed charity challenge called "The Gold Challenge". Our challenge is to raise money for the charity "Kids Inspire" by travelling a distance of 2012 km, between Monday 28 November 2011 and Saturday 23 June. Distance may be travelled by running, walking, swimming, cycling, rowing, sailing,

canoeing and horse-riding. Most of these activities can be completed in school and other activities can be completed out of school and added to our total. All parents should receive a letter with full details about the Gold Challenge this week. We would love to hear what activities everyone is doing to add up their metres, so please do send your stories and pictures to Miss E Powell.

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 [e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk).

## Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 28 Nov	6.00pm	Christmas Dance Show
Wed 30 Nov	4.30pm	Mass for the Deceased
Thu 1 Dec	2.00pm - 3.00pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Fri 2 Dec	9.15am - 10.30am	KS1 Christmas Production
Sun 3 Dec	9.00am - 3.00pm	U11 Boys Rugby Tournament v Brentwood Preparatory School
Wed 7 Dec	2.30pm - 4.00pm	U11 Boys Rugby v Felsted Preparatory School
Wed 7 Dec	3.00pm - 5.00pm	U11 Girls Hockey v Holmwood House School
Wed 7 Dec	3.00pm - 5.00pm	U9 Girls Netball v Holmwood House School
Thu 8 Dec	2.30pm - 3.15pm	Foundation Stage Christmas Production
Fri 9 Dec	9.15am - 10.00am	Foundation Stage Christmas Production
Fri 9 Dec	All Day	U10/U11 Girls Hockey v Brentwood School
Fri 9 Dec	1.30pm - 4.00pm	U11 Boys Rugby v Holmwood House School

## Prayer Corner

By day and by night, and through every season,  
You watch over us loving God.  
During this Advent, we wait in patience for your son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
His coming comforts our fears,  
And brings hope to our waiting world.  
All glory be yours, now and forever.

Amen.



# BRAIN CHALLENGE

## Brain Challenge Number 38 Solution

The daughters are 10, 14, 18, 22, 26 and 30. Therefore the oldest sister is 3 times as old as the youngest!

There were 3 winners: Apollo Wilkins (3K), Hannah Greenland (4R) and Benjamin La Rocca (4R).

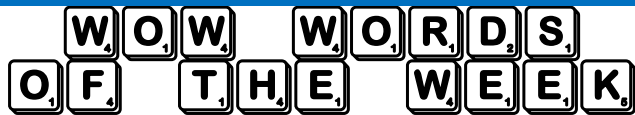
## Brain Challenge Number 38

*Lateral Thinking*

Each letter below stands for the name of something.  
What should the last three letters be?

M V E M J S ? ? ?

You must respond on paper by Tuesday morning with your name and class on it and hand it to Mr Shah or leave it on his desk in the Science Laboratory.



## Words of the Week 10

Hannah Greenland (4R) and Charlotte Ray (4R) and also to Olivia Buckland (4R), who receives a special mention for the excellent list of her own Hinky Pinkies! Fat cat, funny bunny, crazy daisy and big twig!

## Words of the Week Number 11

*Palindromes*

"Madam, I'm Adam."

What's strange about this sentence? Try reading it backwards. It reads the same way forwards and backwards. A word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same forwards or backwards is called a *palindrome*.

For example the word **WOW** is a palindrome.

See how many three-letter words you can think of that are palindromes. Try for ten. Then see if you can think of at least one four-letter and one five-letter palindrome. Find more if you can. Have fun!

Please write your answer on a piece of paper with your name and class on it. Please hand into Mrs E Thorogood by Tuesday morning at the latest.

**NHPA**  
**Christmas Fayre**

Gift Stalls  
Jewellery, Make Up,  
Hair Accessories,  
Stocking fillers, Books,  
Home gifts, Cakes, .....

Games Galore  
'Snowball the Snowman'  
'Splat the Malteser'  
'Play your Cards Right'  
'Treasure Hunt' and many more...

Visit Santa in his Grotto

Friday 16 December 2011  
2.00pm - 6.00pm  
Preparatory School Hall

Entrance  
Adults - £3.00  
Children - Free  
includes  
a mince pie  
& drink

Please come along to have fun  
and support the NHPA

**New Hall Parents' Association**  
*working together for our children*

*NHPA Christmas Fayre*  
The annual Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Friday 16 December from 2.00pm - 6.00pm in the Preparatory School Hall. There will be an array of stalls selling Christmas gifts, games for the children to enjoy and Santa will even be making a visit! Donations for the raffle and the hugely popular cake stall would be gratefully received.