

What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

Top 500 European Growth Companies Award

We were delighted to be nominated as one of the top 500 growth companies of 2010, which was celebrated at the European Growth Summit at the European Parliament in Brussels last month. New Hall was recognised as a growing organisation that has contributed to the creation of new employment and prosperity in Europe.

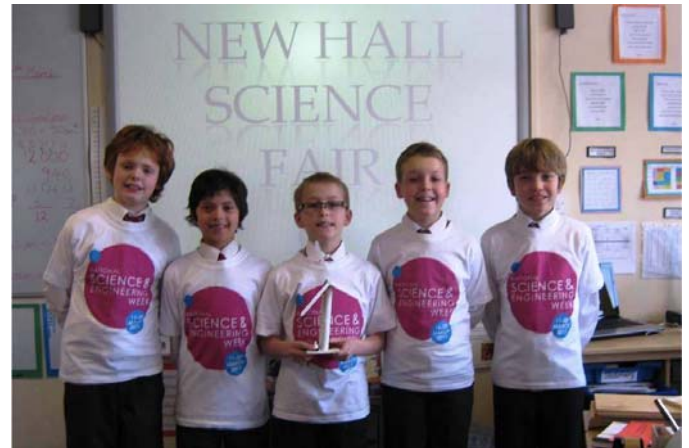
Whole School Parents' Forum Presentation

A Parents' Forum focussing on the Gifted and Talented (G&T) provision at New Hall took place on Wednesday 23 March. Attended by current and prospective parents it was an opportunity to hear about the G&T programme that is available for every student in the school from Year 4 to Year 13. In a presentation by Mr Shah, the G&T Coordinator, parents heard about the *Scholarly Habits* which are taught throughout the school and how they can get students out of *Learning Pits*. Mrs Jeffrey talked about the relevance of Critical Thinking in the New Hall curriculum and the Director of Co-Curriculum, Mr Walker, presented how the co-curriculum and extra-curricular activities can support academic studies. Information about ideas for independent learning during the school holidays was distributed as well as information about the Philosophy and Delta Clubs that take place twice weekly which encourage students to develop their learning skills. An open forum then allowed parents to ask any questions that they had regarding G&T. Parents who were unable to attend the meeting can contact Mrs O'Riley on g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk for a copy of the handouts. Whole School Parents' Forum presentations take place each half term, the next meeting which will look at the subject of nutrition will take place on Wednesday 18 May at 4.45pm.



Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to 'The Natural Forces' team who were the winners of the Year 5 and 6 Science Fair which concluded our Science Week. Thank you to all the parents for the help and support which they gave to the children involved in this. The work which the children produced was superb. Photographs taken during Science Week will shortly be available to view on the school website.



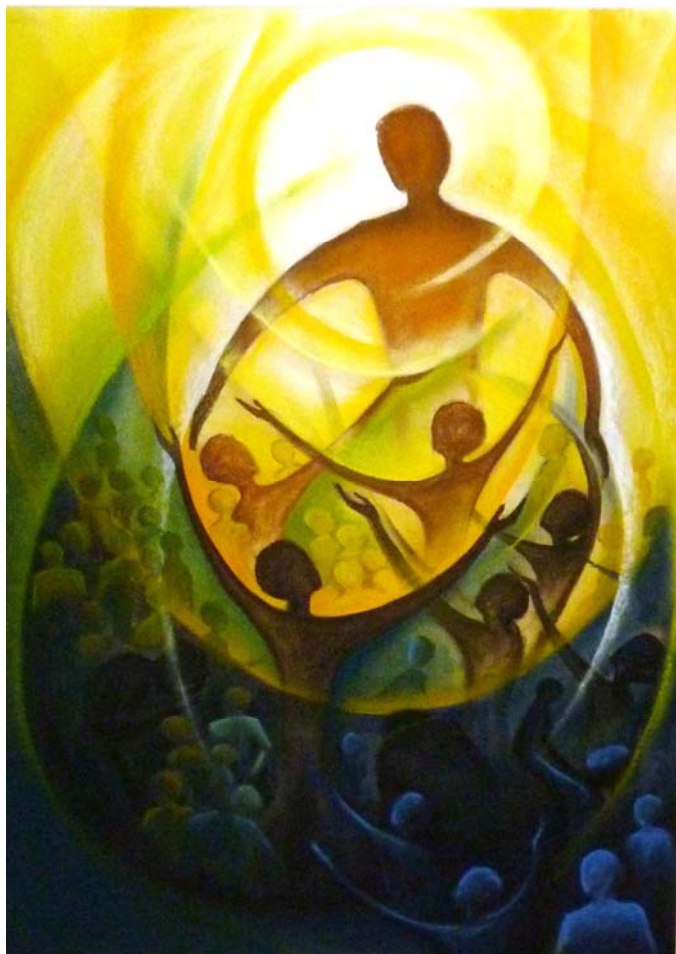
Benjamin Notley, Zak Ramjane, Ellis Oxlade, Conall Hornett and Joseph Beddoe: The Natural Forces Team

Lenten Art Exhibition

We were delighted to welcome members of the religious community to the Preparatory School from Friday 18 March to Monday 21 March. Students from across both schools were able to visit the art exhibition in the School Hall which displayed beautiful paintings and works of art by Sr Mary Steven CRSS. The sisters also led our Monday morning assembly and held prayer sessions for pupils and staff based around the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to the sisters for organising the event and to the parents who attended the assembly or art exhibition.



I would like to say a special “thank you” to the Meechan family who very kindly bought one of Sr Mary Steven’s paintings as a gift for the Preparatory School. This is now hanging in our foyer beside the Chapel, so please do feel free to come in and admire it.



Sr Mary Steven’s Painting

2R Class Assembly



Class 2R invited us all to join them on a round the world flight in their class assembly. We visited many exciting ‘Mega-structures’ that they have been exploring as part of this term’s topic. We were treated to a display of paintings, drawings and Chinese writing, as well as a lively Indian dance to Jai Ho! They shared many interesting facts. Thank you to all the children and to Mrs Reynolds for such an entertaining flight and thank you to the parents who came along to support their children.

Music

Steel Pan Workshop

Year 5 pupils enjoyed a steel pan workshop which was led by Moulsham High School’s steel band group. The children learnt to use the instruments as part of their world music project. Parents can look forward to the children putting what they have learned into practice at the Key Stage 2 Easter Concert this coming Thursday.



Key Stage 2 Easter Concert

Please can all children remember to bring their instruments into school every day next week for the rehearsals and the performance of the Easter Concert.

Assembly Recital

Thank you to Natalie Chan (Year 6) who played the piano beautifully in assembly this morning.

Trinity Guildhall Examination Results

Congratulations to the following pupils who were successful in their Trinity Guildhall Recorder Examinations.

Frederick Beecroft	Recorder	Distinction
Hannah Bellamy	Grade 1	Pass
Emily Brignell	Grade 3	Distinction
Molly Brignell	Initial	Merit
Olivia Buckland	Initial	Distinction
Sophie Carter	Initial	Merit
Jack Daly	Grade 1	Distinction
Zoe Dunmow	Grade 1	Merit
Ina-Margaret Fisher	Initial	Merit
Hannah Greenland	Initial	Merit
Lucy Greenwood	Grade 3	Distinction
Laura Hedges	Grade 2	Merit
Abbie Jackson	Initial	Distinction
Angus Jones	Initial	Merit
Matthew Jones	Initial	Merit
Benjamin La Rocca	Initial	Merit
Katriya Levine	Grade 2	Distinction
Holly May	Grade 3	Merit
Charlotte Ray	Initial	Distinction
Molly Reynolds	Initial	Merit
Isabella Warren	Initial	Distinction
Fleur Wharton	Initial	Merit
Amber Whitehorne	Initial	Merit

Congratulations to Zoe Dunmow who also achieved a distinction in her initial Violin examination.

French

Year 5 Trip to the Europa Centre

This month, classes 5F and 5T, have enjoyed visits to the Europa Centre - a mini France in the middle of Hornchurch!



'It was lots of fun and I am sure if I go to France I will know the names of everything in the shops' (Nicola Jackson, 5T)

'The teachers there were all very nice and they helped us.' (Oliver Robins, 5T)

'I remembered a lot of words and we had already learnt them in class.' (Edward Lerwill, 5T)

'I feel much more confident with speaking French, I had a great day.' (Ellena Collett, 5F)

'It was amazing! For lunch I had *un chocolat chaud* - hot chocolate and *un pain au chocolat* - a chocolate croissant.' (Zak Ramjane, 5F)



World Book Day

Thank you for supporting this year's World Book Day, we raised over £2,000, which will enable us to put even more high quality books into the library for your children's enjoyment. Your children are currently choosing their books and will be bringing them home to read; when they have finished please return them to school where they will be put into the library for other children to enjoy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.

Art

Jackie Kilpin Visit

On Monday the Year 1 children were creating their own Jackson Pollock style masterpieces with our visiting artist, Jackie Kilpin.



In keeping with our 'World Kitchens' topic, we created our paint patterns with stringy spaghetti, knives and forks, spatulas, potato mashers and turkey basters! It was all great, messy fun!



Charity

NHVS Fashion Show



Holly Layzell modelling her design at the Fashion Show

Thank you to those who supported the NHVS Fashion Show, which took place at the Senior School last week. The evening was a great success, raising over £3,000 for the

NHVS Children's Holiday. Congratulations to Holly Layzell (2R) who won the Design a T-Shirt Competition, which she then modelled at the show. Thank you to Mrs Ashfield for organising the event.

Earthome Furniture Auction

As part of our Lent fundraising for Rwanda, we are delighted to announce for auction a unique piece of furniture, produced by Mr Earley, Head of Design and Technology. Mr Earley is also Design and Marketing Director of *Earthome*, an ethically driven small family business. We would like to offer parents the opportunity to bid for the package of a pair of elegant solid oak tables and a luxurious foot stool which fits neatly underneath the two tables, which is covered in beautiful natural 100% pure wool Camira fabric. Table dimensions are H44 x W60 x D40cm and the foot stool dimensions are H35 x W60 x D45cm. The retail price of this package is £800.00. Parents will have the opportunity to bid for the items until Wednesday 6 April. The successful bid will be announced on Thursday 7 April. All money raised from the auction will be split between two charities - one that supports women and children in Rwanda affected by the Genocide and another education project which is run by the Community. If you would like to place a bid, please visit www.newhallschool.co.uk/news. The highest bid will be updated daily on the website, so please do check back regularly to avoid disappointment.



The 'Acorn' Table and Footstool

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Charles Mabbutt Maiia Tolia-Shah Jasmine Turner-Maynard Saskia Walmsley	6S	Natalie Chan George Cronin Samantha Moody Harry Phelps
5F	Joseph August Abby Beaumont Ellena Collett	5T	Holly Haslam Edward Lerwill Oliver Robins
4D	Darcy Courtney-Cook Grace Murray Aidan Turner-Wallace James Wong	4R	John Barber Ella Phelps Aaron Stone Samantha Whetstone
3H	Ellena Harvey Aamish Ibrahim Cameron Searle	3M	Ben Hutton-Penman Benjamin La Rocca Finley Westwood
2H	Eloise Barber Lucy Bateman Fionnuala Heffernan Harrison Hooker	2P	Rosie Bullen Eleanor Jones Libby Murray Verity Winsor
2R	Maddi Bullen India Gwyn-Williams Neve O'Brien Jacob Pullum James McBurney	1G	Sophie Kingston Isabelle Maze Eva Ramage Jennifer Thomas
1M	Roman Anstee Madeline Hamilton Isabelle Harrison Asha Odedra	RG	Isabella Basile Benjamin Gundle Aishani Sengupta Albert Smith
RU	Fredrick Searle Isobel Haresnape Isabella Scully Frankie Christopher	PR	Callum Barber Felicity Doran Amelia Spurr Cameron Waite

Sport

Gymnastics

Last Friday, the Year 2 and Year 3 and 4 gymnastics teams attended the Chelmsford Schools' Competition. The Year 2 squad comprised of Coral Dunk, Georgina Gundle, Holly Layzell, Libby Murray, Danielle Sirett, Ellen Thompson, William Wakeman and Niamh Wright. The Year 2 team were the first to perform, and were allowed a practice before the scored routine. The gymnastic movements,

including forward rolls, balances and teddy bear rolls were carefully linked together to music. The team gave their best efforts and enjoyed the chance to represent the school. The Years 3 and 4 squad comprised Katherine Barber, Lara Clark, Darcy Courtney Cook, Annabelle Harle, Rebecca Jeffrey, Mia Ramage, Isabella Warren, Samantha Whetstone and Eloise Winsor. The girls worked through the beautifully choreographed routine, demonstrating poise and precision of movement. Following the judges deliberations, New Hall were unlucky not to finish in the top three and the disappointment was evident for all of the team members. Despite not making the final, the girls enjoyed the opportunity to perform to an audience, and practise a variety of gymnastic routines after the competition was over. Thank you to all the parents who brought their children in for the early morning practices and to Mrs Clark and Miss Hunter for their dedication to the teams.

Hockey

'Mad About Hockey' Coaching Week provided by Super Camps
A hockey coaching week will be taking place at New Hall from 11-15 April for children aged 8-14. The coaching week will provide an opportunity for hockey enthusiasts to develop their skills and technical aspects of the game. The week is priced at £139 and coaching hours are from 9.20am-4.30pm. For further details or to book a place for your child, please visit www.madaboutsports.co.uk or call 01235 832 222.

Netball

Year 3 v Holmwood House School Tournament - 5th place



Last Saturday, 10 Year 3 girls took part in the Holmwood House netball tournament. Despite not having experience of playing against other schools, the girls were very excited and enthusiastic. The first game was against an experienced Elm Green side. The defenders worked really hard and continually tried to send the ball down to the attacking end, but unfortunately the attack could not monopolise on this and Elm Green won the match. The girls played 4 other teams and their game greatly improved with each match, although they narrowly lost to two schools 2-1. Overall the girls came 5th out of the 6 teams. Well done to Olivia Buckland and Abbie Jackson for scoring 2 fantastic goals and to Charlotte Ray for excellent defending. Miss Ullmer was very proud of all the girls for their positive attitudes and effort on the day and grateful to all the parents for their support. The team comprised Amber Whitehorne, Abbie Jackson, Olivia Buckland, Amelia August, Emily

Conrad, Isabella Warren, Katie Jenner, Ellie Law, Niamh Rayment and Charlotte Ray. Well done to the whole team.

Riding

Well done to Megan Cotton (5F) who competed in her first big riding event last weekend. Megan was part of the team who were entered for the Mini class at the Woodbridge School One Day Event. Despite not achieving a placing, it was a good experience for both Megan and her horse.

Rugby

U11 v Elm Green Preparatory School, Chelmsford, won 50-30

Player of the Match: Aaron Phipps

The U11 team played against Elm Green Preparatory School in the final rugby game of the year. Conall Hornett scored the first try of the game, which was followed shortly afterwards by a try from the Elm Green side. This provided motivation for the New Hall team with Harry Phelps, Gregory Oxlade, Scott Taylor, Harrison Ellis and Callum Bain all crossing the line for tries. The team kept this up in the second half, with tries from wingers Callum Rayment and Jonathan Murphy. Despite not scoring, Aaron Phipps was awarded player of the match for his excellent attack and defence which helped to secure the win.

Holmwood House School, Colchester, Tag Tournament

Holmwood managed to score 4 tries at the beginning of the match which the New Hall players found difficult to come back from. Angus Jones and William Wakeman played particularly well demonstrating good passing although it was not enough to secure a win, and the team lost 1-5. The following games were against The Abbey School and Ipswich Preparatory School. Joseph Murphy and Benjamin Hutton-Penman made some good runs with the ball, and Freddie Christopher and Cameron Searle began to make very quick tags. Oliver Warne was the most elusive player on the pitch, enjoying the opportunity to dodge through several attempted tags to score in both games. The team drew both of the games, 2-2 and 3-3. New Hall then had to play against Orwell Park School, Suffolk and Holmwood House 'B' team in the next stage of the competition. With ever improving tagging from the New Hall boys, notably Kieran Scully and Ciaran Chambers, the games were closely contested. Playing against Orwell Park, New Hall drew but then unfortunately lost in the final game against Holmwood House 'B'. Well done to all the boys for an excellent effort.

Swimming

Year 3 & 4 v Holmwood House School, Colchester, won 157-121

On Tuesday, the Year 3 pupils competed in their first gala, swimming with the Year 4 pupils against Holmwood House School. The Year 3 girls did exceptionally well and won all of their relay and individual races. The Year 4 girls also won all of their relay races and maintained good placings throughout the individual races, with many of the girls finishing in first place. The Year 4 boys remained undefeated demonstrating their solid strokes and excellent team work. Congratulations to the following pupils who took part in the Gala: Lucy Barrett, Elizabeth Murphy, Eden Waite, Samantha Whetstone, Ella Phelps, Darcy Courtney-Cook, Amelia August, Abbie Jackson, Charlotte

Ray, Olivia Buckland, John Barber, William Banks, Ralph Carroll, Toby Warren, Aaron Stone, Callum Westwood, Kieran Scully, Joseph Murphy, Benjamin La Rocca, Felix Ruiz, Ben Hutton-Penman.

Travel Information

Parking and dropping-off children

This is a reminder to parents to please ensure that you park in an allocated parking space and not in the drop-off zone. Please then leave your children at the school gate with a member of staff. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

School Coaches and Minibus Services on Open Day

This is a reminder that school coaches and minibus services will operate on Open Day, Monday 2 May 2011 at the normal morning times but with an early departure from school in the afternoon at 4.30pm.

Writtle Taxi Bus

There are 3 spare seats on the daily Writtle to New Hall taxi bus. Please contact Kate Winterbone on 07904 125 047 if you are interested or would like further details.

Forthcoming Events

Easter Concerts

You are warmly invited to our forthcoming Easter Concerts. The Key Stage 2 Easter Concert will be taking place on Thursday 31 March from 7.00-8.00pm, the Foundation Stage Easter Treat will be taking place on Tuesday 5 April from 9.00-9.30am and Key Stage 1 Easter Treat will be held on the same day from 2.15-3.15pm.

Essex heat of the South East Prep Schools Inter-School Quiz Championship 2010-2011

On Monday we are looking forward to hosting the area heat of the Inter-School Quiz Championship in the Preparatory School Hall. New Hall pupils will be competing against 6 other Essex schools for the. We wish them every success.

A Day with Chris Walker

New Hall is delighted to be hosting a day with internationally renowned composer, Chris Walker, on Saturday 30 April. The event, which is organised by the Diocese of Brentwood, is open to parish music leaders, singers, instrumentalists and catechists. The day will be an opportunity to learn new works by Chris Walker and all are welcome to attend. A booking form is available for download from the New Hall website. The cost is £10 for adults and free of charge to New Hall students.

Notices

After School Clubs on Thursday 31 March

Please note that there will be no after school clubs on Thursday 31 March due to the KS2 Easter Concert.

Clubs

DT Club

Please be advised that DT Club will not be taking place on Thursday 31 March.

Gymnastics

All Gymnastics Clubs for this term have now finished.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Tom Durkan (5T) – school coat
- Mikhaela Twimasi (4R) – school coat

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

Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco For Schools Vouchers 2011

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

Menu

Please note that next week we will be operating 'Week 3'.

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.taylor@newhallschool.co.uk.

Prayer Corner

This week we pray for:

Peace in Libya

The people of Japan

Lord God

We offer you our promises for Lent. Help us to keep them in Lent and, because they are the right thing to do, after Lent as well.



BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 20 Solution

Time to Tell

A sundial is said to be the timepiece with the fewest moving parts. What is the timepiece with the most moving parts?

An hourglass or sand-timer, however, an atomic clock is also a super answer.

Congratulations to the following pupils who answered correctly: Katherine Barber (4D), Lara Clark, Rebecca Jeffrey (4R), Lucy Greenwood and Harry Phelps (6S).

And the next challenge:

Lewis Carroll (philosopher, mathematician and author) figured out how to change the word NOSE to the word CHIN in six moves by changing only one letter at a time. Each time you change a letter you get an English word. Here I have given you the words for move 2 and 3. You have to figure out the words for moves 1, 4 and 5.

NOSE
 ????
 COTE
 CORE
 ????
 ????
 CHIN

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
Mon 28 Mar	9.30-11.30am	Essex heat of the South East Preparatory Schools Inter-School Quiz Championship 2010-2011
Tue 29 Mar	4.15-5.15pm	U10 A & B team Rugby v St Faith's School
Thu 31 Mar	7.00-8.00pm	KS2 Easter Concert
Mon 4 Apr	9.00am-12.00pm	Year 5 English Speaking Board Examinations
	9.00am-12.00pm	Year 6 Rivers & Water Workshop
Tue 5 Apr	9.00-9.30am	Foundation Stage Easter Treat
	2.15-3.15pm	KS1 Easter Treat
Fri 8 Apr	9.00am-9.40am	Final Assembly
		End of term
Wed 27 Apr		Term begins

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR THIS WORKSHOP

Christopher Walker is an internationally known lecturer, composer and conductor whose works encompass music for Children's Liturgy of the Word plus a wealth of material for all liturgical celebrations. Born and educated in England, Christopher is presently residing in Los Angeles, where he is combining the roles of music lecturer and director of music and worship. He is also a member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

