

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents

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Shirley Clarke Conference

For the past year, New Hall Preparatory School has been leading an action research group on assessment for learning, with 15 other Catholic Schools from across the Diocese. Last Wednesday, their innovative work was shared at an educational conference hosted by Shirley Clarke, a lead international figure in this area of educational development. We were very proud of the staff who took part and were delighted that Mrs Jeffrey and 3 members of the governing body were able to join us for this occasion.



5F Class Assembly

This week, 5F presented their assembly on the topic of 'The Victorians'. The children performed a play which taught us about the Victorian period, in particular the life of a chimney sweep and what it was like to go to school in Victorian times. Thank you to all the children and Mr Fannon for their hard work in putting together an informative and enjoyable assembly and to all of the parents who came along to support their children.



Music

Last Friday, Mr Oakley, one of the visiting music teachers, demonstrated the saxophone and clarinet in assembly. Imogen Coker (6S), played *Shepherd's Hey* on the clarinet and Scott Taylor (6A), played *I Believe* on the saxophone. The hymn was also accompanied by a group of instrumentalists. Thank you to Mr Oakley and to all the pupils who played beautifully. Please contact Mrs Warren or the School Office if your child would like to learn to play either of these instruments. Mrs Roe is happy to arrange a trial session prior to a commitment being made.

Dance

Chelmsford Ballet Company Selection

Congratulations to Fleur Wharton (3M) who has been selected by the Chelmsford Ballet Company to be a reserve in the upcoming production 'The Tales of Beatrix Potter' in March 2011.

Charity

Link Romania Shoeboxes Appeal 2010

Both the Preparatory School and the Senior School would like to say a huge thank you to students, family, friends and staff who took part in this year's appeal. 244 boxes were lovingly packed and wrapped in brightly coloured Christmas paper to bring a little bit of joy to the poorest of families and to children in orphanages. The boxes will soon be on their way to Romania, Albania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria. Your box may seem like a small drop in such a vast ocean of poverty but, rest assured, it does make a difference.

Chelmsford Swimming Club Championship Success



William Banks, John Barber (4R) and Lucy Greenwood (6S) competed in the Chelmsford Swimming Club Championships last weekend. William collected 4 medals

over the 3 days of racing, finishing a creditable 2nd place in the U11 200m breaststroke whilst also gaining an Essex time. John was successful in winning the U9 freestyle and backstroke races and finished in 2nd place in the U11 50m and 200m backstroke events, also setting an Essex time at both distances. Despite racing against girls in Years 7 and 8, Lucy Greenwood (6S) won a bronze in the U13 100m butterfly.

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Tara Durkan Holly May Sophia Panayiotou	6S	George Cronin Cerys Dunmow Natasha Skeens
5F	Willow Gwyn-Williams Layla Sammour Charles Young	5T	Chloe Elsom Laura Hedges Ellie Macarthur Jamie Norman
4D	Darcy Courtney Cook Elizabeth Murphy Grace Murray Eloise Winsor	4R	William Banks Hannah Bellam Ralph Carroll Holly Notley
3H	Amelia August Ellena Harvey Mia Southgate	3M	Hannah Greenland Ellie Law Charlotte Ray Niamh Rayment
2H	Freddie Christopher Oliver Clayden Brenna Doyle Danielle Sirett	2P	Jake Bain Ravit Dewan Sophie Hughes Alexia Panayiotou
2R	Harry Corney Grace Lingwood Jacob Pullum Apollo Wilkins	1G	Oliver King Anna-Maria Romero Macy Sharp Noah Warne
1M	Evie Fisher-Cook Katherine Harker Tyler Tombs	RG	Rebecca Bentinck Ochenehi Daudu Benjamin Gundle Albert Smith
RU	Elisabeth Dalby Isobel Haresnape Sebastian Loots Isabella Sidwell	PR	Isobel Beddoe Katie-Ana Drew Yann Macleod Oluwatosin Jonathan Osoba

Sport

Cross Country

Cut Hedge Trophy Competition Results

Congratulations to the teams below who came 3rd out of 20 schools at the competition held at Gosfield School on Wednesday.

Girls:

Order	U 12	Placing
1	Tara Durkan	10 th
2	Elizabeth Murphy	13 th
3	Eloise Winsor	17 th
4	Jessica Bates	30 th
5	Natasha Skeenes	43 rd
6	Lucy Greenwood	100 th
7	Georgina Mead	

Boys:

Order	U 12	Placing
1	Aaron Stone	14 th
2	Scott Taylor	15 th
3	Jonathan Murphy	28 th
4	Toby Warren	37 th
5	Joseph Beddoe	50 th
6	Jamie Norman	82 nd

Sailing

Lucy Greenwood (6S) is a member of the Corinthian Otters, the junior section of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Burnham-On-Crouch. At the annual prize-giving, Lucy won the 'Endeavour Trophy' for always trying her hardest and for competing against the boys in the more advanced 'Race Group'. She is the first girl to be awarded this trophy since it was introduced. Lucy also collected the 'Zooming Medal' for sailing in high winds and her IOCA (International Optimist Class Association - the type of boat she sails) Stage 3 Award to add to the RYA Level 4 she attained in the summer holidays. Congratulations to Lucy on these excellent achievements.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Design and Technology

Design and Technology Club on Thursday 2 and 9 December has been cancelled.

Hockey

Please note that Hockey club for the group comprising Years 3 and 4 pupils and pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 has been cancelled on Thursday 2 December.

Procedure for child sickness

The Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings issued by The Health Protection Agency states: "Diarrhoea and/or vomiting illness: the recommended time to be kept away from school and nursery is 48 hours from the last episode of the diarrhoea or vomiting". Therefore, we have to request that children who have been 'poorly' are not returned to school until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Menu

Please note that next week we will be operating 'Menu 2'.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Cameron Clarke (5F) - named tennis racket in cover
- Daniel James (4D) - named blue strap watch
- Georgina Mead (6S) - swimming bad & kit
- Cameron Searle (3H) - named black tracksuit bottoms
- Isabella Sidwell (RU) - named P.E top
- Aisling Dinan (6A) - named tracksuit jacket

Could all parents please 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 9 Solution

Every year on his birthday, Toby gets £1.00 from his aunt Edwina for every year of his age; that is £1.00 on his first birthday, £2 on his second birthday and so on. Just after his last birthday, Toby realised he had received £276.00 in total. How old is Toby? *Toby is 23 years old.*

Congratulations to the 4 winners: Hannah Greenland (3M), Molly Reynolds (3H), Holly May (6A) and Lucy Greenwood (6S).

And the next challenge:

Lily pads double in area every day. If it takes 30 days for the lily pads to cover an entire pond, on which day was the pond only half covered?

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.



New Hall Parents' Association

working together for our children

NHPA Christmas Fayre

The annual Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Tuesday 14 December from 2.00-6.00pm 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.

Prayer Corner

This week we pray for:

May Madeline South known as 'Nanny Maisie' - Great Grandmother of Darcie and Cameron Meechan who passed away recently; our prayers are with them and their family at this time.

As we begin the season of Advent we pray:

By day and by night and through every season
You watch over us, loving God.

By the light of the Advent wreath
We shall 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



Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon 29 Nov	2.45-3.15pm	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Advent Service
Mon 29 Nov	5.30-10.00pm	Christmas Dance Show
Tue 30 Nov	4.15-6.15pm	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Gala v Elm Green School
Thu 2 Dec	2.30-3.30pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
Fri 3 Dec	9.15-10.15am	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
Mon 6 Dec	9.15am	Year 5 Visit to Braintree Museum
Thu 9 Dec	2.30-3.30pm	Foundation Stage Christmas Production
Fri 10 Dec	9.15-10.15am	Foundation Stage Christmas Production
Mon 13 Dec	7.00-8.00pm	Key Stage 2 Christmas Production at Brentwood Cathedral
Tues 14 Dec	2.00 - 6.00pm	NHPA Christmas Fayre

NHPA Christmas Fayre Tuesday 14th December

Visit Santa in his Grotto

Games galore - "Score Against Santa", "Splat the Malteser", "Play your Cards Right", "Treasure Hunt" and many more

Gift stalls - jewellery, designer make-up, hair accessories, stocking fillers, books, home gifts, cakes



2pm to 6pm

Preparatory School Hall

Entrance: Adults - £3 to include mince pie & drink
Children - Free

Please come along to have fun and support the NHPA

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New Hall Music School



A Night at the Opera



Friday 26 &
Saturday 27 November 2010
7.00pm, Eaton Theatre
New Hall School

New Hall Music School and Chelmsford Opera Group
present a spectacular evening of opera, including music from
**CARMEN, THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO,
DIDO & AENEAS & THE MAGIC FLUTE**



Tickets: £5. Available from
Chelmsford Opera Group on
01376 513 416 or
Mrs G Phillips on 01245 467 588
or by email gphillips@newhallschool.co.uk.



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New Hall School

presents

A Christmas Carol

adapted for stage
from the novel by

Charles Dickens

"What lies in Christmas past & Christmas future?"

Wednesday 8 December at 7.00pm

Thursday 9 December at 7.00pm

& Friday 10 December at 2.00pm & 7.00pm

Eaton Theatre, New Hall School

Tickets £8 Adults, £5 Students

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