What's New This Week?

Preparatory School **Weekly Newsletter**

New Hall School, Chelmsford **Founded, 1642**

Dear Parents,

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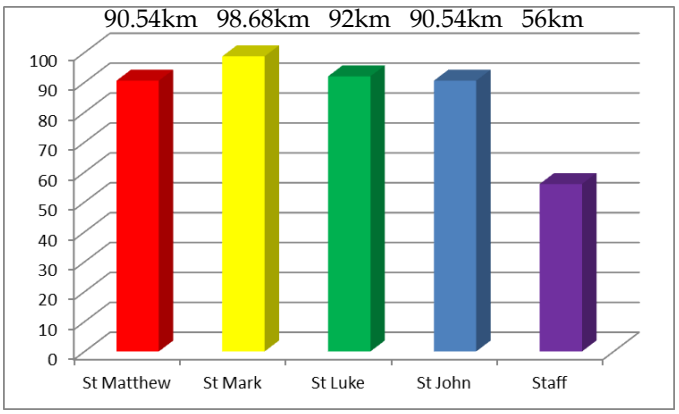
Blessing of the Chapel
Last Sunday, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Thomas to New Hall to visit our newly re-decorated school Chapel. Our Heads of School represented the Preparatory School and had the unique opportunity to meet with Bishop Thomas after he had celebrated a beautiful Mass of thanksgiving. We wish Bishop Thomas every blessing as he comes to the end of his ministry as Bishop and we pray for all those involved in appointing his successor.

Pre-Reception Chapel Visit

On Friday 20 January, Pre-Reception visited the school Chapel to learn more about a baptismal ceremony. This forms part of their R.E. topic relating to *Welcome*. Mrs McGlynn had kindly prepared the chapel as it would be for a baptism and the children were able to see the font, holy oils and baptismal candle. Afterwards, the children were able to re-enact a baptism and 'baby Rosie and baby Bobby' were duly baptised in front of 'Godparents' and 'family'. We have since discussed the visit and it was wonderful to hear how some children had remembered the experience; Joshua Ulyatt said "We welcomed the baby into God's family" and Rhiannon Gaselee said "We put water on the baby's head". Conor Downes said "We baptised him (the baby)" and Maxwell Tombs remembered "We used a shell to put water on the baby's head and the oil". Francesca Karas said "We put a cross on the baby's head" and Olivia Pitt commented "The daddy held a candle". Many thanks go to Mrs McGlynn for all her support.

Gold Challenge
New Hall Preparatory School is currently trying to cover 2012km of sport in order to raise money for local charity, Kids Inspire. This is all part of an Olympic initiative called the *Gold Challenge*, which aims to get children doing more sport while raising money for charity in the run-up to the Olympics. Distances covered out of school are just as valid as those covered in school. Remember that distances can be covered by running, riding, cycling, walking or swimming. What distance can you travel this weekend!
The total km's travelled for each House so far are:



To sponsor the Preparatory School, please visit the New Hall School fundraising page here: http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/NewHallSchool.

5T's Assembly

5T's assembly was inspired by their study of *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe*. This is the second of the seven books which make up *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C S Lewis, who was inspired to write children's books when evacuee children were sent to stay with him during the Second World War. As they did not know many stories, Lewis decided to make up tales for them himself, using the image of a faun carrying parcels and an umbrella in a snowy landscape as a starting point. One day, one of the evacuee girls saw a wardrobe in Lewis' house and asked him what was behind it - thus the gateway to Narnia was born. The books have now sold over 65 million copies. Year 5 has explored the setting, plot, characters, emotions, language and themes of *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe* through guided reading, creative writing, drama and poetry. Well done to 5T and Mrs Thorogood, and a very special thank you to all their families, who came to watch and support them.

5A Class Mass

On Wednesday 25 January 2012, 5A had their Class Mass with Father Frank in the Preparatory School Chapel. The theme was to love God and love one another as God wants us to. Some of the children had composed their own Sorry and Bidding Prayers, which were read out during the service. The reading was from the book of Deuteronomy and the Gospel reading was taken from Mark 12:28-34. We finished our service by singing *Praise Him in the Morning*, accompanied by our own descant recorder players.

Staff Announcement

Mrs Shiner will be retiring at the end of the Lent Term. She has worked at New Hall, in both the Senior and Preparatory Schools, for 13 years and will be sorely missed. We thank Mrs Shiner for all her hard work and commitment during this time and wish her all the best for the future. An advertisement for a replacement primary PE teacher will be placed in the Times Educational Supplement, the local press and on the school website over the next few weeks.

Golden Book Awards

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

6M	Jamie Norman Katriya Levine Holly Haslam	6S	Jessica Bates Cameron Meechan Zak Ramjane Ellena Collett
5A	Katherine Barber Charles Murray Jack Daly	5T	Hannah Bellamy Ella Phelps Charlotte Underwood All of 5T
4D	Freya Adams Abbie Jackson Ina-Margaret Fisher Aamish Ibrahim	4R	Poppy Yates Isabella Warren Sophie Carter Sahira Carbon Oyalowo Daisy Theakston
3K	James McBurney Maisie Cussen Thomas Henderson	3RE	Joshua Notley Felix Russell Freddie Christopher
3RI	Jake Bain Georgina Gundle Abigail James Oriana Farrell	2H	Harry Harle Isabelle Harrison Livia Hancocks
2T	Noah Warne Sophie Kingston Alisha Manikam Isabelle Maze	1G	Isabella Basile Ella Downes Zoe Neal Albert Smith
1S	Lydia Wilson Hugo Ruiz Elisabeth Dalby	RG	Aidan Brown Francesca Burrows Oliver Radley Lucy Bellamy
RH	Darcie Meechan James Coxon Jessica Pullum Callum Barber	PR	Sophie Beaumont Maxwell Tombs Alexander Collins

Music

Ensembles

The Chamber Choir and School Orchestra are busy preparing for a season of music competitions over the forthcoming weeks. Please make sure all rehearsals are attended as this will increase our chances of success!

Recorder Examinations

Next week, on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 February 40 children will be taking examinations run by the Trinity College of Music. There will be rehearsals on Monday with the piano accompanist so all candidates need to remember their instrument on this day. All examinations will be taking place in Walkfares and pupils with examinations on the Saturday are not required to wear school uniform.

Assembly Recital
Thank you to all those Year 3 pupils who played the recorder in assembly this morning. Their renditions of *Rhythm and Blues* and *Edelweiss* were absolutely delightful.

Sport
Commitment to Raising Standards
In this year of the Olympics, it is wonderful to see the Preparatory School pupils engaged in so many sporting activities and their enthusiasm and commitment is going from strength to strength. This week, the benefit of our additional squad and team training sessions was apparent in the quality of play displayed in a number of fixtures (please see below). I was extremely proud of the progress our children have made and look forward to watching this develop further with the many sporting initiatives we are putting in place.

With this in mind, I am delighted to announce that the Preparatory School has just become a member of the Chelmsford Schools' Sport Partnership. This will give us access to a range of exciting sports events, fixtures and training in the local area.

Cross Country
The Chelmer Park Cross Country Event on Thursday 26 January 2012 gave New Hall an opportunity to show the progress they have made over the past year. The U10 team showed real strength, with both boys' and girls' teams finishing in the top ten. Holly Notley (5T) and Elizabeth Murphy (5A) finished in 2nd and 3rd place respectively, but were closely followed by the ever improving Georgia Tombs (4D), who finished in 9th place, and debutant Amelia August (4D), who finished in a fantastic 10th place. From the U10 boys' team, a number of 'personal best''s were achieved by Toby Warren (5T), Charles Murray (5A), Ralph Carroll (5T) and Joseph Murphy (4D). A special mention goes to Joshua Notley (3RE), who ran a great first race, finishing 26th overall – competing against and beating over 100 boys who are two years older than him! From the U11 teams, the girls worked well as a team with Laura Hedges (6M) leading the way and finishing in 6th position. The U11 boys' team, led by Aaron Stone (5T), who finished in 10th place, showed good numbers with Zak Ramjane (6S) running well as a late but worthy addition to the team. The final team events were not calculated in time for presentation, and at time of going to press were not known – however team winners will be presented at the next event in two weeks time by the Mayor of Chelmsford.

Hockey
U10 Team Win 5-0 Against Elm Green Preparatory School
Well done to Rebecca Jeffrey (5T) who scored five goals against Elm Green Preparatory School on Friday 20 January 2012, continuing the U10 team's fantastic winning streak this year.

Rugby Results

Team	Opposition	Result
U10	Elm Green Preparatory School	Lost 30-22
U9	Elm Green Preparatory School	Lost 5-4

Luke Through to Finals

Luke Freestone (6M) took part in the second round of the Winter Championship 2011/12 at Bayford Meadows in Kent last weekend and won the 2nd place Novice Trophy. Luke is now the highest placed Novice driver in the championship and 6th overall, out of 22 drivers. Luke is due to race in the third and final round next month. He will then receive his full licence and go onto race in the Kent Cup where he will compete at different circuits. Well done to Luke and we wish him the best of luck in the upcoming tournaments.

Netball
U9 Team Win Against Elm Green

The U9 netball team have been working hard to improve this term and their efforts really paid off in the match on Wednesday 25 January. Amber Whitehorn (4R) played with enormous skill, jumping many times to intercept the ball from the opposing side. There were great passes and precise footwork from Isabella Warren (4R), Niamh Rayment (4R), Sophie Carter (4R), Lucy Merry (4R), and Amelia August (4D). Emily Conrad scored the first goal of the match which was followed by 3 more superb goals from Olivia Buckland (4R) and a fantastic goal from Abbie Jackson (4D.) The final score was 5-3 to New Hall. Well done girls!

Full write-ups are on the school website: newhallschool.co.uk

Notices

Year 3 & 4 Rugby and Netball

Please note that Years 3 & 4 Rugby and Years 3 & 4 Netball on Monday 30 January 2012 are cancelled.

Fun Swim Cancellation

Preparatory School Fun Swim is cancelled on Wednesday 7 March 2012, as there is a swimming gala taking place.

Arriving at School before 8.00am

Please be reminded that the school does not open until 8.00am. Children should not be left unsupervised on the school grounds before this time.

Car Parking

Could parents please be considerate when parking in the school car parks and park within an allotted space. Thank you.

Uniform Shop Website

The New Hall School uniform suppliers, Stevensons, have set up a new area on their website where you can now order uniform, and pay for it, online. Please visit www.stevensons.co.uk if you wish to use this service. You will need to register, which does not take long, and then you can start shopping straight away. Please note this service is not run by New Hall School; if you have any questions please contact the Uniform Shop.

School Uniform Collection

With effect from Monday 23 January 2012, all items of uniform purchased from Stevensons for distribution from the Preparatory School will have to be collected in person from the School Office and signed for. This is to ensure that no purchases go missing.

Uniform Shop Closure

Please be advised that the Uniform Shop will be closed all day on Thursday 16 February due to refurbishment.

Charity Ball

There will be a Charity Ball on Saturday 19 May 2012 at Stock Brook Golf and Country Club. This will be in aid of Little Havens Children's Hospice and Helen Rollason Cancer Charity. Tickets are priced at £60 each and include a three-course dinner, half a bottle of wine and entertainment. To purchase tickets, or for any more information, please contact Michelle Grant on 07793 200 425 or Gena Hull on 07768 006 900.

Winter Weather

It looks unlikely that any severe winter weather is on its way, but in the very unlikely event of the school needing to close, we will inform parents via Clarion Call, on the New Hall School website and on our twitter feed @newhallschool. Local radio stations BBC Essex and Heart FM will also be informed. If you do not hear from the school via any of these methods please assume that the school will be open as normal.

Assemblies

The following classes will be presenting assemblies to parents, on Thursdays, this term:

2 February – 4R
9 February – 3K
1 March – 2T
8 March – 2H
15 March – 1G
22 March – 6M

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Theodore Clark - named school jumper and trousers, two rugby tops and a black Nike skin top and bottoms
- Matthew Cook – watch with brown strap

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.

Yours sincerely

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.

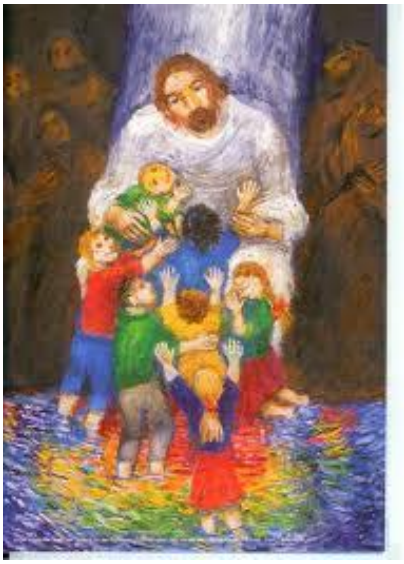
Forthcoming Events

Date	*Time*	*Event*
Mon 30 Jan	3.30 – 4.00pm	U8A/U8B Girls Netball & U8A/U8B Boys Rugby v St Margaret's Preparatory School
Tue 31 Jan	4.30 – 5.30pm	Years 4 & 5 Swimming Gala v Holmwood House School
Thu 2 Feb	5.00 – 6.00pm	PGL Parents' Information Evening
Fri 3 Feb	3.15 – 4.00pm	U11 Girls/U11 Boys Hockey v FKS Schools
Fri 3 Feb – Sat 4 Feb		Trinity Guildhall Recorder Examinations
Mon 6 Feb – Tue 7 Feb		Stratford & East London Music Festival
Mon 6 Feb	4.30 – 7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Tue 7 Feb	4.30 – 6.30pm	Years 3 – 5 Swimming Gala v Holmwood House
Wed 8 Feb	1.00 – 2.00pm	U11 Girls Netball Tournament, Felsted Preparatory School
Thu 9 Feb	4.30 – 7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Mon 13 – Sun 19 Feb		Half Term
Mon 20 Feb		Half Term Ends

Prayer Corner

Gracious God,
Plant your word in our minds,
And may it grow into prayer.
Plant your love in our hearts,
And may it grow into service.
Plant your wisdom in our world
To bring us peace.
Amen

We thank God for the safe arrival of baby Ben McLaren. We ask God to bless the McLaren family at this special time.



BRAIN CHALLENGE

Solution to Brain Challenge 15:
Monday!

There were 17 winners this week, with 13 from Year 4! The winners this week are Zarah Okakah (2H), Apollo Wilkins (3K), Akshadha Nikam (3RE), Lucy Merry (4R), Isabella Warren (4R), Molly Reynolds (4D), Amber Whitehorn (4R), Benjamin La Rocca (4R), Sophie Carter (4R), Ellie May Law (4R), Charlotte Ray (4R), Matthew Jones (4R), Niamh Rayment (4R), Olivia Buckland (4R), Fleur Smith (4R), Hannah Greenland (4R) and Lara Clark (5T).

Brain Challenge 16
Which one is bigger 3 to the power of 4 or 4 to the power of 3 and by how much?

Education Sunday

Education Sunday, on 5 February, is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education. For more than 100 years there has been an annual recognition of Education Sunday in England and Wales (traditionally on the ninth Sunday before Easter). It is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for our schools and to ask God to bless all the pupils, staff and parents from our school communities. Father Martin Boland from Brentwood Cathedral would like to mark this special occasion by inviting pupils from New Hall to the family Mass at 9.30am. It would be lovely if pupils could wear their school uniform to the Mass so that there is a strong and visible presence of our children and young people. All are welcome!

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