

# What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

## Musical Showcase

On Tuesday evening, the Preparatory School held a Musical Showcase in the North Room. This was an opportunity for a number of our Year 6 pupils to give recitals on their musical instruments before moving on to secondary school. There were also performances from our String Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble and a number of small vocal and instrumental groups. It was wonderful to hear the Year 6 string players performing at such a high standard; they were the first pupils to join our String Scheme when it began in 2006 and they were only in Year 1! The evening finished with the Year 5 and 6 Chamber Choir who gave 2 beautiful performances of the songs they sang in the Stratford and East London Music Festival where they were awarded first place and given a Distinction. Thank you to all the visiting music teachers, Mrs Roe and Mrs Romhany who worked so hard to make this concert such a success.

## Godly Play

Year 3 experienced an inspiring day with the Godly Play teacher, Kate. She effectively led them through a wondrous series of activities, both as a group and individually. They participated in an exciting journey exploring a variety of stories from the Bible. They were able to use a range of media to express their feelings and interpretation of the stories presented to them. The children recreated the stories from their own view point through role play, using clay, pastels and a wide choice of materials to further develop their ideas. In contrast, the day included periods of quiet reflection and prayer in order for the children to consolidate their thoughts and learning.

## Road Safety Assembly



On Tuesday morning we had PCSO Jess Farrell and her colleague Tom from the Boreham Neighbourhood Policing Team, join us to discuss road safety. They reminded the children of the importance of using zebra crossings, and checking that the road is clear and safe before crossing.

Jess reiterated to pupils that roads are not playgrounds and that they need to stay alert when they are around roads. She reminded the children that being sensible whenever they are near roads, car parks and zebra crossings will help to keep them safe.

## Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Marisa White has been appointed as Pre-Reception Manager.

## 4R Class Assembly



Thank you to 4R for their entertaining and informative assembly about Tudor Times, which began with some authentic Tudor singing! In the assembly, we also heard from Henry VIII and his six wives, learnt about life in a Tudor school, and were treated to an excerpt from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Thank you to Mrs Read and Miss Rivers for preparing the children and to all those parents who contributed such marvellous costumes!

## 1G Class Assembly



Ahoy Me Hearties! Well done to Class 1G who took us on board a pirate ship as part of their assembly on Thursday. The children dressed for the occasion and introduced us to

some pirate language. They treated us to some sea shanties which sailors and pirates sang to help them with their strenuous life. The children showed us their fabulous pirate maps and undersea fantasy world paintings, as well as entertaining us with their all-singing, all-dancing theatrical finale.

### Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Callum Bain Kieran Drew Tara Durkan Charles Mabbutt	6S	Imogen Coker Cerys Dunmow Lucy Greenwood Lauren Underwood
5F	Joseph Beddoe Cameron Clarke Willow Gwyn-Williams Sian Redmond	5T	Chloe Elsom Jamie Norman Nicola Jackson Catriona Ryan
4D	Katherine Barber Darcy Courtney-Cook Annabelle Harle Aidan Turner-Wallace	4R	Lara Clark Zoe Dunmow Charlotte Underwood Callum Westwood
3H	Molly Brignell Emily Conrad Ina Margaret Fisher Joseph Murphy	3M	Sophie Carter Matthew Jones Fleur Smith Daisy Theakston Finley Westwood
2H	Eloise Barber Fionnuala Heffernan Ana Cristina Mead Joshua Notley	2P	Sophie Hughes Maria Lynch Annabel Napper Szara Shahril-Rauz
2R	Jake Adams Harry Corney Holly Layzell Adam Warne	1G	Zak Dennison Macy Sharp Jennifer Thomas Noah Warne
1M	Katherine Harker Oliver Haslam Anthony Macleod Asha Odedra	RG	Katie Bateman Jack Burrows Finlay Meyer-Melville Coco Wilkins
RU	Kyan Bailey Benjamin Malin Louisa Napper Fredrick Searle	PR	Thalia Adams Thomas Harrison Annabelle Minnis Hamza Saeed

### Dance

#### Ballet Examination Results

Congratulations to the following children on gaining a merit in their recent Ballet examinations:

Emma Barrett	Grade 1
Brenna Doyle	Grade 1
Oriana Farrell	Grade 1
Libby Murray	Grade 1
Danielle Sirett	Grade 1
Sylvie Smith	Grade 1
Molly Brignell	Grade 2
Helen Burnett	Grade 2
Victoria Hollick	Grade 2
Abbie Jackson	Grade 2
Laura Hedges	Grade 3
Aisling Dinan	Grade 4

### Sport

#### Ice Skating

Congratulations to Laura Hedges (5T) who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Spring Challenge Cup Competition held at Romford Ice Rink. Despite competition from 5 other clubs, Laura competed in the Level 2 Ladies age 12 and under class and was placed first. Laura also gained the maximum of 6 points for Chelmsford helping the club to secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.



#### Tennis

##### U11 v Brentwood School

Despite a good effort from the New Hall team, the Brentwood School side proved to be too strong on this occasion, and New Hall were not able to secure a win.

##### U9 v Holmwood House School

The U9 team continued where they left off against Holmwood House School, with a very impressive performance against Widford Lodge School. All of the team members played 3 doubles and 1 singles match and really enjoyed their afternoon of tennis. To cap off a great match, the U9 boys won 14-1 and the U9 girls won 9-6. Congratulations to everyone who has represented the teams over the past week.

#### Triathlon

Congratulations to Aaron Stone (4R) on completing and winning the St Felix Triathlon on 22 May. Aaron swam 150m, cycled 2400m and then ran 1000m. He won the

event by an incredible 33 seconds, which is a great achievement.

### Notices

#### *Summer Activity Scheme*

Please note that, due to popular demand, there are limited spaces available on the Summer Activity Scheme. To avoid disappointment, please book your place by Friday 10 June. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

#### *Sainsburys' Active Kids and Tesco For Schools Vouchers 2011*

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

#### *Costume Committee for Generations Dance Show*

The costume committee would welcome any helpers to assist with the completion of the Generations Dance Show costumes. Please come to Walkfares Dance studio on Tuesday 7 and Thursday 9 June after drop-off until lunchtime.

#### *Lost Property*

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Layla Sammour (5F) – blazer named 'Zambelis'
- James Thomson (5F) – named blazer

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

#### *Menu*

Please be advised that the first week back after half term we will be operating 'Week 1'.

### **Nominate for the Archant Good Schools Show Award!**

Parents have the opportunity to vote for New Hall to receive an Archant Good Schools Show Award. There are 10 categories and you can nominate an individual teacher or the school in general for an award. Please vote now by visiting [www.thearchantgss.questionpro.com](http://www.thearchantgss.questionpro.com).

### **Ladies' Night of Pampering in aid of Kids Inspire**

Kids Inspire has asked us to publicise their Ladies' Night of Pampering which will be taking place on Wednesday 29 June from 5.30-9.00pm, at Complete Chiropractic in Chelmsford. Complimentary age-slowng skin & hair consultations, posture evaluations, massage and free exercise advice will be available. There will also be complimentary refreshments. For more details and to RSVP, please visit [www.completechiropractic.co.uk](http://www.completechiropractic.co.uk) or call 01245 358742.

### **Community Fundraising Events for the Congo**

#### *Summer Concert*

Join the University of London Choir at a Summer Concert which is taking place on Saturday 18 June at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, Stock. This will coincide with the church's annual flower festival weekend. Tickets are £10 each.

#### *Summer Lunch*

The Community warmly invites you to a Summer lunch in the garden of Mr Willis (former Mayor of Chelmsford) in

Stock. The lunch is taking place on Sunday 3 July at 1.00pm and tickets are £15 each.

If you would like to purchase a ticket for either of these events, please contact 01245 604108.

### **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

If you have any friends who are interested in their children joining the Preparatory School in Pre-Reception, the next opportunity to look around the school is on Saturday 11 June from 2.00pm-5.00pm at our Teddy Bears' Picnic (please see below for further details). It is recommended that children are registered for Pre-Reception as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as places are filling up fast for the forthcoming academic years. In addition, if you have any teddy bears which are no longer needed or used, they would be most gratefully received by the Preparatory School Office or the Senior School Reception.

### **Travel Information**

A parent of a child joining Pre-Reception in September would like to car share from the Basildon area. Please contact Mrs Phillips on 01245 467588 or by e-mail to [g.phillips@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:g.phillips@newhallschool.co.uk) if you are interested in this opportunity.

Yours sincerely



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**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](mailto:c.taylor@newhallschool.co.uk).

## **BRAIN CHALLENGE**

### **Brain Challenge Number 26 Solution**

Five friends play together in a band. Each one plays a different instrument. The instruments they play are saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, flute, and drums. Their names are Rosa, Kim, Julie, Keith, and Lily. Can you figure out who plays which instrument from the following four clues:

- Rosa plays the sax.
- Kim does not play a wind instrument.
- Julie does not play the flute or the clarinet.
- Keith's instrument is held sideways when it is played.

*Rosa plays the sax, Julie plays the trumpet, Lily plays the clarinet, Keith plays the flute and Kim plays the drums.*

We have 19 winners this week (a Brain Challenge record!) Many congratulations to the following pupils who answered correctly: Emma Barrett (2P), Brenna Doyle (2H), Amy Jones (2H), Holly Layzell (2R), Apollo Wilkins (2R), James McBurney (2R), Benjamin LaRocca (3M), Molly Reynolds (3H), Lara Clark (4R), John Barber (4R), Samuel Jones (4R), Rebecca Jeffrey (4R), Lucy Barrett (4D), Laura Hedges (5T), Holly Haslam (5T), Katriya Levine (5T), Zak Ramjane (5F), Emily Brignell (6A), Lucy Greenwood (6S).

### And the next challenge:

A skinny riddle: What is being described in the following riddle?

*When I am filled,  
I can point the way.  
When I am empty,  
Nothing moves me?*

Answers on a piece of paper (with your name and class teacher) to Mr Shah in the Science Lab.

### Prayer Corner

God our Father,

You want more than anything else to share with us all the good things of your life. That is why you sent Jesus to tell us about it and show us the way. So when we get tired of doing good deeds, make us strong and determined again and help us to believe in you more and more.

Amen



### Fundraising for Congo



We are delighted to announce that the School Council has raised over £400 so far, from the sale of disco tickets. If your child hasn't got a ticket they will have until Wednesday 8 June to get one. We hope that everyone will join us to go 'Congo Crazy' at the Disco!

The School Council have hosted a number of lunchtime hula hoop challenges in preparation for the Congo Week sponsored Hula Hoop Challenge. If your child would like to participate, please fill out the sponsorship form and return to school by Friday 10 June. We encourage all children to practise hula hooping over Half Term, to see how long they can spin the hoop... as the phrase goes: 'Practice makes perfect!'

### Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Fri 27 June		Half Term begins
Mon 6 June		Term re-commences Examination Week begins
	4.15-6.00pm	U11 Boys & Girls Tennis v Elm Green Preparatory School (Home)
Thu 9 June	4.30-5.30pm	Year 2 into Year 3 Information Evening
Fri 10 June	2.30-6.00pm	U11A Boys Cricket v The Perse School (Away)
	3.30-5.00pm	U11B Boys Cricket v The Perse School (Home)
Sat 11 June	5.00-9.00pm	MEPS Swimming Gala at Riverside Ice & Leisure Centre
	2.00-5.00pm	Teddy Bears' Picnic
Sun 12 June	10.00am-4.00pm	Dance Show Rehearsal
<b>CONGO WEEK</b>		
Tue 14 June	9.00am-4.30pm	Preparatory School Swimming Gala
Thu 16 June	9.00-11.30am	Classes meet their new teachers
	9.00-10.30am	Pre-Reception Drop-in
	1.00-4.30pm	French Cafe
Sat 18 June	9.00am-1.00pm	Staff Trek from Maldon to New Hall
Mon 20 June	3.15-5.30pm	Year 6 Boys' & Girls' District Sports Field Events at Melbourne Track
Tue 21 June	3.30-6.15pm	U9A/U9B Boys Cricket v Bishop's Stortford College
Wed 22 June	12.30-3.30pm	U9 Boys' & Girls' Tennis Competition at Brentwood Ursuline School
Thu 23 June	7.00-9.30pm	Year 6 Production
Fri 24 June	1.15-4.30pm	Years 3-6 District Sports Field Events
	3.30-5.30pm	U11 Boys & Girls Tennis v Holmwood House School (Home)
	7.00-9.30pm	Year 6 Production