

What's New This Week?

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Dear Parents

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Year 6 Visit to Churchill War Rooms



On Thursday, Year 6 pupils travelled to London to visit the Churchill War Rooms. Pupils had the opportunity to explore the Cabinet War Rooms with audio guides and take part in an education session which looked at a variety of artefacts from World War Two. Pupils also had the chance to experience the cutting edge technology and multimedia displays in the main body of the Churchill Museum. Central to this was the state-of-the-art lifeline exhibit, a 15 metre long interactive table giving information from every year of Churchill's life. The lifeline puts key events in Churchill's life in context and engaged pupils through a variety of animations and sounds. This was a highlight of the day. James Fraser (6S) commented "The timeline was amazing, as it brought historical facts and events to life in a very creative way!"

Fairtrade teapots in the making as Year 5 explore their creative curriculum through art!



Year 5 pupils embarked on a new topic this week to design a teapot for an imaginary Fairtrade market or stall, based on fruits and vegetables. Jackie Kilpin, our visiting art specialist, explained that the aim was to create and produce

a functional teapot! The pupils began by observing real fruit, picture resources, the work of Clarice Cliff and examples of fruit designs on teapots to stimulate their observational drawings. They discussed the size, shape, form, features, function and aesthetics in their work. Sheets of black sugar paper were soon transformed into a riot of colour, as pupils sketched whole fruits and cross-sections using chalk pastels to create their first fruit teapot design. Year 5 will now explore ideas for teapot shapes, drawing form and features as they experiment with different approaches to design, before constructing their model teapots from clay. The lesson was enjoyed by all, including Mr Fannon, whose teapot design revealed hidden artistic talents!

Music

Bassoon Performance

In assembly today, music scholar Olivia Podd (Year 7) a bassoonist, and Mrs Greenwood, our oboe and bassoon teacher, gave an entertaining and informative demonstration of the bassoon, mini bassoon, oboe and other related double reeded instruments. If any pupil now feels inspired to learn either the oboe or mini bassoon, please contact Mrs Roe who would be happy to discuss it further and arrange a trial lesson.



Thank you to Olivia, Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Roe for organising this musical demonstration.

World Music Concert

The theme of this term's concert for KS2 is World Music. If any pupil or parent has a talent related to the theme, for example Irish dancing, Tabla playing or has a national dress, please e-mail the Preparatory School Office.

Golden Book Awards

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

6A	Benjamin Clark Abby Fowler Maiia Tolia-Shah	6S	Imogen Coker Lucy Greenwood Harry Phelps Benedict Stotesbury
5F	Joseph August Ellena Collett Cameron Meechan Ellis Oxlade Sophia Turnbull	5T	Ella Gaskin Laura Hedges Edward Lerwill
4D	Katherine Barber Ethan Doyle Mia Ramage Aidan Sherlock	4R	Luke Harding Rebecca Jeffrey Toby Warren
3H	Molly Reynolds Kieran Scully Mia Southgate	3M	Sophie Carter Matthew Jones Benjamin La Rocca Daisy Theakston Isabella Warren
2H	Oliver Clayden Ana-Cristina Mead Joshua Notley Danielle Sirrett	2P	Ravit Dewan Abigail James Libby Murray Verity Winsor
2R	Robin Brown Erin Heffernan Maisie Cussen Neve O'Brien Philippa Palmer	1G	Elizabeth Jones Samuel Maddison Isabelle Maze Francesca Minnis
1M	Freddie Warn Tor-William Fisher	RG	Jack Burrows Albert Smith Harry Turnbull Lily Ulyatt
RU	Anna Dunk Sebastian Loots Ben Okakah Isabella Scully	PR	Aidan Brown Felicity Doran Conor Downes

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

If you love birds and want to help them, then the Big Garden Bird Watch is your chance to do something that really counts. Firstly you need to register on www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch. Then all you need is a pen, some scrap paper or the ID sheet which you can find on the internet, and an hour to spend watching the birds in your garden on either Saturday 29 or Sunday 30 January 2011. Simply record the highest number of each bird species seen in your garden or local park (not flying over).

What do I do with my results?

Go onto the RSPB website and submit your results on the form. The form will not be open until 29 January.

How are you helping?

For over 30 years, the RSPB have been asking supporters to count the birds in their garden. During this time, more than 3 million hours have been clocked up watching and enjoying the birds that visit our gardens (that's more than 380 years!), and every year, some 6 million birds are spotted by people like you. With results from some 280,000 gardens they have created a 'snapshot' of bird numbers in each region and been able to see that some of our birds are disappearing. For example, we have lost more than half our house sparrows, and three-quarters of our starlings. These surveys help the RSPB to spot problems, but more importantly, they are also the first step to help aid a species recovery.



A Sparrow

Thank you to Harry Phelps (6S) for making us aware of this important activity. Good luck and happy bird watching!

Sport

Cross Country

The Springfield Hill was the venue for the 3rd league cross country race of the year which saw 520 children taking part. The Year 4 and 5 girls ran well, with Holly Notley, Eloise Winsor and Elizabeth Murphy finishing in the top 30. The girls were supported by Samantha Whetstone who ran strongly to place the team in 5th position overall. The Year 4 and 5 boys and Joseph Murphy enjoyed the muddy course! The team gave an excellent performance finishing a close 2nd in the team competition. Well done to Aaron Stone who finished a creditable 11th place overall. The Year 6 girls also enjoyed the course, and were not obstructed by the big hill. Tara Durkan was the first finisher, followed closely by Georgina Mead, Lucy Greenwood and Natasha Skeens. The team was placed 2nd in its group. With regards to the Year 6 boys, Scott Taylor finished in 15th place. Despite suffering from a pain in his knee, Jonathan Murphy still ran well, eventually finishing in 32nd place.

Hockey

U10 Girls v U10B Brentwood School

Well done to the girls who demonstrated excellent team work in order to secure a 2-1 win against the Brentwood School team. Ella Phelps, Holly Haslam and Megan Cotton

were superb in goal and exceptional defending was seen from Rebecca Jeffrey and Elizabeth Murphy.

New Hall 'A', 'B' & 'C' Boys v Orwell Park School, Ipswich

The 'A' team, led by Gregory Oxlade, made a confident start playing the ball forwards towards the goal. Despite an early goal from Orwell Park, Gregory Oxlade scored soon afterwards to level the score. Into the second half, the Orwell Park players began to move into spaces without the ball, and stretched the New Hall players on several occasions. Despite some brave defending by Harry Phelps and James Thomson, a deflected goal gave Orwell Park the lead. This left the New Hall players chasing the game, committing players forward, and provided space for the opposition to attack behind the midfield. Two more late goals by Orwell Park ensured a win for the team.

The 'B' team were playing together for the first time, and often found it difficult to communicate on the correct positions. However, they won some good possession through effective tackling. Well done to Cameron Meechan who worked tirelessly throughout the afternoon and to Zak and Finlay Ramjane who also worked well together.

The 'C' team included a few younger players for this game. The team worked well together and used the match to gain valuable experience for future games. Congratulations to George Cronin who scored his first goal for New Hall.

Rugby

New Hall U8 & U9 v Elm Green School, Little Baddow, Results U9 v Elm Green School - drew 2-2

The U9 team played well in the first half linking some good passages of play. The experience gained in previous matches ensured they were able to drive as a team, and begin to support each other. After 2 tries scored by William Banks and Samuel Jones, New Hall took the lead at half time. Into the second half, the Elm Green players began to work harder and started to test the New Hall players' tackling and resolve. With mounting pressure, it was Elm Green who finished the game as they scored 2 tries of their own, levelling the final score to 2-2.

U8 Tag Team v Elm Green School - won 13-12

The U8 team included some new players for this match: Freddie Christopher, Felix Russell, Joshua Notley and Matthew Jones. Excellent running by both teams, matched with some equally determined 'tagging', meant that the score was close throughout the game. Ben Hutton-Penman enjoyed the freedom to run, and managed to elude the Elm Green players on several occasions. Try scorers included Joseph Murphy, Oliver Warn, Cameron Searle and Joshua Notley. Defensively, Joseph Murphy made some important tags, and was helped out by all team mates, most notably Freddie Christopher who worked hard all game. The end result was 13-12 to New Hall.

U9 A&B v St Columba's School, Kent & Bishop's Stortford School

The New Hall teams took part in a triangular tournament against St Columba's School and Bishop's Stortford School last week. The 'A' team struggled with their rucking against St Columba's despite practising this in their

training sessions. Some strong runs by new recruit Maxwell Lynn showed real promise, but New Hall were unfortunately too slow in support. Into the second game against Bishop's Stortford, the cold and wet conditions began to take their toll on the players as they attempted to increase the intensity. Some excellent runs by Toby Warren and Samuel Jones, coupled with great tackles by Ralph Carroll and James Holt, showed real potential. However, Bishop's Stortford were able to spot gaps in the New Hall defence as players were committed to contact situation.

The 'B' team showed great progress in the second half of the second game and demonstrated that they are a force to be reckoned with when they work as a team. Well done to the players on their good effort.

Tennis

There are still some spaces left in the Saturday tennis classes at the following times:

9.15-10.00am	Pre-Reception
10.00-10.45am	Reception
10.45-11.30am	Years 1 and 2
11.30am-12.15pm	Years 3 and 4

If you would like your child to join one of these classes please e-mail Mr Bennett, a.bennett@newhallschool.co.uk.

Notices

First Holy Communion

If your child is planning to take his/her First Holy Communion in the summer, please inform Miss Hunter as we would like to celebrate this special commitment in school.

4D Class Assembly

Parents of children in 4D are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 3 February at 8.50am in the Preparatory School Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am.

Menu

Please note that next week we will be operating 'Week 4'.

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Roseanna Clements (1M) - named school shirt
- Oliver Robins (5T) - named boot bag with boots and gum shield

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

Entrance to New Hall

When entering the school from White Hart Lane, would parents please ensure they clearly indicate their intention, particularly when there are pedestrians about to cross the road.

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 13 Solution

How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't hit anything, there is nothing attached to it and no one catches it or throws it back?

Congratulations to Lucy Greenwood (6S) who correctly answered - Throw the ball as hard as you can into the air and let gravity do the rest!

And the next challenge:

As you know, one way to tell an insect from a spider is to count its legs. All insects have 6 legs and all spiders have 8 legs. So if some insects and spiders went to a dance and there were 48 dancing legs, how many insects and how many spiders were at the dance?

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
Tue 1 Feb	3.30-4.30pm	U10/U11 Girls' Netball v St Faith's School
Wed 2 Feb	4.30-5.30pm	Pre-Reception Taster Session
Thu 3 Feb	8.50am	4D Class Assembly
Fri 4 Feb	3.00-4.00pm	U11 Boys' Football v The Perse School
	3.00-4.00pm	U11 Girls' Netball v The Perse School
Sat 5 Feb	10.30-11.30am	U10/U11 Girls' Hockey v St Hugh's School
	2.30-3.30pm	U11A/U11B Boys' Hockey v Old Buckenham Hall

Prayer Corner

We pray for the Harvey family who welcomed little baby George into the world this week.

God bless this baby newly born,
With all the gentle love of heaven.
A miracle, wrapped up and fast asleep,
Reminding us again of human hope and innocence.



Mary Kissing Baby Jesus



New Hall School

Tennis Camp

Develop your tennis skills at the New Hall Tennis Camp with experienced L.T.A Licensed Tennis Coaches



Monday 11 - Thursday 14 April 2011,
8.30am - 2.30pm
at New Hall School, Chelmsford

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