

# What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

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Dear Parents

## The Archant Good Schools Awards

I was absolutely delighted to discover this week that the Preparatory School had received nominations from you, the parents, in the prestigious Archant Good Schools Awards. The school was placed in the top four schools in the following categories :



- Best Preparatory School
- Best Preparatory School Headteacher

A big "thank you" to all those parents who voted for us!

## Golden Book Awards

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

6M	Olivia Fenton Thomas Hughes Edward Lerwill Catriona Ryan	6S	Joseph Beddoe Aleisha Moore Layla Sammour James Thomson
5A	Katherine Barber Freddie Beecroft Sarah Coxon	5T	Matthew Cook Holly Notley Aaron Stone Eden Waite
4D	Freya Adams Molly Brignell Myles Coyne Gregor Wilson	4R	Olivia Buckland Benjamin La Rocca Fleur Smith Benjamin Spilsbury Amber Whitehorne
3K	Madison Knight Grace Lingwood Apollo Wilkins	3RI	Georgina Gundle Daniel Holt Alexia Panayiotou Verity Winsor
3RE	Fionnuala Heffernan Francesca Tomlinson	2T	Joshua Gundle Sophia Kingston Felicity Jeffrey Jennifer Thomas
2H	Jaydhan Prabhakar Megan Scott Freddie Warn	1G	Connor Brown Madeleine Jeffrey Albert Smith Coco Wilkins
1S	Frankie Christopher Lydia Wilson	RG	Isobel Beddoe Theo Coker Scarlett Gleeson Amelia Spurr
RH	Callum Barber James Coxon Harry McLaren Genevieve Rogers	PR	Lydia Perry Maximillian Pietrzak Christian Shadwell Arian Tolia-Shah Daisy Willmott



Children's Book Week 2011 takes place from 3-9 October. Its aim is to celebrate reading for pleasure for children of primary school age. Further information about this special week can be found from The Booktrust, *Inspiring a Love of Books* at [www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk). During Book Week, Preparatory School staff and children will be focusing on a particular author, and we would encourage parents to support us in this venture by sharing and enjoying as many books as possible at home. We very much hope that parents will make use of their own local libraries and bookshops, where a wide range of books is available and, during Children's Book Week, will feature a variety of special activities and book promotions. We shall be launching a special quiz in school, and next week's *Word of the Week* challenge will focus on books. On Thursday 6 October, it is National Poetry Day, when we shall be sharing poetry books and reading poetry aloud together. We are sure there will be a wealth of poetry and books of rhymes at home, which we hope you will encourage your child to bring into school on Thursday! As a special celebration for this year's Foundation Day on Friday 7 October, we have booked the story teller Charlie Wilson (of Crickcrack Productions) to give workshops throughout the day. Happy reading!

## Harvest Festival

This year, as always, we will be collecting for two charities, Harvest for the Hungry and the NHVS Christmas Parcels for the Elderly. We are asking for the following items:

Pre-Reception	Small boxes of chocolates and plain flour
Reception	Small tins of ham and plain flour
Year 1	Tins of soup, vegetables and sugar
Year 2	Tins of fruit and sugar
Year 3	Packets of special biscuits and rice
Year 4	Small tins of salmon/tuna and rice
Year 5	Small jars of pickles, relish and pasta
Year 6	Mini Christmas Puddings and pasta

## Music

Thank you to Samantha Whetstone (Year 5) for giving a superb cello recital in assembly this morning and to all the musicians who accompanied our hymn so beautifully.

## Sports Teams

As you know, sport is an important part of life here at the Preparatory School and we are blessed to have such outstanding sports facilities. This year, we want to particularly focus on raising the profile and performance of our main sporting teams and squads. Staffing in the PE Department has been increased and training sessions have been built into the Extra-Curricular Activity Programme.

We would appreciate parents working with us in fostering a real team spirit amongst the children so that they realise that being part of a team requires dedication and commitment; they need to attend all training sessions and fixtures and they need to work together to develop their skills.

This morning in assembly, we recognised the importance of our sporting teams by presenting them with special badges and talking about the important role they have in representing the school. (Year 3 teams and musical ensembles will be awarded their badges over the forthcoming weeks).



*U9 Netball Team*



*U9 Rugby Team*



*U10 Netball Team*



*U10 & U11 Rugby Team*



*U11 Netball Team*

## Foundation Day

Next Friday, 7 October, we will be celebrating the school's Foundation Day. The day will begin with mass at 9.00am in the Preparatory School Hall – all are welcome to attend. During the remainder of the day, the children will enjoy workshops with the renowned storyteller Charlie Wilson. Please see additional letters for further details.

## Time Travellers

On 28 September, Year 2 pupils were joined by some of their grandparents. This term, Year 2 pupils are being *Time Travellers* and learning about their family history and what life was like when their grandparents were young. The children were able to speak to a number of grandparents and ask them questions about 'the olden days!' Many of the grandparents brought in photographs and things from their childhood, which the Year 2 children really enjoyed looking at. Toby McBurney said "I learnt that it was dangerous to set fires. There were no TVs." Elizabeth Jones said "I learnt that they did not have duvets or electricity. Most toys were wood and they mostly made their own clothes." A fantastic afternoon was had by all and we would like to thank all the grandparents who gave up their time to be with us.



## Sport

### Rugby

#### *New Hall v Bishop Stortford College*

On 20 September, the U9 rugby team travelled to Bishop Stortford College to play their first game of the season. Cameron Searle (Year 4) made an excellent break which reduced the deficit. 2 good drives by the Bishop Stortford College team provided a platform for their outside centre to cross the line twice before the break. Into the second half, Joseph Murphy (Year 4) provided Ben Hutton-Penman (Year 4) with a pass that resulted in New Hall scoring. The New Hall tacklers, having started so strongly, found it difficult to stop the Bishop Stortford forward players from driving them away from the ball and this gave them 2 more scoring opportunities. This was followed by Maximus Lawes, Benjamin Spilsbury, William Wakeman, Theodore Clark, Harrison Hooker and Oliver Warn all making very timely tackles. Into the last few minutes, Ben Hutton-Penman provided the final New Hall try of the game. The score ended: New Hall 3, Bishop Stortford College 7. This was a genuinely promising introduction to contact rugby for many of the boys.

#### *New Hall v St Faith's School*

The Year 6 rugby team faced St Faith's School on 21 September. The New Hall boys started very fiercely, showing some good support play and forward driving. Conall Hornett scored the first try of the game, with the conversion being narrowly missed by Charles Young. Luke Freestone and Cameron Meechan made good tackles, but the changes in points of attack made it difficult to defend effectively. St Faith's then found a good rhythm, upsetting the New Hall forwards as they won several balls against the head in the scrums. The result was New Hall 1, St Faith's 7.

#### *New Hall v Brentwood School*

The U11 rugby team played Brentwood on 23 September. An initial strong start saw New Hall dominating the first 10 minutes of play. James Thomson (Year 6), Edward Lerwill (Year 6), Oliver Robins (Year 6) and Ellis Oxlade (Year 6) all competed fiercely at the rucks. Conall Hornett (Year 6) made some good tackles and Cameron Meechan (Year 6) demonstrated good handling as well as contact skills. Into the second half, Thomas Spilsbury (Year 6) and Tom Durkan (Year 6) made some good hits.

#### *Cross Country*

The first cross country race of the season was at Melbourne Park. The U10 girls' team ran first and Holly Notley (Year 5), Eloise Winsor (Year 5) and Elizabeth Murphy (Year 5) showed their experience getting ahead of the pack and establishing themselves in good positions. The younger girls including Georgia Tombs (Year 4), Isabella Warren (Year 4), Amber Whitehorne (Year 4), Charlotte Ray (Year 4) and Olivia Buckland (Year 4) ran well and gained valuable experience. An exciting sprint finish saw Holly Notley slipping on the last bend as she was taking the lead. She then showed excellent composure, quickly getting to her feet and finished in a very good 3<sup>rd</sup> position, closely followed by Elizabeth Murphy in 4<sup>th</sup> position. Eloise Winsor (12<sup>th</sup>) and Georgia Tombs (16<sup>th</sup>) added to the team performance and the team finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall.

In the U10 boys' race, the team led by James Holt (Year 5), who finished in 5<sup>th</sup> position, also finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their group. Good runs were made by John Barber (Year 5), who finished 9<sup>th</sup>, Toby Warren (Year 5), who finished 12<sup>th</sup>, and Joseph Murphy (Year 4), who finished 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some excellent experience was also gained by the promising debutants, Charles Murray (Year 5), Cameron Searle (Year 4), Maximus Lawes (Year 4), Ben Hutton-Penman (Year 4), Jack Daly (Year 5) and Luke Harding (Year 5), over the longer distance. The U11 teams were the last to go, with Laura Hedges (Year 6) demonstrating excellent endurance and pacing finishing in 11<sup>th</sup> place overall in a field of close to 130 girls. Rebecca Jeffrey (Year 5) ran very well finishing a very creditable 52<sup>nd</sup>, closely followed by Katherine Turnbull (Year 6).

From the U11 boys, Aaron Stone (Year 5) was the first finisher placing 10<sup>th</sup>, next runners were Jamie Norman (Year 6), Tom Durkan (Year 6), Thomas Spilsbury (Year 6), Joseph Beddoe (Year 6) and Charles Young (Year 6) all finishing in the top half of the overall field. The team score

was only 5 points behind the overall winning team, and the boys can be proud of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the team.

Please note the following changes to sport fixtures:

- U10 and U11 rugby v Bishop Stortford College is now on Friday 14 October at New Hall with a 3.45pm start.
- U9 A, B and C Football v Holmwood House is now on Wednesday 19 October away starting at 2.30pm.
- U8 Tag Rugby v Widford Lodge is on 14 November at New Hall with a 3.15pm start.

#### Go Karting

Luke Freestone (Year 6) had a very dramatic time at the Go Karting Championship on 24 September at Bayford Meadows in Kent. This was only Luke's second race weekend in his own Go Kart since obtaining his Motor Sports Association Competition Licence. The race day started by Luke losing his rear wheel in his qualifying session after only completing a couple of laps, so he had to fight back from 26<sup>th</sup> position out of 29 drivers in the two pre-final races. Then, in his first pre-final race, another driver collided with Luke's rear wheel, which sent Luke airborne and into the tyre wall. He was determined to race on and repaired his kart in the short time he had before the next race. He fought back and was placed in the B Final. After a tough race, he managed to gain a very respectable 11<sup>th</sup> place out of 17 drivers in the final. This meant that he achieved 7<sup>th</sup> position out of all the "novice" drivers (a novice being a driver who has experience of less than 6 race meetings).

#### Class Assemblies

Parents of children in 6S, 5A and 4D are warmly invited to attend their class assembly on the dates below. Tea and coffee will be served in Beaulieu from 8.30am before all assemblies.

Thursday 6 October 2011 - Class 6S

Wednesday 12 October 2011 - Class 5A

Thursday 20 October 2011 - Class 4D

#### Notices

##### Car Parking

Please could I remind parents that the car park adjacent to the astro-turf and gymnasium is for the use of staff only. Parents using this car park are endangering our pupils who often have clubs before and after school and are crossing the car park to return to school. Staff are generally here much earlier and later than parents so keeping this area for staff only will result in much less movement of traffic at times when pupils are walking through the car park.

##### Lost Property

- Holly Notley - Sports bag

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 [e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk).

#### Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
All Week		National Children's Book Week
Mon 3 Oct	4.00pm	Pre-Reception Trial Session (Intake 2012)
Tue 4 Oct	9.00am - 10.00am	FS and KS1 Harvest Festival
Tue 4 Oct	2.30pm - 3.30pm	KS2 Harvest Festival
Thurs 6 Oct	8.50am	6S Class Assembly
Fri 7 Oct		National Poetry Day
Fri 7 Oct	8.50am	Foundation Day Mass
Sat 8 Oct	10.00am	U9 Rugby v Widford Lodge (H)
Sun 9 Oct	10.00am	U11 Rugby Colts Tournament (H)
Tues 11 Oct	9.45am	Year 5 Essex Records Office Visit
Wed 12 Oct	8.50am	5A Class Assembly
Wed 12 Oct	1.15am	U11 Rugby v Old Buckenham Hall (A)
Wed 12 Oct	1.45am	U10/U11 Hockey v Felsted (A)
Thurs 13 Oct	9.00am - 3.00pm	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Thurs 13 Oct	3.45pm	U10/U11 Ruby v Bishops Stortford College (H)
Fri 14 Oct		U11 Netball Tournament (A)

## BRAIN CHALLENGE

### Brain Challenge Number 32 Solution

34 as it is not a multiple of 3

There were 5 winners this week: Brenna Doyle (Year 3), Ethan Doyle (Year 5), Hannah Greenland (Year 4), Max Lawes (Year 4) and Molly Reynolds (Year 4).

### Brain Challenge Number 33

What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps and has a bed but never sleeps?

You must respond on paper by Tuesday morning with your name and class on it and hand it to Mr Shah or leave it on his desk in the Science Laboratory.

*Parents please refrain from doing these for the pupils.*



### Words of the Week 4 Solution

Pheasant, ant, toad, adder, rat, turtle, leech, char, hare, eel, lion, newt, tiger.

Well done to you all with your detective work in finding the names of the hidden animals. There was no outright winner this week as you all missed the name of the char ~ a fish, related to both the salmon and trout.

### Words of the Week Number 5

Which English word has only 5 letters, and four of them are vowels?

Please write your answer on a piece of paper with your name and class on it. Please hand into Mrs E Thorogood by Tuesday morning at the latest.

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## Prayer Corner

This week we pray especially for Elaine, a close family friend of the Pullum family, who died recently.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord  
and let the perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Amen

As we think of your great world  
we celebrate your gifts.  
As we think of food we eat  
we celebrate your gifts.  
As we think of all we drink  
we celebrate your gifts.  
As we think of harvest time  
we celebrate your gifts.



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# Golf Camp



## Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 October Regiments Way Golf Club

New Hall Golf Camp is a 3 day course which offers boys and girls in Year 3-11 a chance to develop their skills under the guidance of experienced golf coaches at a first class Golf course. The course is a real opportunity for skills to be honed whilst having fun.

Wednesday 26 - Thursday 27 October 1.00pm - 4.00pm and Friday 28 October 9.00am-4.00pm. The course fee for the 3 day Golf Camp is £100 and includes all training, prizes and lunch provided by the Golf Club.

**For further information please contact  
Mr Kevin Searle, Games Coach on  
k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk**

A minimum number of participants is required to make this event viable. Places will be confirmed as soon as possible but please book early to avoid disappointment.

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# The New Hall Open



## Monday 31 October Channels Golf Course

*9.00am for 10.30am tee off*

The New Hall Open is a golfing event with the opportunity to develop your golf skills with professional golf tutors.

Breakfast and a 2-course meal is included in the price of  
£40.00 (students) and £55.00 (adults).  
Buggy hire is available for £20 per round.

The event will be open to families of both the Senior and Preparatory Schools and to New Hall staff.

**To book your place on this fantastic day contact Kevin Searle,  
Head of Golf, on k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk.**

Cheques should be made payable to New Hall School Trust and given to Mr Searle by Monday 17 October 2011.