

What's New This Week?

Preparatory School

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents

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Staffing

After 14 years of dedicated service at New Hall, Mrs Kightley will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs Kightley is a well loved member of the New Hall community and will be sorely missed.

I am delighted to announce that Mr David Leech has been appointed to the position of Deputy Head and will be commencing this position in September. Mr Leech has taught in both the primary and secondary sectors in several Catholic schools - enjoying the challenges and rewards that both have to offer. He is also a sports enthusiast and he has been fortunate enough to teach and coach to a high level in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Mr Leech is looking forward to taking up the post of Deputy Head of New Hall Preparatory School and contributing to the ongoing success and development of the school.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Holly May and James Fraser on their new appointments as Head Girl and Head Boy.



World Book Day

A passerby may not have recognised the pupils and staff of the Preparatory School yesterday, as they arrived wearing a wonderful array of colourful costumes, representing their favourite book characters. There was certainly no shortage of drama, as Wally from *Where's Wally* met Cinderella; fairies and ballerinas mingled with Batman and pirates, whilst Horrid Henry was as mischievous as ever amongst many cloaked pupils from Hogwarts School. During the whole school assembly, each year group, from Pre-Reception to Year 6, stood up to show off their costumes. They learnt that Francesca Simon, author of the ever popular Horrid Henry stories, was the most borrowed author from public libraries during 2010, and that a new movie all about Horrid Henry is to be released this summer. A surprise appearance by Horrid Henry, played in the movie by Theo Stevenson, once at the Preparatory School and now in Year 8 at the Senior School, added to the excitement. Theo, sporting his Horrid Henry t-shirt, shared his experiences of film making, as well as the official

poster and clapper board used in the movie. Assisted by Richard Barber, also a past pupil who is currently in Year 8, playing several roles, Theo then read, in character, a typical day from Horrid Henry's Diary. Theo then kindly posed for photographs with class groups and signed new copies of Horrid Henry's adventures for the School Library. Theo is very much looking forward to the premier of the movie in London, and, after watching an exciting trailer of the film in today's assembly, we cannot wait to see him in action as Horrid Henry on the big screen!



Children in 2R enjoy having their photograph taken with Theo Stevenson

Throughout the day, each class visited the School Library to browse through, and purchase, books of their own choice from a wide selection of titles, hand-picked by Mrs Harris from Waterstone's bookshop.



Boys in 2H share their books with each other in class

Parents have also generously donated books to add to our Library resources, and each pupil received the special World Book Day £1 voucher to redeem, by 27 March,

against the cost of a book/books purchased from local bookshops. Further donations for wearing costume instead of school uniform were made towards a collection for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS). Thank you to Mrs Harris for all her hard work in organising this special event; to parents for organising such fantastic costumes; and to Theo (plus Richard!) for joining us to make World Book Day such a memorable occasion.

Pre-Reception

Valentine's Tea Party



The children in Pre-Reception were delighted to welcome their families to their Valentine's Tea Party during the last week of term. The children had spent a lot of time preparing for their event including decorating the room with numerous pictures, collages and banners all of which were Valentine themed. The children also enjoyed baking, decorating and eventually eating the heart biscuits and iced mint sweets which they had made. The event was very well attended on both days and the children loved showing their families around the classroom, pointing out their work on display and in their special books. It was wonderful to see our visitors enjoying the activities with the children, especially the messy play which involved playing with flour mixed with glitter and play dough! Thank you to all the families who came along to support.

Police visit to Pre-Reception

On Wednesday, Pre-Reception welcomed 2 police officers from the Essex Constabulary to school. The pupils enjoyed the visit and in particular sitting in the patrol car, wearing items of uniform and operating the lights and sirens.



This concluded Pre-Reception's current theme of 'People who help us'. Our thanks go to the police officers for the time they spent with us.



Music

Year 3 Musicians

Mrs Roe would like to thank the Year 3 recorder players who entertained us with 2 pieces from the Initial Grade examination, *Edelweiss* and *Rhythm and Blues* in last term's penultimate assembly, as well as accompanying the hymns beautifully on both Thursday and Friday.

Assembly Recital

Thank you to Maria Lynch for her beautiful piano recital in this morning's assembly.

Forthcoming Events

Ash Wednesday Service

Fr Frank will be leading our Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday 9 March 2011 at 9.00-9.30am. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent which is a time for us to make peace with God and with one another. Our service of prayer and reflection will be an ideal opportunity to begin this 6 week period of prayer, reflection and almsgiving and we hope that many of you will be able to join us. All are welcome.

Lecture at Brentwood Cathedral

On Wednesday 16 March at 7.30pm Archbishop Vincent Nichols will be giving a lecture which is entitled: *Living our Catholic Faith in a Secular Age*. Light refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Hall will follow the lecture. The event is free of charge and all are most welcome to attend.

NHVS Fashion Show

You are warmly invited to the NHVS 'Truly British Fashion Show' which will be taking place on Wednesday 16 March from 7.00-9.00pm. Tickets cost £10 each for adults and £5 each for students and include a drinks reception and canapés as well as a goody bag, a prize draw and the opportunity to shop! To purchase a ticket please visit www.newhallschool.co.uk/events to download a booking form.

Golden Book Awards

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

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| 6A | Lucas Bowers Aisling Dinan Grace Key Sophia Panayiotou | 6S | Florence Lawes Jonathan Murphy Gregory Oxlade Lauren Underwood |
| 5F | Benjamin Notley Layla Sammour Sophia Turnbull Willow Gwyn-Williams | 5T | Holly Haslam Thomas Hughes Luke Freestone Ella Gaskin Nicola Jackson Isabella King |
| 4D | Lucy Barrett Frederick Beecroft James Holt Maxwell Lynn | 4R | Zoe Dunmow Eden Waite Toby Warren Callum Westwood |
| 3H | Helen Burnett Ciaran Chambers Cameron Searle Georgia Tombs | 3M | Matthew Jones Felix Ruiz Fleur Smith Fleur Wharton |
| 2H | Oliver Clayden Lilianne McCorry Peter Ray Niamh Wright | 2P | Jake Bain Jack Cooper Annabel Napper |
| 2R | Daisie Elsom Thomas Henderson Holly Layzell Philippa Palmer Jacob Pullum | 1G | Zak Dennison Sophie Kingston Macy Sharp Jennifer Thomas |
| 1M | Evie Fisher-Cook Tianna Yagnik | RG | Madeleine Jeffrey Ochenehi Daudu Lily Ulyatt |
| RU | Benjamin Malin Benjamin Okakah Oluwademilade Olanrewaaju-Olawoyin Ina Vaeremans | PR | Charlie Brooks Edward Doran Roberto Ronco |

Sport

Hockey

New Hall v St Faith's School, Cambridge

The 'A' team led by Gregory Oxlade made a fantastic start by scoring a goal within the first 30 seconds of the match. This success spurred the opposition into action, and with some effective stick work the St Faith's players passed the ball around the New Hall defenders who were too intent on watching the player with the ball. In the remainder of the first half, this lack of positional awareness cost the New

Hall team 3 more goals. As the game progressed, New Hall continued to make breaks forward, with Callum Rayment and Scott Taylor linking up well. Unfortunately, the St Faith's players were still able to find spaces behind the New Hall defenders to score an additional 4 goals. Some consolation for the team came minutes before the end, when a well placed pass provided Harrison Ellis with an opportunity to score which he duly converted. Well done to the boys on a good effort.

The 'B' team played well. Finlay and Zak Ramjane linked up well with Tom Durkan and Thomas Spilsbury, and were supported well by James Thomson, Kieran Drew and Connal Hornett. Their over eagerness to attack gave the St Faith's players a couple of chances on the counterattack which forced goal keeper George Cronin into making several good blocks. Despite a good effort, the St Faith's players managed to score 4 goals.

The 'C' team was captained by Aaron Phipps. Jamie Norman demonstrated some good interceptions and tackles, whilst his team mates worked hard to pass the ball to each other. Well done to the boys.

Rugby

U9 & U10 v St Cedd's School, Chelmsford

Despite missing some of their key players, the U10 team played well. The first half was dominated by St Cedd's who scored 3 tries as they bypassed a couple of the New Hall defenders. Into the second half, Edward Lerwill and Thomas Spilsbury, exerted pressure on to the St Cedd's forwards which resulted in a well deserved try. Unfortunately, it was not enough to secure a win as the Cedd's team scored another 2 tries before the final whistle. The U9 team worked well and the excellent tackling and passing was a testament to the boys' hard work in training over the past year. As the game progressed, Aaron Stone and Toby Warren made fantastic breaks with the ball and scored. Unfortunately, the first half concluded with the St Cedd's team scoring a try in the left hand corner. In the second half, the game was closely contended and finished with a try from Samuel Jones to make the score 3-3.

Notices

Generals Lane

I have received a request from Essex County Council regarding Bulls Lodge Quarry on Generals Lane. Concern has been expressed that traffic coming down Generals Lane from the direction of New Hall's exit heading towards the roundabout is often travelling very quickly and does not take account of the fact that lorries may be approaching the bridge over the railway line or turning into and out of the quarry site access. While the speed limit is 60 miles an hour, due to the nature of Generals Lane being mainly single lane, it is not appropriate for such speeds. Also in freezing weather conditions it is unlikely to be gritted. While HGVs visiting the site will give way appropriately, please could you ensure that you moderate your speed on Generals Lane and be aware that HGV traffic, which is slower moving, does have to use Generals Lane to access Bulls Lodge quarry. Your co-operation would be much appreciated to ensure the safety of all users of Generals Lane.

3H Class Assembly

Parents of children in 3H are warmly invited to attend a class assembly on Thursday 10 March 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 on 'Week 4'.

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

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

Lost Property

The following pupils have lost various named pieces of property:

- Jamie Norman (5T) - named swimming kit, duffel coat (named Chloe Norman)
- Shehzad Siddiqi (5T) - named rugby top

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 17 Solution

Novel in a Haystack

A friend tells you that someone has hidden a £50 note in the school library for one lucky person to find. The friend does not know the title of the novel but goes on to say that the money is hidden in between pages 201 and 202 of the unnamed novel. What do you do: look for the money or laugh it off? Give a reason for your answer.

You laugh it off as page 201 and page 202 of any book will be the same sheet of paper and therefore it is physically impossible to place a note in between these two pages.

Congratulations to Rebecca Jeffrey (4R), Cerys Dunmow and Florence Lawes (6S) and Holly May (6A) for answering correctly.

And the next challenge:

If a doctor gives you 11 pills and tells you to take one every half an hour, how long would it be before all the pills are taken?

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 |
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| Sat 5 Mar | 9.30-11.30am | Coffee Morning for Prospective Pre-Reception families |
| Tue 8 Mar | 11.30am-3.30pm | 5T Europa Centre Visit |
| | 3.30-6.00pm | U9/U10/U11 Swimming Gala v Bishop's Stortford College |
| Wed 9 Mar | 9.00-9.30am | Ash Wednesday Service |
| Thu 10 Mar | 8.50am | 3H Class Assembly |
| | 3.00-4.30pm | U10 & U11 Cross Country Relay |
| Fri 11 Mar | 12.00-5.00pm | Year 5 Netball Rally |
| Mon 14 Mar | | Science Week |
| Tue 15 Mar | 11.30am-3.30pm | 5F Europa Centre Visit |

Prayer Corner

Lord, we pray for an end to hatred, cruelty and violence in our world; may forgiveness and reconciliation allow people to share the joyful journey towards lasting peace. Lord, hear us: and grant our prayer.

